

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2013

**Present** Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jim Gillett, James Bell, Jackie Jeffery, John Davies, Liz Black, and Borough Councillor Nick Ray.

**Apologies for absence** Chris Drew, Piran Trezise, Paul Mundy and Lauren McCann

**5997/13** **Open Forum** – No members of the public were present. David Edwards and Dan Angell of JPP Options Ltd attended to promote their application to build two new houses in Gingells Farm Road. They are based and work locally, and were approached by the landowners to see if they could develop this site. They have done everything they can to abide by Wokingham's Design Guide and national planning guidelines, although they are going to have to resubmit the plans because the building line is slightly too far forward. After general discussion about planning and how this development complied, the Chairman thanked them and they left at 8.20pm.

**5998/13** **Declaration of Interest** – None

**5999/13** **Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013** –The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising from the above Minutes** – There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda

**6000/13** **PLANNING** (ref 164)

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

1402 Application to vary condition 2 of planning consent F/2012/2137 to allow changes of new drawings to reflect the addition of one new velux window at 17, Charvil House Road – No parish Council comment

1527 Proposed erection of single storey rear extension to 30 Strathmore Drive – No Parish Council comment

1521 Proposed erection of two new dwellings with access to Gingells Farm Road on land belonging to 36, 38 and 43, Gingells Farm Road - No Parish Council comment

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

1009 Notification of Approval of Certificate of Lawful Development for the erection of a single storey rear extension at 86, The Hawthorns

1152 Proposed erection of a part two storey/part single storey rear extension to dwelling, following removal of conservatory at 63 Park View Drive North

**c) Enforcement**

292 Alleged Breach: Working Outside Permitted Hours At East Park Farm School. Case closed because permission given by Head of Planning for Sunday working

311 Alleged breach: Business use requiring possible section 215 notice at 2, Milestone Avenue

d) **Appeal**

0303 Appeal for proposed erection of 25 dwellings on Park Lane was noted.

e) **MDD DPD Consultation on the changes recommended by the planning inspector** – Council had no comments to add.

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

**FINANCE**

6001/13 **Finance Reports** – Reports were unanimously approved.

6002/13 **Authorisation of Payments** – Council unanimously approved payments including a £300 to the Wokingham Branch of the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

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

**REPORTS**

6003/13 **Village Hall Management Committee** – There was no meeting this month.

The clerk is waiting to hear back from Thames Water having completed the leak allowance form for the water leak at the meter.

6004/13 **Amenities Committee** – There was no meeting this month.

Council is waiting to hear back from the vegetable plot-holders about whether they are willing to pay for the cost of installing running water. The clerk has been asked to write an addendum to the tenancy agreement to get written approval to the terms for installing water and managing the bill. Council agreed that, if all plot holders are happy, then they would go ahead with providing water and keep the rates at £40 until the cost has been covered. If the water bill exceeds £300 annually, Council reserves the right to increase the rates. Keith Dormer is to be invited to attend the next meeting. The empty plot has now been filled and the agreements were signed by the Chairman to be passed to the new plot holder.

6005/13 **Borough Councillor's Report** – Apart from progress on the school (see below), Cllr. Ray had little to report. Cllr. Jeffery asked if he could push Wokingham on their position on their five year housing supply.

6006/13 **ENVIRONMENT** – TPO consent has been granted to prune a tree at 64, The Hawthorns

6007/13 **HIGHWAYS** - The road under the railway bridge on Park Lane should have been resurfaced at the end of July but was postponed. Network Rail are due to undertake bridge repairs at the end of August.

6008/13 **Update on the Primary School** – It was reported that the school may not be quite ready to open at the beginning of term and contingency plans were being put in place. The tennis courts are ready to be painted and the tennis club have been given permission to use the pavilion for storage and use of the toilets. The new Muga will go next to the existing one and because that one is not being moved, there is a pot of money between £5,000 and £10,000 that could be made available to pay for a community asset on the East Park Farm site providing it can be spent while the school is still being built. Ideas floated so far include a storage shed for the tennis club, netball hoops for the new MUGA or updating the pavilion. Cllr. Ray reported that Wokingham is keen to enter into negotiations with the Parish Council regarding the future of the pavilion.

6009/13 **Twyford Youth Centre** – Council approved becoming a stakeholder in Twyford and District Youth Centre Limited with a stake of £250.

6010/13 **Licensing Policy Consultation** – Council had no comment to make.

6011/13 **Cycle Design Guide Consultation** – The clerk was asked to pass on Council's general approval of this consultation, but would like assurance that on-road cycle tracks could be kept clear of pot-holes.

**Part 2**

**Consideration of Clerk's and assistant clerk's pay in the light of the agreement for a 1% increase from April 2013 for Government employees** – Council decided to stick with the bonus they have agreed to give to them in December as this was larger than a 1% increase.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**Any Other Business**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm**