

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012

**Present** Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jim Gillett, Jackie Jeffery, Chris Drew, Paul Mundy, Liz Black, John Davies, Lauren McCann, Piran Trezise and Borough Councillor, Nick Ray

**Apologies for absence** – None

**5705/12** **Co-Option of Piran Trezise** – Piran Trezise was officially co-opted onto the Parish Council before the Council's Annual General Meeting (see separate Minutes)

**5706/12** **Open Forum** – There were no residents present

**5707/12** **Declaration of Interest** – None

**5708/12** **Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th April 2012** –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.

**5709/12** **Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting**

**Renaming of St. Patrick's Hall to Jubilee Hall** – After much discussion, it was agreed that as the Church had an absolute right to rename the hall if they wished, there was no mileage in asking them to reconsider. Council considered the written statement from the Reverend Taylor, stating that they are working hard to make a long-lasting success of the hall as an asset to the community. Council welcomed this but felt that given the strength of feeling at the Annual Parish Meeting, a letter should be sent acknowledging their right to call it what they will, and that Council would like to support the Church as much as possible to facilitate the success of the hall, particularly as it is very much needed in Charvil. *Clerks' note: a letter was sent out, as instructed above, at the beginning of June.*

**Beggars Hill Road** – Councillor Ray had been talking to the case officer for the application at 6, Phillips Close, and he had said that if Planning Permission were to be granted, there might not be a requirement for Passing Places on Beggars Hill Road.

**5710/12** **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** (ref 149)

**a) New Applications for Information and Comment:**

0839 Proposed erection of two linked detached dwellings with garages on land to the rear of 23, Park View Drive South, Charvil – No Parish Council Comment

**b) Planning Applications Approved** – The following planning approvals were noted

0456 Proposed erection of a car port to front of 15A Charvil House Road.

0575 Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling at 24, Mendip Close

**b) Sandford Farm** - Nothing to report

**e) Field West of Park** – Nothing to report

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

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**5711/12 Finance Reports** - Reports were unanimously approved.

**5712/12 Authorisation of Payments** – Council unanimously approved payments including £150 donation to the Berkshire Blind Society.

**5713/12 To Approve the end of year accounts for 2011-12** - These were unanimously approved and the Annual Return was signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Finance Officer. The Annual governance statement was unanimously approved and was also signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**5714/12 Parish Council Insurance** – It was unanimously agreed to accept the proposal from Suffolk Acre for a five year agreement, where the premium will remain £895.95 per annum for five years subject to claims and changes to items insured. Council can break the agreement during this period if they so wish.

**5715/12 Internal Audit** – The clerk that this had been completed, and that the Village Hall audit would be conducted by Councillor Davies in the next few weeks.

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

### **REPORTS**

**5716/12 Village Hall Management Committee** – There was no meeting in May.

**Martial Arts** – Council considered an appeal from the Martial Arts group to keep them on the discounted rate, rather than move them to the standard rate but agreed there was no case to answer.

**Change of Meeting Dates** – It was agreed to move to bi-monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of July, September and November for this year.

**5717/12 Amenities Committee** – There was no meeting in May

Vegetable Plots – The invoices for the current year will be sent out on 1<sup>st</sup> June

MUGA – Council is still waiting for SMP to make good the flaking paint. Councillor Drew is to arrange a sign with the date of the opening which will be at 12.30 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The Chairman will organise some refreshments for the guests who will include various people from Wokingham Borough Council who have helped this project succeed. The clerk is to chase for the Certificate of Practical Completion.

BMX Track Progress – Councillor Mundy reported that the one quotation he had received was much higher than the Council's budget. Borough Councillor Ray suggested he searched around as the quotations for the MUGA varied hugely and the same is likely in this case.

**5718/12 Borough Councillor's Report** – Cllr. Ray has been consulting with residents in Charvil House Road, who would like the site at 17, Charvil House Road developed as it is an eyesore at present, but only with one extra dwelling. The developer wants three extra homes.

He also reported that Wokingham Borough Council will soon adopt a new code of conduct, and the parishes must do the same in the next few months. His final point was that when S106 is replaced by the Community Infrastructure Levy, it is likely that all money will be put into one central borough pot, rather than ring-fenced for the parishes where the development occurs as at present.

**5719/12 ENVIRONMENT** – Nothing to report.

**5720/12 HIGHWAYS** - Charvil has received its usual invitation to put forward three highway issues. Council felt it might be helpful if the roundabouts could be tidied up, as they do not give a good image of Charvil. There was discussion about the corners of St. Patrick's Avenue and whether these need to be made safer. Councillor Drew was to talk to residents.

## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**5721/12 Thames Water and Waingels Road Sewer** – Nothing to report

**5722/12 Diamond Jubilee**

Council approved the payment of the Spitting Pig, and of any other invoices that must be paid before next meeting to make the event a success.

**5723/12 Charvil 5K** – The Chairman is a bit concerned that there have not been enough entrants so far. She and Simon Bartlam are due to go round the course to check it is safe on Thursday.

**5724/12 Fete** - Council approved free use of the hall by the fete committee. It was agreed that Council will increase the numbers of burgers and sausages by 25% on last year and that the barbecue will be ready for business by 12 noon. Ideally there will be two teams of people running the stall, so they are not stuck there all afternoon. It was pointed out that some councillors (and the clerk) will have difficulty helping because they need to be looking after their children.

**5725/12 Picnic** – It was agreed that the Council would pay for a television licence so that the Jubilee River Pageant can be broadcast live at the picnic. *Clerks' note: On consulting with the Television Licensing Authority, it transpires that the need for a licence for this event had been waived.*

**5726/12 Fence at St. Patrick's Recreation Ground** – The licenses have been sent out and there has been no response from any residents. The clerk is to contact Nigel Frankland.

**5727/12 Vacancy on Parish Council** – This is to be advertised on the notice boards and the website with a closing date of the July meeting.

**5728/12 Consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012/13 and future years** – The recommendations were approved.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** (Copies available from the Clerk) – Wokingham Borough Council Meetings/Agendas; The Berkshire Echo

### **Any Other Business**

Councillors are generally concerned that the new rubbish regime has resulted in more bags being ripped open by pests. The clerk was to consult WBC to see if the bags could be made stronger in future, and that it is made clearer to residents that they can be put out in a dustbin as before.

Borough Councillor Ray reported that a resident is looking to set up a Charvil tennis club with Wokingham's blessing.

There is concern that youngsters are climbing the tennis court fence to retrieve footballs and that someone could get hurt.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm**