



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18th August 2014

Present Liz Black (Acting Chair), Jim Gillett, John Davies, Lauren McCann, John Hobson, James Bell and Jackie Jeffery

Apologies for absence Chris Drew (Chairman), Piran Trezise, Paul Mundy and Borough Councillor Nick Ray

6232/14 Open Forum – A resident attended about the issues regarding evening parties with discos. He complained that the music at the hall on two occasions in July was too loud and went on too late into the evening. He felt that the windows should be kept shut, and if necessary, sound proofing installed. Cllr. Davies explained that it was unfortunate that these two parties were so close together and both in the middle of a heat wave, but the Village Hall Management Committee would consider what could be done to avoid these problems in the future. He also explained that noise limiters are not the answer as they tend to cause as many problems as they solve. Cllr. Davies apologised for the disturbance and hope it doesn't happen again.

6233/14 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

6234/14 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st July 2014 –The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the acting Chairman.

6235/14 Matters Arising from the above Minutes – There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda

6236/14 PLANNING (ref 176)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

1600 Proposed erection of 1x4 bed dwelling and 1x5 bed dwelling with associated parking following demolition of existing 4 bed dwelling at 1, Strathmore Drive – no Parish Council comment

1644 Proposed erection of replacement agricultural barn at Newlands Farm, Loddon Drive – no Parish Council comment

b) Planning Applications Approved – The following approval was noted

0703 Retrospective application for the erection of a building for B8 (storage) use at The Homestead, Park Lane

c) Enforcement – The following were noted

246 Alleged breach at 39, Chiltern Drive – case closed as there was no case to answer

287 Alleged breach at 3, Norris Green, Woodley

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

FINANCE

- 6237/14 Finance Reports** – It was resolved that the Reports be approved which they were unanimously.
- 6238/14 Authorisation of Payments** – It was resolved that the Council should approve all outstanding payments, including £500 to 1st Charvil Scouts, £500 to Charvil Junior Cricket Club, £300 to Wokingham CAB, £150 to Berkshire County Blind Society (S137), £150 to the Green n' Tidy Gardening Scheme (S137), £500.72 to NIC Services Group, £734.18 to the Performing Rights Society and £990.70 to the performing Rights Society. This resolution was unanimously carried.
- 6239/14 Investments** – The relevant councillors signed a letter to Skipton Building Society to confirm they have permission to act on behalf of the Council
- 6240/14 Pensions** – It was resolved that Cllr. Hobson would investigate the best course of action. This was unanimously approved.

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

REPORTS

- 6241/14 Village Hall Management Committee** – There was no meeting this month.
Council considered how much deposit should be held back from a party in July, and deferred a final decision until they had more information. *Clerk's note: Council were given the relevant figures and the assistant clerk refunded the customer £180 of the £200 deposit.*
Council considered the emergency lighting position and approved the work that Cllr Davies has identified as necessary, which will cost in the region of £1000.
- 6242/14 Amenities Committee** – There was no meeting this month
- 6243/14 Borough Councillor's Report** – There was no report in the absence of the Borough Councillor but he hopes to have a meeting with Borough representatives regarding the transfer of responsibility of Charvil amenities. *Clerk's note: this meeting was held on 19th August.*
- 6244/14 ENVIRONMENT** – Council noted the TPO decisions at 7, Foxes walk which allows the householder to remove one tree, to be replaced by another, but does not allow the removal of a second tree. Simon Bartlam is working on the proposed nature walk, and the new benches have been installed in the Country Park. The cows escaped onto the football pitch but were safely rounded up.
- 6245/14 HIGHWAYS** – Council had received a reply from Matt Davey regarding the zebra crossing, which Cllr. Bell felt contained a number of inaccuracies. In addition the foliage covering up the streetlight still had not been cut back despite reports to the contrary. Cllr. Bell was to draft a letter suggesting a meeting with Cllr. Davey.
- 6246/14 To consider the idea of installing an artificial cricket square at East Park Farm** – Cllr Trezise and the clerk met with a representative of the major supplier, and he has quoted between £16,500 and £18,000 for a double pitch. Cllr. Bell will include this in his capital plan.
- 6247/14 To consider how to develop the website** – Council approved the idea of Cllrs Black and Hobson, together with the clerk, forming a working group to move the project forward.
- 6248/14 Waingels Road Sewerage** – Cllr Gillett has tried to get more information out of Thames Water, but as yet to no avail. He reported that there has already been some time slippage on the schedule agreed by them.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Any Other Business

Cllr McCann has been asked by the Poor's Land Charity for ideas how to most effectively find people who need help.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman's Signature