

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

**Present** Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jim Gillett, Paul Mundy, Chris Drew, Lauren McCann and Borough Councillor Nick Ray. Piran Trezise arrived at 8.15pm

**Apologies for absence** – John Davies, James Bell, Jackie Jeffery and Liz Black

**5808/12 Open Forum** –No residents attended.

**5809/12 Declaration of Interest** – Cllr. Mundy lives close to one of the proposed sites and Cllr. Wilkinson is the Chairman of governors at Sonning Primary School

**5810/12 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 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.

**Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October** – The minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

### **Matters Arising from the above Minutes**

Cllr Mundy asked Piers Brunning to be clearer on where the traffic survey would take place. Piers confirmed by e-mail that the survey would only take place on Park Lane and not on the A4, as requested by Cllr. Mundy.

**5811/12 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** (ref 154)

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

2038 Proposed raising of roof to existing garage block to enlarge first floor area to create habitable usage, with dormer windows to front and rear at Three Barns, Loddon Drive (Adjoining Parish Consultation) – No Parish Council Comment

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

1205 Proposed two storey front extension to dwelling at 2A, Old Bath Road

1130 Proposed change of use of offices (A&B) to use as a gym with changing facilities and conversion into one larger room with new entrance door at Whitebridge House, Old Bath Road

1131 Application for advertisement consent for the proposed erection of one fascia sign and one roadside sign at Whitebridge House, Old Bath Road

1892 Proposed erection of a single storey granny annex to dwelling, following demolition of existing garage/storage building at Kenroy, Waingels Road

### **c) Planning Applications Refused**

1096 Proposed demolition of detached four bedroom dwelling and erection of 1x4 bedroom detached and 1x5 bedroom detached dwellings with associated parking and access at 1, Strathmore Drive, Charvil

d) **Appeal**

0774 Erection of 3 dwellings with new access and driveway on land adjoining 17, Charvil House Road

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**5812/12 Finance Reports** - Reports were unanimously approved. The Vice Chair of Finance commented that the Village Hall was performing very well.

**5813/12 Authorisation of Payments** – Council unanimously approved payments including £200 donation to the Wokingham Branch of the Citizen’s Advice Bureau.

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

**REPORTS**

**5814/12 Village Hall Management Committee** – There was no October Meeting

The Borough Councillor asked if he could use the Committee Room free of charge for Parish Surgeries. The Chairman pointed out that the previous Borough Councillor had been charged and Council should be consistent, but the majority felt there should be a policy going forward to support local democracy by allowing Borough Councillors free use for surgeries providing it was not preventing paying customers from using the hall.

**5815/12 Amenities Committee** – There was no October meeting

There have been complaints about dogs intimidating children near the East Park Farm’s playground near the pavilion. Council agreed there was little they could do as it is Wokingham’s land.

Cllr. McCann said she had been in touch with the Twyford Business Partnership and they are happy for the Parish Council to use its graphics for signs in the Country Park. All progress with this has been put on hold until the school issue has been resolved.

**5816/12 Borough Councillor’s Report** – Cllr. Ray reported that most of his time had been taken up with the proposed school. He stated that at the executive committee meeting of the Borough Council on 25<sup>th</sup> October would decide whether to approve the general strategy for new schools, and approval of the long list of possible sites. He also asked the Council how they felt about moving the tennis courts and MUGA if needs be, and where they could be relocated. The general concern was that Council did not want to lose the amenities; neither did they want them put in places that were out of the way. Cllr. Ray also asked the question about whether the Council would be interested in taking over the management of the pavilion from Wokingham. Council directed the clerk to look into why Council decided against managing it originally, and how much it is used at present. *Clerks note: In 1998, Council decided against running the pavilion because they were not convinced it was financially viable. Its usage is around 4 ½ hours over Mon-Fri plus usage at the weekend by various football teams and is used by the WBC for other events.*

**5817/12 ENVIRONMENT** – Council decided it did not wish to take part in the 2013 Litter Pick.

**5818/12 HIGHWAYS** - Council discussed the idea of modifying the Wee Waif roundabout to allow A4 traffic to flow more freely. It was felt that the proposed plan may make it difficult for people to turn right into Charvil.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**5819/12 Update on Primary Schools Consultation** – The Chairman said that Sonning would review its admissions criteria for 2014-15 in the light of views expressed at public meetings. There had been two expressions of interest in running a Charvil school, from Sonning Primary School and Wargrave Piggott Academy. The final decision will lie with Wokingham Borough Council. *Clerks note: there are no other expressions of interest.*

**5820/12 Signing of Dispensation on Pecuniary Interests Form** – All councillors present signed them.

**5821/12 Wokingham Sports Personality presentation** – No-one is available to attend.

**5822/12 BALC AGM 10<sup>th</sup> November** – No-one is available to attend

**5823/12 WBC and National Consultations on Localising Council Tax Benefits** – The clerk explained that National Government had amended their original plans so that parish council precepts remain unaffected.

**5824/12 Problems with excessive noise at the Wee Waif** – The clerk reported that there had been repeated incidents of excessive noise at the Wee Waif. These have now been addressed, and the situation is being monitored by the local PCSO.

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

**Any Other Business**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm**