

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17th August 2015

Present Chris Drew (Chairman), James Bell, Jackie Jeffery, Jim Gillett, Fiona Mowlem, John Davies, John Hobson, Liz Black and Borough Councillor Nick Ray

Apologies for Absence Lauren McCann and Paul Mundy

6461/15 Open Forum – There were no residents present

6462/15 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

6463/15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th July 2015 - The minutes were approved by Council.

6464/15 Matters Arising from the above Minutes – There were no matters arising

6465/15 PLANNING (ref 188)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

150018 Application for demolition of existing double garage and erection of two detached dwellings with associated parking at 1, Park View Drive South – the clerk was asked to object as follows:

- 1. The council believes this is over-development on what is essentially a backland site. The applicant infers a precedent has been set at the junction of Strathmore Drive, but in both cases, the original dwellings have (or will be) demolished, to be replaced by two dwellings; on this, a smaller site than on either side of Strathmore Drive, the application is for three dwellings*
- 2. The Council feel this development is out of keeping with the street scene on Park View Drive South, where most dwellings are large, detached and in generous grounds – particularly at that end of the road. This development would appear out of keeping with the general spaciousness of surrounding dwellings on the same road.*
- 3. While each dwelling conforms to Wokingham's minimum number of parking spaces, as it is effectively creating a small cul-de-sac, and no provision is made for unallocated parking spaces. The Council believes that this will inevitably lead to on-street parking on Park View Drive South, near a busy junction with The Old Bath Road. Council believes this to be a potential safety issue.*
- 4. Council are concerned that this development would affect a very established safe route to school, both for those travelling to the senior Piggott school, and for the smaller children travelling to the Charvil Piggott school.*
- 5. Council feels that there is insufficient amenity space for such large homes, and that this would be out of keeping with the area.*

150188 Application for proposed store room infill between shop and store room at 36, Park View Drive South – no Parish Council comment

150065 Application for removal of condition 13 of planning consent F/2014/1600 for the erection of one 4-bed and one 5-bed dwelling at 1, Strathmore Drive – no Parish Council comment

- 150134 Application for erection of rear conservatory at 72, Park View Drive North – no Parish Council comment
- 150186 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to form a conservatory at 47, Cheviot Drive – no Parish Council comment
- 152179 Application to vary condition 2 to locate the building 1.5m further to the south east and removal of condition 10 for planning consent F/2014/2072 on land at 111, Old Bath Road – no Parish Council comment

b) Planning Applications Approved – the following approvals were noted

- 2407 Proposed erection of 5 bed dwelling at Kenroy, Waingels Road
- 1325 Application for proposed conversion of existing garage to additional habitable accommodation at 14, Old bath Road
- 150127 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension at 11, Kingsley Close

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

FINANCE

6466/15 Finance Reports – It was resolved that the Reports be approved which they were unanimously.

6467/15 Authorisation of Payments – It was resolved that the Council should approve all outstanding payments including donations of £367 to Citizen’s Advice Bureau, £200 to Home Start Wokingham and £150 to Berkshire Blind Society as well as £588 to Redstone Computers (UK) Limited and £515.75 to NIC Services Group Limited

6468/15 To approve the change of energy suppliers for the Village Hall to Dual Energy for electricity and CNG for gas, and to sign the direct debit mandate for Dual energy – It was resolved to approve this change, which was done unanimously and the mandate was duly signed.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman’s Signature