



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22nd January 2013

Present Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jim Gillett, Paul Mundy, Chris Drew, Lauren McCann, Piran Trezise, James Bell, John Davies, Liz Black and Borough Councillor Nick Ray (arrived at 8.45).

Apologies for absence – Jackie Jeffery

5865/13 Open Forum – Hilary Winter (Head of the Piggott Academy), Nadine Doble (Business manager, Piggott Academy), Kevin Harley (Curriculum Leader, Piggott Academy) and Maggie Irwin (Pastoral Deputy, Piggott Academy) attended to discuss their ideas for the Charvil School. One resident, representing the Pre-school attended.

Hilary Winter introduced her panel and then gave a brief explanation of how they came to bid for the school and what they hope to bring to Charvil. There followed a discussion about logistical arrangements, such as what she would expect Church involvement with the school to look like (Church representatives visiting the school, rather than the children attending local churches); whether there was any likelihood of some facilities such as the tennis courts and MUGA having shared use and admissions criteria. There was a general agreement from both Council and the Piggott representatives that to achieve the best for Charvil children, there needed to be close co-operation between both parties, and the clerk was asked to ensure that communications channels were set up as a matter of urgency. Discussion moved on to Piggott's view of the planning Application, and while they felt there were some things that were sub-optimal, they were hopeful that they could reach some agreement with Wokingham that would not mean resubmitting plans. Council agreed that if it came to it, it would be better to delay if it meant that in the long term, there was a better school. Particular concerns were the lack of clarity as to where the Early Years provision may be situated in the long term, and the orientation of the building. Council suggested that there was no objection on their part to move the MUGA or the nearest football pitch if this meant a better school facility. The chairman thanked them all for attending and all visitors departed at 9pm. *Clerk's note: The football pitches cannot be moved because of a major pipe and manhole situated between the two pitches.*

5866/13 Declaration of Interest – Cllr. Mundy lives close to the proposed school site.

5867/13 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th December 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. The Chairman drew attention to the messages of gratitude from the Newsletter delivery people for their Christmas gifts. Also, it was mentioned that there was a rival bid for the Community Hub in Twyford.

5868/13 PLANNING (ref 157)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

2391 Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, part new roof to existing garage at 30 Thornbers Way – No Parish Council Comment

2463 Application for the erection of a storage room in rear garden at 36, Park View Drive South (Retrospective) – No Parish Council Comment

0002 Proposed conversion of existing loft space to additional habitable accommodation, to include a rear dormer extension at 10, Charvil House Road – No Parish Council Comment

0016 Proposed erection of a single form entry primary school with associated parking and relocation of two tennis courts at Park Lane Charvil

Council discussed this application further, and while they are very keen to see the school built, they want something that will be a credit to Charvil, as well as protect the existing amenities. To this end, they are happy for the MUGA to be relocated to allow the tennis courts to have a better configuration, and if possible, allow for a third court. Council were also concerned that the present plan does not have all the new parking provision available immediately, and this could cause problems. It was also felt dog walkers should be asked to park as far away from the school as possible.

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

2137 Erection of one new dwelling at 17, Charvil House Road

1296 Erection of two link detached dwellings with garages on land to the rear of 23, Park View Drive South

c) Planning Applications refused – The following planning refusal was noted

2296 Proposed erection of first floor side extension to dwelling at 6, Kilowna Close, Charvil

d) Appeals The following appeal was noted

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

e) Enforcement The following enforcement decision was noted

490 Alleged Breach: Erection of large greenhouse in the rear garden at 37, St. Patrick's Avenue – matter closed as not expedient to pursue further.

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

FINANCE

5869/13 Finance Reports - Reports were unanimously approved.

5870/13 Authorisation of Payments – Council unanimously approved payments

5871/13 To Approve the budget for 2013-14 – The budgets for both the village hall and the parish council were unanimously approved.

5872/13 To Approve the Precept – Council unanimously resolved to set the precept at £38,352.70 for the year 2013-14.

5873/13 To Approve the re-appointment of Cedric Gilson as Internal Auditor – this reappointment was unanimously approved

5874/13 To Consider the need for a major review of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – Council agreed that these should be reviewed and tasked the clerk to do so.

5875/13 Donations – Council noted the receipt of thank you letters from Keep Mobile and Charvil Junior Cricket Club. Council again considered a request from Charvil Community Tennis Club for a donation but because of the uncertainty over the immediate future of

the tennis courts, and the possibility that Council may contribute to a third court, Council felt they would like to consider this once matters are clearer.

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

REPORTS

5876/13 Village Hall Management Committee – The minutes of a meeting on 9th January were noted.

The Assistant clerk has ordered the new chairs and chair trolley, and the clerk reported that the final invoice from Biffa was still being queried. *Clerk's note: Biffa have now sent a credit note to the full value of the outstanding invoice.*

Council commented on how well the Village Hall is doing this year and thanked the Assistant Clerk.

5877/13 Amenities Committee – The minutes of a meeting on 9th January were noted.

5878/13 Borough Councillor's Report – Cllr. Ray reported that the school had taken up most of his time, but he would also help Cllr Gillett in his efforts to get Wokingham Borough Council to communicate with the Environment Agency about the sewerage problems in Waingels Road.

5879/13 ENVIRONMENT – Cllr. Black is to look into what Council should do regarding Ash Die-back.

5880/13 HIGHWAYS - Cllr. Drew had a site visit with Wokingham's traffic consultants, WSP and representatives from Wokingham's Highways and Education Departments at the Wee Waif roundabout, Old Bath Road and Park Lane. Wokingham is catering for an extra 20 cars per academic year on Park Lane once the school opens. The Highways Department will look into what can be done to improve the traffic flow at the Wee Waif roundabout. There was a discussion about upgrading the zebra crossing, and Cllr .Drew suggested traffic lights. Council asked him to pursue this idea.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5881/13 Update on the Primary School – See open forum and planning

5882/13 To Consider whether Charvil Parish Council agrees in principle to investigate further the viability and desirability of taking over the running of the East Park Farm Pavilion – Wokingham are hoping to put the pavilion to greater use and because of all the uncertainties over the school and the effects on the local area, it was felt that this matter should be deferred to a future date.

5883/13 To Consider the new Risk Management Policy – This was approved by Council

5884/13 Receipt of the Determination of Rurality of Twyford and Surrounds – This was noted.

5885/13 To decide whether Council would like more information about Neighbourhood Planning – Council felt that at this stage, they were not interested in getting involved in this.

5886/13 Application to Renew Street Trading Consent from Alpar Kebabs at Milestone Avenue, Charvil – There was no Parish Council comment

5887/13 To consider whether Council wishes to be involved in the Wokingham Borough Sports Sponsorship Fund – Council have no objection providing they can consider applications on a case by case basis. Clerk to convey decision to Angus Ross.

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

Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm