

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21st January 2019

**Present** Jim Gillett (Chair), Paul Mundy, Adrian Keward, Claire Andersen, James Bell, Jackie Jeffery, Daljit Ryatt, Jane Hartley, Pat Sutlieff, Greg Elphick and Borough Councillor Emma Hobbs

### Apologies for Absence

#### Absent

7182/19 **Open Forum** – No residents attended

7183/19 **Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest

7184/19 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th December 2018** – These minutes were approved by Council.

### FINANCE

7185/19 **Finance Reports** – The Chair of Finance gave a summary of these before it was resolved that the financial reports be approved, which they were unanimously.

7186/19 **Authorisation of Payments** – It was resolved that the Council should approve all the following outstanding payments, which was done unanimously:

£128.50 to Grundon Waste Management Ltd  
£1014 to Herald Graphics Ltd  
£33.62 to British Gas Services Ltd  
£42.48 to Bowak  
£39.57 to the Assistant Clerk  
£360.14 to Roger Burns  
£65.60 to Everflow  
£50.33 to the Clerk  
£27.94 to Village Warden  
£957.96 to Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd  
£2011 to NIC Services Group Ltd  
£72 to Loddon Doors  
£431.50 to Dual Energy  
£555.68 to Berkshire Pension Fund  
£15.14 to CNG Ltd  
£110.97 to Scottish and Southern Electric  
£77.39 to SSE Contracting  
£2270 in payroll

7187/19 **To approve the S137 Payments of £560 to Sue Ryder, £511 to Twyford and District Age Concern and £620 to Keep Mobile** – These were approved. The clerk stated that because this year, the S137 requests were more than the “Donations” requests, the budget from the latter would be used to cover the S137 payments.

- 7188/19 To review the notes from the Finance Meeting, and to approve the Budget recommendations made by some of the Finance Committee on 7th January** – The increased spending on such things as the website were explained and agreed, and after some discussion on the level of the reserves, and how these could be justified as well as having an increase in the precept, Council resolved to increase the precept by 3.3% which was passed unanimously.
- 7189/19 To Approve the final Precept figure** – It was resolved to approve the figure of £48,684 or £34.48 per Band D property which was passed unanimously
- 7190/19 To review and check Bank Statements against Reconciliations** – Some of this was done by the Chair of Finance for this month
- 7191/19 To approve the re-appointment of Claire Connell as the internal auditor for 2019** – It was resolved to approve this, which was done unanimously
- Reports**
- 7192/19 Amenities Committee** – There was no meeting this month. The Chair of Amenities reported that there had been some firework damage to one of the cricket strips on New Year's Eve – Nick Ray of the Sonning and Charvil Junior Cricket Club feels they can live with it, but if it proves a problem, a replacement strip would cost £5,000. Although Council can claim most of this back on insurance, Council intend to publicise the fact that setting fireworks off in public spaces is illegal and this kind of damage will result in the precept increasing to cover costs caused by this kind of anti-social act. The hall floor has now been resealed satisfactorily.
- 7193/19 Planning, Environment and Highways Committee** – The minutes of the meeting on 14th January were noted. Simon Bartlam of the Countryside Service came to the meeting and will attend on a quarterly basis. It was reported that this was very positive and Council hope to work more closely with him than in the recent past. There have been a few queries about the whereabouts of the Speed Indicator Unit and it will be in Waingels Road for a few weeks to gather data, and then moved to another location. The draft aims and objectives of the committee were noted. The date for the Community Litter Pick has been set for Sunday 24th March at 2pm.
- 7194/19 Report from the Borough Councillor** – The Borough Councillor reported that WBC are still deciding on the crossing for the school. There is some S106 money that should be spent in Charvil and this would partially cover the cost of this, but Highways would also have to contribute. She reported that there is a problem with people throwing filled dog waste bags into gardens – this is a borough wide issue. She reported that Highways had told her the pinch point on Waingels Road was installed as a result of residents asking for a restriction to reduce traffic and speeding, and it will be re-installed once Thames Water has completed its work in the area. There can be no road humps as it is a 40-mph area and so against national traffic laws. WBC have yet to hear anything from Thames Water regarding a traffic order to allow them to undertake the installation of the sewer. The Borough Councillor then left the meeting.
- Items for Consideration**
- 7195/19 To review the notes of a recent meeting with the management of the Charvil Piggott Primary School** – The school are going to move their CCTV slightly to cover the front and rear barriers. There was some discussion about the car park and how safe it is. The school would like a dropped kerb near the school entrance to help pushchairs and bicycles entering the school grounds. There was a discussion around the idea of a pre-school and while the school would support and work with one, are not interested in managing such a facility.
- 7196/19 To consider the draft proposal for developing a five-year plan** – It is generally accepted that the Council needs a five-year plan to try to plan what Council is trying to achieve. Cllr. Hartley has investigated getting someone to manage a facilitated workshop and wanted to know people's preferences. It was agreed that she would pursue this line of enquiry and try to get a date for a Saturday that would suit everyone. The output will be a plan that can then be put to residents.
- 7197/19 To note the date of the fete** – The fete will be on Sunday 7th July at 2pm. The councillors are happy to run the bar again. Cllr. Hartley will attend the fete committee meetings on behalf of the Council.

**7198/19 To consider a request by the Village Society to place a memorial bench in memory of Paul Gregory in the grounds of the Village Hall** – Council would like the bench to be a memorial for both Margaret and Paul Gregory as they both worked hard for the village. They are happy for the Village Society to come up with a location as they see fit, and to run it past the assistant clerk before final installation.

**7199/19 To hear feedback from the Local Plan meeting and consider the consultation** – the councillors who attended explained that the session was a drop-in session rather than a formal presentation and the aim was to help people complete the online consultation. Council agreed that it should complete the consultation, and would do so at the next Planning, Environment and Highways meeting. The clerk was asked to circulate the responses sent in 2016.

**There being no further business the open meeting closed at 9.35pm**

**Chairman's Signature .....**