



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 24th January 2012

Present Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jim Gillett, Nick Ray, John Davies, Shirley Newman, Jackie Jeffery, Paul Mundy, Chris Drew, Liz Black and Borough Councillor Emma Hobbs.

Apologies for absence – John Illenden

5623/12 Open Forum – Piran Trezise attended as a possible candidate for co-option to the Parish Council once Cllr. John Illenden's resignation has been received. He introduced himself, giving a brief career and personal history. He has worked as a solicitor for some years, and has experience of working with parish and local councils. He was involved with the Friends of St. Patrick's, and was most impressed with the efforts on behalf of the village from the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked him and offered him the opportunity to remain for the meeting.

Margaret Gregory and Roger Burns of the Village Society attended to discuss their plans for the Diamond Jubilee. Their event, Picnic in the Park, is to take place on 3rd June from 12 noon to 4pm at the Village Hall and is open to all Charvil residents. The plan is to have music – possibly the Jazz Players – and a beer tent. The Village Society is rather concerned that as there are so many events being organised in June for Charvil, not all events would be well supported, but Council felt they were not all appealing to the same people. Cllr. Black suggested marketing the events as a kind of Charvil Festival. The advertising for all the events will probably go out separately from the Village News so that it will hopefully have maximum impact. The chairman thanked Margaret and Roger and said how much the Parish Council appreciated the efforts of the Village Society.

5624/12 Declaration of Interest – Cllr. Mundy declared his interest in the pre-school, and Cllr. Ray declared his interest in the salary review of the clerk and assistant clerk

5625/12 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th December 2011 –The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the above Minutes –

There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.

5626/12 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING (ref 145)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

2593 Application to extend implementation date of planning consent F/2008/1269 for a further three years for the proposed erection of a building for B1 use at White Bridge Garage, Old Bath Road – No Parish Council comment.

2650 Proposed erection of three new dwellings with creation of new access and driveway at 17, Charvil House Road - Council commented as follows: *Council understands that the*

Borough Councillor has asked for this application to be listed. This request is fully supported by this council.

Council is unanimously of the view that:-

- 1. The high density of the proposed development is out of keeping with the adjacent properties and with the current residential street scene.*
- 2. The cumulative effect of backland development on the character of Charvil is detrimental, and runs against current Wokingham Borough Council policy.*
- 3. Charvil House Road is a relatively narrow residential road where many properties have no off-road parking and consequently there is much on-road parking particularly on the South side. This will make exiting from the proposed side road impossible.*
- 4. There is no public transport from this part of Charvil, which means that the proposed development will not be sustainable and will generate considerable additional private car use.*
- 5. This need to use cars will add to the already difficult access onto the A4 at busy times.*

For all these reasons Council recommends that this application be refused.

2653 Proposed alterations to roof with replacement pitched tile roof (amendment to consent F/2011/2100) at Inglebrook and Inglewood, Beggars Hill Road – No Parish Council comment

- b) **Sandford Farm** -Because of fears that the developers may try to open up Beggars Hill Road for a bus service, the Chairman attended the planning hearing for the houses and there is an outside possibility it may have to be an emergency access point, but this looks unlikely at present. The proposed bus route to Twyford Station should now run down Butts Hill Road and the A4. As part of the Planning gain, there will also be a footbridge over the Loddon where there had been one previously, which would link the development to Charvil and Twyford.
- e) **Field West of Park** – At the moment Council is still waiting for the Development Plan Document to see which sites have been shortlisted for possible development. Council discussed what kind of planning gain they may like, and Cllr. Hobbs was asked to see if she could find out what amount per house would be added to the S106 fund, to give an idea of what may be feasible. Cllr. Gillett would like the sewers for homes on Waingels Road and Beggars Hill Road to be considered, although this may not be necessary if the appeal to Thames Water is successful. He also asked about the likelihood of development on the land off Waingels Road, as possible future development here was one of the reasons put forward by Thames Water not to act on the sewers now. Another thought was possibly paying for an extension to the Village Hall.
- f) **Consultation on Draft Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)** – Council had no particular comment, except that they welcomed the more pragmatic view regarding car parking provision.

