



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15th February 2016

Present Chris Drew (Chairman), John Davies, Jackie Jeffery, Fiona Mowlem, James Bell, John Hobson, Jim Gillett, Paul Mundy and Liz Black

Apologies for Absence Lauren McCann and Borough Councillor Nick Ray

6561/16 Open Forum - There were no residents present

6562/16 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest

6563/16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th January 2016 - The minutes were approved by Council.

6564/16 PLANNING (ref 194)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

160100 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to form a conservatory at 35, Cheviot Drive – no Parish Council comment

160123 Retrospective Application to convert existing garage to habitable accommodation at 44, East Park Farm Drive – no Parish Council Comment

160155 Application for proposed conversion of existing roof space to habitable accommodation with front dormer at 23, East Park Farm Drive – no Parish Council comment

160160 Application for the proposed erection of a replacement dwelling with integrated garage following demolition of existing bungalow at Thatcher's Mead, Thames Drive. The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council would like to support this application, because Council feels this is a worthwhile effort to alleviate the flooding problems this property suffers from, without having a negative impact on neighbouring properties. Council also feels it would enhance the visual impact of this property.

b) Planning Applications Approved – the following approvals were noted

153084 Application for proposed single storey rear extension to 7, Charvil House Road

153109 Application for proposed two storey rear extension to 65, Park View Drive North

c) Enforcement – Three enforcement notices were noted

d) To formally approve the Terms of Reference for Joint Working over the Management of the Community Infrastructure Levy and sign Two Copies- these were duly signed

e) To consider who can attend the meeting regarding the Local Plan – the Chairman is to attend the alternative meeting at the Oakwood Centre, while Cllrs Jeffery, Mundy and possibly Mowlem will accompany the clerk to the meeting at Loddon Hall on 23rd March.

f) To note Progress of The Wee Waif planning issue- there is a planning application on its way.

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

FINANCE

- 6565/16 Finance Reports** – It was resolved that the Reports be approved which they were unanimously.
- 6566/16 Authorisation of Payments** – It was resolved that the Council should approve all outstanding payments including £531.73 to NIC Services Group Ltd which was done unanimously
- 6567/16 To review the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders**- this was deferred to May.
- 6568/16 To consider whether to opt out of the auditing regime**- It was resolved to stay within the existing regime.

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

REPORTS

- 6569/16 Village Hall**- The minutes of a meeting of the Village Hall Committee on 1st February were noted.
There was to be a fresh appeal for someone to do the floor plan for the Village Hall. Cllr Black was to investigate this. The committee is still waiting for guttering quotations, and the plumber was due to come to de-scale the wall kettle.
Amenities Committee- The Minutes of a meeting on 1st February were noted
- 6570/16 Environment**- Cllr McCann has reported the problem of chewing gum on the paths near to the MUGA to Peter Baveystock, and is awaiting a response. The clerk reported that there have been a number of instances recently of mature garden trees being felled, followed by planning applications being submitted on the cleared ground. There was a discussion about whether to push for more Tree Preservation Orders, and what the penalties were for felling a protected tree. The clerk was asked to forward a list of the trees with Preservation Orders on them to all councillors along with the guidance notes for TPOs. *Clerk's Note: Cllrs Hobson and Jeffery are to see which trees in the village may be worth protecting, to pass to Wokingham.*
- 6571/16 To consider progress of the East Park Farm discussions** – There had been no response from Wokingham regarding the queries over the Heads of Terms. The clerk was to chase this up.
- 6572/16 Report from the Borough Parish Liaison Group**- Cllr Jeffery reported that they had a talk from someone about Flooding and the measures Wokingham are trying to put in place to alleviate the problem. They would like the parishes to take a role in co-ordinating flood wardens but Council has had little success in recruiting anyone to become a warden. There was also a report on the five year housing supply, which Wokingham believes they can defend, and the Local Plan. Cllr. Jeffery will ask to have TPO's added to the next agenda.
- 6573/16 Report from the Clerks' meeting with Wokingham including feedback from the Chief Executive** – Much of the content of this meeting replicated the Borough Parish Group. In addition there was a discussion about introducing Public Place Protection Orders against out of control dogs, and in particular professional dog walkers with too many animals loose at once. They would like to extend this borough wide, but would need parish support financially to make it work. The clerk was to be involved in a working group to see how this could work in practice. The chief executive has painted a very bleak picture for the public services within the Borough and was asked to write to the parish councils to explain the position more fully.
- 6574/16 To note that the Council was unsuccessful in its Grant Application to Tesco**- This was noted.
- 6575/16 To consider whether Council marks the Queen's 90th Birthday**- It was resolved not to organise anything special on this occasion.

6576/16 To remind Councillors of this year's elections and procedures- The clerk ran through the procedure and it was resolved that the election would be advertised on Facebook and the website once the clerk had received official notification of this year's procedure.

6577/16 To update Members' Interest forms – Cllr Hobson has updated his form again and both he and the clerk have now signed it.

There being no further business the open meeting closed at 9.30pm

By virtue of the confidential nature of the business to be contracted the press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item under Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

6578/16 To re-consider the quotations for the planned cricket square and to approve one contractor for the project

After some discussion it was resolved to award the contract to S & C Slatter to install their top of the range pitch for £18,700

6579/16 To Consider feedback from the Clerk's Training regarding Procedures- Council chose not to discuss this item

Chairman's Signature