

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18th June 2018

Present Jim Gillett (Chair), John Hobson, Claire Andersen, James Bell, Fiona Mowlem, Daljit Ryatt, Jackie Jeffery, Adrian Keward and Jane Hartley

Apologies for Absence Borough Councillor Emma Hobbs

Absent Paul Mundy

7077/18 Open Forum – No residents attended.

7078/18 Declarations of Interest – There were no interests declared

7079/18 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st May 2018 and the Annual Meeting of the Council on the same date- The minutes were approved by Council.

HIGHWAYS

7080/18 There has been no further developments regarding Pipistrelle Way. The hedges on Park Lane need cutting back and the Borough Councillor has asked for this to be done. It was agreed to leave the Speed Indicator Device in the same place for now. *Clerk's note: the hedges on park Lane have now been cut back.*

ENVIRONMENT

7081/18 To note a tree works application at 15 Foxes Walk and the decision to allow the felling of a sick tree (ref 181453) - This was noted.

7082/18 To hear any more information on the Stream Pollution – Cllr. Keward reported that there had been no further sign of pollution so it would appear that the clear out under the bridge seems to have solved the problem.

7083/18 To decide whether to allow the fete committee to use tables and chairs from the Village Hall at the fete and if so, to nominate one person to be responsible for them – It was agreed they could borrow them and that Cllr. Hartley would be responsible, but the fete committee must be aware that any damage would need to be paid for as per the Conditions of Hire.

7084/18 To note other progress with the fete, and to confirm which councillors are helping on the day – Cllr. Hartley reported that everything was coming together and that the main risk assessments were in place but that for the smaller stalls, the committee would have a checklist on the day. Councillors due to help are Hartley, Gillett, Keward, Ryatt, Jeffery and Bell. There will also be some sixth formers from the Piggott School helping.

7085/18 To hear a report back from a meeting with Brenda Cowdery regarding Jubilee Hall and to decide if Council wishes to support her – The Chairman gave a brief report on the history of the Hall and of the meeting he had with Brenda the previous week. Various ideas were discussed but in the end it was felt that the Parish Council would be better working on improving relations with the Church going forwards, as the most recent letter from the Vicar was unequivocal that he regarded this as the end of the matter and legally it would appear that the Church is within its rights to sell the land and for the proceeds to be spent on Church matters within the Parish of Sonning and Charvil.

- 7086/18 To consider what topics Council would like to discuss with the Headmaster of the Piggott School at the July meeting** – Issues flagged up include the car park, the height barrier, the lights on the school building, the traveller risk, the effect of the new development on road safety near the school, the school defibrillator and increased co-operation between school and Council on Parish facilities.
- 7087/18 To note the minutes of a meeting between representatives of Thames Water and the Chairman and Clerk** – These were noted. The Chairman ran through the main points and the timescales involved and reported that they hoped to have the project complete by May 2019.
- 7088/18 PLANNING** (ref 222)
- a) New Applications for Information and Comment**
- 181553 Application for the proposed partial erection of single storey side extension with pitched roof following demolition of existing flat roof side extension at 34 Chiltern Drive – no Parish Council comment
- b) Planning Application Approved** – The following were noted
- 181069 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension at 19 Cheviot Drive
- 180829 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey front and rear extension at 15a Charvil House Road
- 173542 Application to vary condition 2 and 10 of planning consent F/2014/20722 for erection of detached dwelling with new access, hard and soft landscaping and associated work. Condition 2 relates to the approved plan numbers, the new plan proposes preferred siting 1.5 metres forward, removal of chimney and basement. Condition 10 code for sustainable homes at 111 Old Bath Road
- c) Planning Applications Refused** – The following was noted
- 180787 Application for the proposed temporary use of a mobile home on site for 12-month period at 111 Old Bath Road
- d) To hear any news from the CPRW and any local plan developments** – There was nothing to report.
- e) To Approve the Terms of Reference for the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee** – These were approved subject to some minor changes
- f) To Approve the Meeting Dates for the Planning Environment and Highways Committee** – These were approved
- g) To note the notes from a recent meeting attended by the clerk regarding the WBC Planning Portal** – These were noted
- h) To note a complaint from a resident regarding the effectiveness of WBC enforcement** – The clerk had been in touch with the enforcement officer who said that the building was nearly finished and that the parking issues raised were the remit of the police.

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

FINANCE

- 7089/18 Finance Reports** – It was resolved that the financial reports be approved, which they were unanimously. The clerk was asked to see if the reports could be presented differently and it was agreed to ask the finance package supplier to see what can be done.
- 7090/18 Authorisation of Payments** – It was resolved that the Council should approve all the following outstanding payments, which was done unanimously:
 £102.70 to Grundon Waste Management Ltd
 £400 to Claire Connell
 £33.62 to British Gas Services Ltd
 £47.84 to Bowak Ltd

£51.82 to the Assistant Clerk
£18260.26 to Aquacare
£736.48 to ISS Facility Services Ltd
£128.56 to Everflow Ltd
£70.78 to the Clerk
£714 to Heald Ltd
£166.32 to RES Systems Ltd
£231.14 to Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd
£1005.50 to NIC Services Group Ltd
£36 to Taurus Elite Security
£81.91 to the Village Warden
£306 to Dual Energy
£54 to Orange Pixel Ltd
£555.68 to Royal County of Berkshire Pension Fund
£60.90 to CNG Ltd
£2270 in payroll

7091/18 To note the receipt of the cheque to cover the insurance claim at East Park Farm – This was noted.

7092/18 To approve the change of Bank signatory from Cllr. Mowlem to Cllr. Keward and to sign the appropriate paperwork – This change was approved, and the paperwork duly signed.

7093/18 To consider moving to one Current Account instead of separate ones for the Village hall and Parish Council – This was approved

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

REPORTS

7094/18 Amenities Committee – The minutes of a meeting on 4th June were noted.

There being no further business the open meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman's Signature