There being no further Planning business the Planning Meeting was closed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

5627/12 Finance Reports - Council unanimously approved these.

5628/12 Authorisation of Payments – Council unanimously approved payments.

5629/12 MUGA and BMX - Charvil Parish Council has received £14,746.70 from Wokingham Borough Council from S106 funds to go toward the cost of the MUGA. The installation has started – but unfortunately the fence is the wrong colour, so this is to be rectified. Cllr. Gillett suggested we get this commitment in writing, particularly as some of the painting will have to be done in situ, and that it needs to be as good as if it were done in the factory. The Contracts, one the Developer Agreement, the other the Lease to use the site for the next fourteen years, with an option to extend providing it is well looked after, are ready to be signed. Council gave unanimous approval for the chairman to do so in front of a solicitor.

The Chairman informed Council that the boys behind the BMX scheme are trying to get estimates from various companies. Woodley Town Council are considering the possibility of installing a BMX facility in Ashenbury Park, and Council feels what happens there needs to be taken into account before a final decision is made.

5630/12 Approval of Village Hall Budget 2012-13– Council unanimously approved the budget.

5631/12 Approval of Parish Council Budget 2012-13 – This was unanimously approved.

5632/12 Approval of Precept for 2012-13 – It was unanimously agreed that this should be held at last year's figure, meaning a 0% increase.

5633/12 Minutes of Finance Meeting on 9th Jan 2012 – These were noted.

5634/12 Donations – request from Charvil Pre-school – It was unanimously agreed to give them £200, and if there is any money left at the end of the financial year in the S137 budget, then this should be donated to them as well.

There being no further Finance business the Finance Meeting was closed.

REPORTS

5635/12 Village Hall Management Committee – The minutes of 17th January were noted.

The replacement of the lights in the committee room and the kitchen at a cost of £384 was approved. The lights on the steps need to be on a separate circuit – Cllr. Davies will see to that.

5636/12 Amenities Committee – The minutes of 17th January were noted.

Vegetable Plots – The Chairman has sent out the invoices for last year's rent and the tenancy agreements. Some of the plot holders were not happy with the high rent, but the Chairman had explained the reasons why, and that hopefully this can be reviewed in 2-3 years' time.

Note: Cllr Davies left the meeting at this point.

Benches – Two benches are to be installed near the MUGA and football pitches in East Park Farm, once a cable running through the area has been mapped and the MUGA is completed. Council approved the purchase of these, with concrete bases, from Neptune Outdoor Furniture at a cost of £1868.

Signs in Country Park – The Chairman had consulted with Piggott School about a possible collaboration on this project, and this idea was well received. The students would create the signs as part of a school project, and the parish Council would contribute to the cost.

5637/12 Borough Councillor's Report – Nothing to report.

5638/12 ENVIRONMENT - Nothing to report.

5639/12 HIGHWAYS - Nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5640/12 Thames Water and Waingels Road Sewer –Cllr. Gillett has received a list of questions that the Environment Agency are putting to Thames Water, and he hope to hear the outcome of the appeal in the next month or two.

5641/12 Diamond Jubilee

i) Jubilee Trees for the Village Hall - Chairman has ordered three trees to replace the dead ones outside the Village Hall and Roger Burns is to water them.

ii) Charvil 5K – The Purple Patch running club is to organise this. WBC are very supportive of this initiative, and will make sure the route is clear. The event will be advertised by the running club, and any profits are to go to Daisy's Dream. It will start at the pavilion, and there will be no road crossings. Because it is the first event of this kind, there will be no children's race, but if it is successful this may be included in future years.

5642/12 Application To Renew Street Trading Consent by Mr Alpar of Alpar Kebabs at Milestone Avenue, Charvil – Council had no comment to make.

5643/12 Co-Option of a new council member – Piran Trezise to be encouraged to join

5644/12 Active Travel Plan – Supporting Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 – No Parish Council Comment

5645/12 Road Safety Plan 2011-26 – No Parish Council Comment

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (Copies available from the Clerk) – Wokingham Borough Council Meetings/Agendas, Wokingham LinK Newsletter; Clerks and Councils Direct; Neptune Outdoor Furniture Brochure

Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm