



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19th May 2014

Present Chris Drew (Chairman), John Davies, Paul Mundy, Jackie Jeffery, Lauren McCann and James Bell. One member of the press was present.

Apologies for absence Piran Trezise, Liz Black, Jim Gillett and Borough Councillor Nick Ray

6166/14 Open Forum – Chris Morris from Wokingham Information Network attended to explain what the network is and requesting help to promote it. It has just been re-launched, and he explained how it tries to communicate with the elderly and with younger groups. Community groups have access to their own space where they can add their own logos, enrolment forms etc. There is also a “What’s On” area, where groups can advertise any particular events, such as fetes and such like. There is a “buy with confidence” scheme, where the public can check a company to find out if it is recommended.

Mr. Morris asked if councillors could have a look at the website and give feedback, and also for help promoting the Network. The clerk would put Mr. Morris in touch with Cllr. Black, so that something can be included in the next edition of the Charvil Village News. The Chairman thanked Mr. Morris, and he left at 8.45.

6167/14 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interests.

6168/14 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th April 2014 –The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

6169/14 Matters Arising from the above Minutes – There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda

6170/14 Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting – There was concern that the Council had not made any attempt to deal with the concerns raised the previous year about trees in the river and about dog fouling. This year, the issues had been far worse as the flooding had caused sewage to spread into the meadows and onto residents’ gardens. The residents, along with Cllr. Ray, have had some success in getting Wokingham to deal with some of the longer term neglect of the meadows. Council accepted that they had been far more focussed on the Country Park, and would liaise with Simon Bartlam. It was noted that the clerk had followed up after the previous year’s meeting, and Wokingham had insisted the Environment Agency were responsible for the fallen trees in the river, and that the issue had been reported to the Agency, who had done nothing. As far as dog fouling was concerned, Wokingham would not install a bin at the entrance to the Meadows, but had promised to update the No Fouling signs on the nearby lampposts. The other issues brought up concerned traffic issues; there used to be a turning mirror on the Waingels Road railway bridge – could a replacement be installed? Would it be possible to adopt some measures to reduce speeding on the Old Bath Road? The clerk was to consult with Twyford to see how they approached this problem.

6171/14 PLANNING (ref 173)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

VAR/2014/0889 Application to vary conditions 8, 10, 13 and 18 of planning consent F/2011/1278 to enable the re-use of materials on the site as part of the remediation of the site on land at Sandford Farm Woodley – no Parish Council comment

0948 Erection of a single storey rear extension at 8, Balme Close – no Parish Council comment

b) Planning Applications Approved – The following approvals were noted

0390 Proposed part conversion of double garage to create habitable accommodation at 20, St. Patrick's Avenue

CLP/2014/0541 Erection of a single storey rear extension at 17, Charvil Meadow Road

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

FINANCE

6172/14 Finance Reports up to the year end – It was resolved that the Reports and the final end of year balance sheet be approved which they were unanimously.

6173/14 Authorisation of Payments – It was resolved that the Council should approve all outstanding payments including £1557.18 to Suffolk Acre for insurance. This resolution was unanimously carried.

6174/14 Insurance - It was resolved that the present insurance cover should be extended for another year. This was unanimously approved

6175/14 Investments – Because two of the proposed signatories were absent, the forms will have to be completed at the next meeting.

6176/14 To Review the standing orders and financial regulations in the light of changes to legislation – After a careful check of the new regulations, it was resolved to approve them. This was unanimously agreed.

6177/14 To review the risk management policy – It was resolved that the changes be approved. This was unanimously agreed.

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

REPORTS

6178/14 Village Hall Management Committee – The minutes of a meeting on 12th May were noted.

Cllr. Davies met with Spirit Solar Ltd to conduct a feasibility study. There were lots of questions unanswered, and Cllr. Davies hopes to have answers by the next meeting. The clerk and assistant clerk were asked to find out if other halls have solar panels.

It was noted that the Village Hall Committee had agreed in principle to the Fish and Chip van using the hall car park, subject to conditions.

It was agreed that Cllr. Davies talk to the assistant clerk about the frequency of village Hall meetings.

6179/14 Amenities Committee – The minutes of a meeting on 12th May were noted.

The Rospa report had been received for St. Patrick's and for the MUGA. There were no actions requested. It was noted that while the school MUGA was not open access, the groups that required access were to be given keys. The new youth shelter is due to be installed shortly, and it is hoped that one of the other bins can be moved to next to the youth shelter. There is an increasing dog fouling problem at the moment, and it was suggested that Council should put up some signs. Council agreed to the request from Charvil AFC to move the goal posts at St. Patrick's to conform to FA regulations.

6180/14 Borough Councillor's Report – There was no report in the absence of the Borough Councillor.

- 6181/14 **ENVIRONMENT** – As a result of complaints raised at the Annual Parish Meeting, the chairman has contacted Simon Bartlam to visit the Parish Council to discuss future plans for the Meadows. *Clerk’s Note: Simon Bartlam will attend the July meeting*
- 6182/14 **HIGHWAYS** - Wokingham have yet to paint a give way triangle on the Old Bath Road leading to the Park Lane roundabout.
- 6183/14 **Update on The Pavilion and surrounding area** – It was agreed to ask for a written undertaking that Wokingham would fund the present income gap, and that a draft lease could be drawn up to take this issue forward.
- 6184/14 **Waingels Road Sewerage Issue** Thames Water is to contact Wokingham Borough Council once they have completed their plans.
- 6185/14 **To consider the listing of community buildings** – Deferred
- 6186/14 **Fete** – Cllrs. Mundy, Jeffery, McCann, Gillett and Bell are due to run the barbeque. The fete begins at 12 noon, and it was agreed that the food needs to be ready by this time. The assistant clerk will purchase the meat as necessary, but will not be able to attend – nor will the chairman or the clerk.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm

Chairman’s Signature