

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19th October 2015

Present Chris Drew (Chairman), James Bell, Jackie Jeffery, Lauren McCann, Paul Mundy and Liz Black

Apologies for Absence John Davies, Jim Gillett, John Hobson, Fiona Mowlem and Borough Councillor Nick Ray

6487/15 Open Forum - There were two residents present to express concern about the amount of rubbish left at East Park Farm, and how they felt this had been exacerbated by the removal of one of the bins near to the pavilion. The chairman explained that while the Borough Council was not happy to increase the number of bins, the Parish Council had asked for one to be relocated near to the youth shelter as there were two very close together by the pavilion. Council was not aware one had been removed altogether and would ask the Borough again about the requested relocation. The residents were also concerned about the amount of rubbish left in the car park by people coming in during the evenings, particularly on a Friday night. The chairman explained that the Parish Council may take on the area next year, and then they would have more control, but in the meantime the clerk would contact the Borough to see what can be done. *Clerk's Note: The area is having weekly litter pick after each weekend, and the bins are emptied once a week on Tuesdays. One of the bins by the pavilion has been moved, but rather than to the shelter as requested, it has been relocated in the toddler playground; the clerk has asked for this one to be moved to near the shelter.*

Irum Gulzar of Wokingham Borough Council's Waste team attended to talk about waste and recycling. She explained that recycling rates were slowly increasing but that England was unlikely to reach the target of 50% recycling because of the nature of our housing stock and non-standardised recycling policies. Because landfill taxes were increasing year on year, every effort is being made to increase either prevention of waste, or more effective recycling. For instance, there is a rewards system for using real nappies, and the Borough has an agreement with Sue Ryder to give them re-usable furniture for renovation and then to sell in their outlets. She accepted there is some confusion about acceptable plastics and that heavily contaminated recycling is diverted to incinerators for electricity, rather than put into landfill. Wokingham is trialling wheelie bins for recycling, and if this is successful it may be rolled out to more developments. After a few questions, the Chairman thanked Irum and she left at 8.35.

6488/15 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

6489/15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st September 2015 - The minutes were approved by Council.

6490/15 Matters Arising from the above Minutes – There were no matters arising

6491/15 PLANNING (ref 190)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

152213 Application for proposed single storey rear extension to form a conservatory at 20, Pipistrelle Way. The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Council has been approached by the neighbours to this property and are

sympathetic to their views. In the light of their concerns, we would appreciate it if your decision could take their views into consideration if there is the slightest doubt that this application should have permission granted

152392 Application for proposed erection of a front porch and shower room at 25, St Patrick's Avenue – no Parish Council comment

152510 Application for proposed erection of four bed dwelling at 1, Milestone Crescent – the clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council would like to object to this application on the following grounds :

This plot has been subject to two previous unsuccessful planning applications and one appeal, which was dismissed because it was felt that there was not enough off-street parking. This application has possibly created one more parking space, if both garages are used, but there is still not enough off street parking to create the five usable spaces that are claimed.

At present there is substantial on-street parking on this corner, which is far from ideal, and a second property will increase this problem, rather than provide any alleviation.

b) Planning Applications Approved – the following approvals were noted

150065 Application for removal of condition 13 of planning consent F/2014/1600 for the erection of 1x4 and 1x5 bedroom dwellings at 1, Strathmore Drive

150134 Erection of a rear conservatory at 72, Park View Drive North

150186 Application for erection of a rear conservatory at 47 Cheviot Drive

150188 Application for store room infill between shop and store room at 36 Park View Drive South

150939 Application for a two storey rear extension at Claigalea, Landsend Lane

151633 Application for erection of two storey side extension at 5, Park Lane

152066 Application to convert garage to habitable accommodation at 11 Mendip Close

152179 Application to vary condition 2 to locate building 1.5m further to the south east and removal of condition 10 to planning consent F/2014/2072 at 111 Old Bath Road

c) Appeal - The following was noted

143292 Proposed erection of 25 detached dwellings on land West of Park Lane – the clerk was instructed to write a letter to re-iterate opposition to this plan

d) To approve submission of an application for a certificate of Lawfulness for an artificial cricket square at East Park Farm playing fields – it was resolved that the clerk should do this. *Clerk's note: progress has been slow because of various queries that need to be answered by WBC first.*

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

FINANCE

6492/15 Finance Reports – It was resolved that the Reports be approved which they were unanimously.

6493/15 Authorisation of Payments – It was resolved that the Council should approve all outstanding payments including the final payment for the website of £759.50 to Silkiskills and £515.75 to NIC Services Group Ltd.

6494/15 To note the completion of the internal audit for the Village Hall Cllr Bell reported that he had completed the work with the assistant clerk and was to cross check a sample of payments with the clerk this week. *Clerk's note: this was completed successfully.*

6495/15 To Sign the direct debit mandate of CNG, the new gas suppliers – It was resolved that Council should do this which was approved unanimously.
There being no further Finance business the Finance Meeting was closed.

REPORTS

- 6496/15 Village Hall Management Committee** The minutes of a meeting on 4th October were noted.
It was resolved to approve the Conditions of Hire, which was done unanimously
It was also resolved to approve the additional insurance costs to cover users' equipment when stored in the hall as the increased premium was so small. This was done unanimously. The assistant clerk was to let the relevant users know.
The issue of fire alarms was deferred until after the chief fire officer had visited next month.
- 6497/15 Amenities Committee** The minutes of a meeting on 4th October were noted.
One more vegetable plot remains vacant. The clerk has been asked to see whether the bushes by the bus stop on the Old Bath Road, near the Park View Drive junction, could be cut back as they are impairing visibility. *Clerk's note: the clerk has written and is awaiting a response.*
Thames Water have been in touch with Cllr Gillett to tell him they are still pursuing an alternative site for the pumping station and will report further in the New Year.
- 6498/15 Borough Councillor's Report** - The Borough Councillor was absent and so there was no report
- 6499/15 Environment** – Cllr McCann has contacted Simon Bartlam to seek permission for a site for the primary school's Forest School. She is also going into the pre-school to promote the nature trail.
- 6500/15 To consider the draft Wokingham Borough Gambling Consultation** – no Parish Council Comment
- 6501/15 To consider the progress of the new website and any further changes needed** – It was resolved that the clerk should press ahead with the village calendar.
- 6502/15 To note the area wide review and the impact on Charvil** – Council noted this was happening but were not concerned by any developments from this.
- 6503/15 To consider progress of the East Park Farm Discussions** – Cllrs Mundy and Hobson modified the terms of the lease, and WBC have accepted many of the most important alterations which should reduce the financial exposure of the Parish Council. The Chairman and Cllr Hobson met with Peter Baveystock, which was helpful. Council would still like evidence of the present costs of running the area, and also there is still some concern about the full repairing lease on a building which has a potentially short lifespan.
- 6504/15 To sign agreement for Clerk's CiLCA course** – The Chair signed this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Chairman's Signature