

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17th February 2014

Present Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jim Gillett, John Davies, James Bell, Jackie Jeffery, Lauren McCann, Chris Drew, Liz Black and Borough Councillor Nick Ray (arrived 8.20).

Apologies for absence Paul Mundy and Piran Trezise

6107/14 Open Forum – There was one resident present, who wanted to see how the Parish Council worked, and in particular, wished to mention the proposed development site on Gingells Farm Road. He noted the Parish Council had no comment to make on the application that has since been refused by Wokingham BC, and wished to bring to the Council's attention the fence that has been erected round the site by the developer. There was some discussion as to whether this needed planning permission, but no conclusions were reached.

6108/14 Declaration of Interest – Cllr Jeffery knows the owner of the Shrubbery (F/2014/0060)

6109/14 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th January 2014 – 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

6110/14 PLANNING (ref 170)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

0060 Proposed erection of a single storey front extension to dwelling to form an entrance porch at The Shrubbery on Milestone Avenue – No Parish Council comment

0064 Proposed erection of a part two storey and part single storey rear extension to dwelling following removal of conservatory (amendment to planning consent F/2013/1152) at 63, Park View Drive North – No Parish Council comment

0117 Proposed erection of a four bedroom detached house on land adjacent to 1, Milestone Crescent, Charvil – No Parish Council comment

0146 Proposed single storey side and rear extension to Lakenham, Milestone Avenue – No Parish Council comment

b) Planning Applications Approved – The following approvals were noted

2297 Proposed erection of a single storey rear/side extension to connect existing detached studio to dwelling, plus insertion of rooflight at 13, Charvil House Road

2345 Proposed erection of a single storey front extension at 28, Park View Drive South

c) Planning Applications Rejected – The following rejections were noted:

2197 Proposed construction of a new vehicular access to Pound Lane to allow access onto the site for emergency vehicles and green keeping vehicles at Sonning Golf Club

2550 Proposed erection of 1 new dwelling with associated access and parking, and installation of photovoltaic panels on land to the rear of 17, Charvil House Road

d) **Enforcement**

0029 Unauthorised building to the rear of the property at The Homestead *Clerk's note: Owner is now applying for planning permission*

0038 Unauthorised erection of a fence at 36, 38 and 43 Gingells Farm Road

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

FINANCE

6111/14 **Finance Reports** – Reports were unanimously approved.

6112/14 **Authorisation of Payments** – Council unanimously approved all payments including payments of £2335.70 to Greenbarnes Ltd, £500.72 to NIC Services group Ltd plus other invoices of amounts less than £500.

6113/14 **Announcement on capping of Parish Council Precept rises** – it was noted that precepts were not to be capped this year, but larger councils may be capped in the future.

6114/14 **Thank yous to Parish Council** – it was noted that all recipients of the grants in January had written to thank the Parish Council

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

REPORTS

6115/14 **Village Hall Management Committee** – There was no meeting this month

Cllr Drew raised the issue of residents being unable to use their toilets because of flooding related issues, and Council agreed that in principle there was no objection to the toilets in the Village Hall being used to help residents. In this circumstance, the Wee Waif had agreed to let them use their facilities.

6116/14 **Amenities Committee** – There was no meeting this month

The clerk reported that the water at the vegetable plots had now been connected.

6117/14 **Borough Councillor's Report** – There was nothing to report

6118/14 **ENVIRONMENT** - The Nature Trail has been put on hold because of the weather. There has been no decision on whether volunteers will be able to clear the stream, but the ex-offenders programme has cut back the bushes causing concern.

6119/14 **HIGHWAYS** - The roundabout markings have been repainted.

6120/14 **Update on The Pavilion** – The clerk reported that the school do intend to let out their facilities, and the assistant clerk has received a quote from the cleaning company that would be somewhat cheaper than at present.

6121/14 **Consultation on CIL Draft Charging Schedule** – Council had no comments to make

6122/14 **Review of Declaration of Personal Interest Forms** – These were reviewed and amended where necessary

6123/14 **Invitation to Youth Centre Meeting** – The clerk agreed to attend this

6124/14 **Sewerage Issue in Waingels Road** – Thames Water need to let the Environment Agency know by the end of the month when they plan to do the work, or whether they wish to take the matter to judicial review. Ofwat says that the job does not need to be specifically mentioned in the 2015-2020 schedule of works to be done in this time, but Cllr. Gillett is going to push for its inclusion in any case.

6125/14 **Community Hub** - The chairman has been approached by the Chair of Ruscombe Parish about meetings to develop a community hub in Twyford that have excluded all the local parish councils. He is deeply concerned that the community's wishes could be ignored unless the parishes are involved. Borough councillor Nick Ray is to find out what he can from his colleagues in Wokingham before Council decides on any further action.

6126/14 The renewal of the licence for the Kebab Van in Milestone Avenue – Council had no comment to make on this matter, but noted there was much less litter than a year ago.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Any Other Business

Cllr. Jeffery reported that a neighbour was concerned about the quantity and speed of traffic on Waingels Road.

Cllr. Drew reported that the new benches had already got graffiti on them. The new notice board was now installed, but there is still no date for the new youth shelter. The development company are in dispute with Wokingham over the installation of the four new benches alongside the football pitches.

The chairman is no longer able to try to organise a Charvil 5K this year, so Cllr. Drew will pursue this on behalf of the Council

The resident left at 8.40

Part 2

There was a brief discussion about the Chairman's future involvement with the Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm