

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18th May 2015

Present Chris Drew (Chairman), James Bell, John Hobson, Jackie Jeffery, Lauren McCann and Liz Black. Fiona Mowlem was also present for her co-option

.Apologies for absence Jim Gillett, John Davies, Paul Mundy, and Borough Councillor Nick Ray

6397/15 Co-option of Fiona Mowlem – Fiona Mowlem was duly co-opted, and signed the declaration of acceptance of the code of conduct

6398/15 Charvil Parish Council Annual Meeting – please see separate agenda

6399/15 Open Forum – There were no residents present

6400/15 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

6401/15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th April 2015 –The minutes were approved by Council.

6402/15 Matters Arising from the above Minutes – There were no matters arising

6403/15 Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting – The chairman had approached two residents who may agree to become flood wardens. The clerk had contacted Wokingham Borough's traffic management department regarding improvements to the Waingels Road/park lane junction. An officer said he would look at it to see whether anything could be done but because there had been no accidents there in the last five years, it is low priority.

6404/15 PLANNING (ref 185)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

0930 Proposed erection of a front dormer window extension at 92, Milestone Avenue – no Parish Council comment

CLE/2015/1005 Application for a certificate of existing use for a wooden 1.8m x .85m fishing platform/landing stage on land adjoining Chilterns, Thames Drive – no Parish Council comment

0960 Proposed erection of a single storey side extension at 15, Strathmore Drive – no Parish Council comment

b) Planning Applications Approved – the following approvals were noted

2741 Proposed erection of part two storey part first floor side and single storey rear extensions at 1 Charvil Meadow Road

2041 Proposed stationing of 5 mobile homes on existing mobile home site at Wallys Mobile Home Park, New Bath Road, Charvil

0465 Proposed erection of a two storey side/rear extension, single storey front infill extension to create front porch, following demolition and removal of existing single storey rear extension at Ramblers, Beggars Hill Road

c) Appeal The following dismissal was noted

1917 Proposal to erect a second detached house on land to the rear of 6, Phillips Close, Woodley

- d) **Enforcement** - The following was noted
161 Alleged breach at 4, East Park Farm Drive has been closed

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

FINANCE

- 6405/15 Finance Reports** – It was resolved that the Reports be approved which they were unanimously.
- 6406/15 Authorisation of Payments** – It was resolved that the Council should approve all outstanding payments, including £690.76 to MKR Electrical Services LTD, £ 515.75 to NIC Services Group and £1598.13 to Suffolk ACRE services which they were unanimously
- 6407/15 To consider the internal auditor's report** – Council congratulated the clerk on a good report. The main issue he brought up was the size of the reserves. Cllr Bell will draw up a list of possible expenditure including on the pavilion, a cricket pitch, the Hall Roof, website etc.
- 6408/15 To Approve the Asset Register as up to date as of May 2015** – this was unanimously approved.
- 6408/15 To retrospectively approve the expenditure of up to £200 on the Nature Trail booklet, to have it of a professional standard** – It was resolved to approve this despite the irregular way in which this spending was incurred, which was done unanimously.
- 6409/15 To Approve the purchase of laptops for the clerk and assistant clerk** – It was resolved to approve a spend of up to £500n per laptop, which was unanimously agreed.
- 6410/15 To approve insurance** – It was resolved to approve this despite a concern that the increase due to extra items to be insured seemed rather high. This was unanimously agreed. *Clerk's note: the increase is partly due to extra items and partly due to the policy being indexed-linked.*

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

REPORTS

- 6411/15 Village Hall Management Committee** – The minutes of the meeting on 11th May were noted.
- 6412/15 Amenities Committee** – The minutes of the meeting on 11th May were noted.
Council noted that there was still no firm start date for the remedial works to start at St Patricks Recreation ground, but the company reported that they will be done by the end of June. *Clerk's note: the work was done over the Bank Holiday weekend*
There has been no progress on the sewer in Waingels Road, but Cllr Hobson is hopeful he may have found a way of getting in touch with the Chair of Governors. Cllr Bell hopes to meet the business manager at a school cluster meeting.
The clerk reported that Keith Dormer would like to present an argument to change the amount residents pay for Vegetable plots.
- 6413/15 To consider any progress on the East Park Farm discussions** – There has been very little communication on this apart from a commitment from Wokingham to have the transfer approved by the executive in September. The clerk was asked to contact Peter Baveystock to see if progress could be accelerated.

- 6414/15 **To consider plans and rota for the fete** – It was agreed that the assistant clerk would be asked to purchase the food, and that Cllr Bell would co-ordinate the rota.
- 6415/15 **Feedback from the Borough Parish Working Group meeting and clerk’s WBC Forum** – Cllr Jeffery ran through the plans for decriminalising on street car parking, so that the police are no longer responsible for enforcement. This would bring Wokingham into line with most other areas. The clerk had had the same presentation, but also had a presentation on the Community Infrastructure Levy which is partially replacing S106 developer payments. Because there are no major developments in Charvil, there will not be any major changes.
- 6416/15 **To Consider progress on the website** – the first draft was well-received, and work is continuing. Cllr Black suggested developing a common brand throughout the newsletter and website.
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Chairman’s Signature