



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Present** James Bell, John Hobson, Jim Gillett, John Davies and Borough Councillor Nick Ray

**Apologies for absence** Liz Black, Chris Drew (Chairman), Paul Mundy, Jackie Jeffery and Lauren McCann

**6361/15 Election of chair** – In the absence of both the chairman and vice chairman, Cllr. Hobson was elected chair.

**6362/15 Open Forum** – Clare Tucker and Roger Burns attended to inform Council on how preparations for this year's fete are going, and how the fete committee have distributed any surplus funds. The last fete made a small profit but as it costs around £1500 a year to run, they need to keep plenty in reserve in case of a washout. Because of the shortage of volunteers, many of the more lucrative stalls have been passed over to other groups – for example, the pre-school runs the teas and Charvil Piggott will run the bouncy castle. This year there is a circus theme. The idea is to create a food court on the area behind the village hall so the barbeque will move to that area, and the stalls will all be in the playground area. There should be no cars in that area so parents can be sure their children are safe. Clare Tucker explained that they could do with more volunteers to help get raffle prizes and to help clear up after the event – Cllr. Hobson suggested that she send Council a list of activities they need help with, and see if extra help could be found. Cllr. Ray said he would help with raffle prizes. Clare Tucker explained that this year they have managed to help Charvil Beavers, Brownies and the Alzheimer's group at the Village Hall. Cllr Hobson thanks them for coming and they left at 8.20pm.

**6363/15 Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest.

**6364/15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015** –The minutes were approved by Council

**6365/15 Matters Arising from the above Minutes** – There were no matters arising

**6366/15 PLANNING** (ref 183)

**a) New Applications for Information and Comment:**

2715 Proposed erection of one 4 bed detached dwelling including integral garage and new access on land at 51, Park View Drive North – no Parish Council comment

0396 Proposed erection of a single storey side and rear extension with part garage conversion and loft conversion to habitable accommodation at 2, The Hawthorns – no Parish Council comment

0465 Proposed erection of a two storey side/rear extension, single storey front infill extension to create front porch, following demolition and removal of existing single storey rear extension at The Ramblers, Beggars Hill Road – no Parish Council comment

**b) Planning Applications Approved** – the following approval was noted

CLP/2014/2715 Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory at 33, Gingells Farm Road

- c) **Planning Application Rejected** – The following rejection was noted  
 2503 Proposed erection of 25 detached dwellings on land West of Park Lane
- d) **Application Withdrawn** The following was noted  
 1361 Proposed erection of a two storey side/rear extension at the Ramblers, Beggars Hill Road

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

## **FINANCE**

- 6367/15 **Finance Reports** – It was resolved that the Reports be approved which they were unanimously.
- 6368/15 **Authorisation of Payments** – It was resolved that the Council should approve all outstanding payments, including £1080 to ACS Cleaning Solutions, £744 to JFI Roofing, £1500 to Twyford Youth Club and £586.24 to Berkshire Association of Local Councils. All these were unanimously approved.
- 6369/15 **To review the Risk Management Policy** – it was resolved that this should now be approved following amendments, which was done unanimously.
- 6370/15 **To approve the initial cost of cutting the hedges down to a manageable height, and the annual cost of maintenance thereafter** – It was resolved to approve this which was done unanimously
- 6371/15 **To approve a letter to Barclays Bank for the standing orders to be updated for payment of the clerk and assistant clerk according to tax changes** – It was resolved to approve this which was done unanimously.

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

## **REPORTS**

- 6372/15 **Village Hall Management Committee** – The minutes of the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March were noted.  
 It was reported that there had been some vandalism to the roof for which emergency repairs had been necessary. It was resolved to retrospectively approve these repairs which was done unanimously.  
 It was also noted that further roof repairs need to be carried out, and consideration of these were deferred until the quote from the roofing company was received.
- 6373/15 **Amenities Committee** – The minutes of the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March were noted.  
 To consider and agree remedial works required to and around the play equipment at St. Patrick's Recreation Ground, and the staining of the benches – it was resolved to offer this work to Playground facilities Ltd, which was done unanimously.  
 Cllr. Gillett reported that Waingels College were not prepared to arrange a deal with Thames Water regarding a small plot of land for the pumping station. It was agreed that a letter would be sent by the clerk asking for further consideration be given to this idea as Council did not believe the governors at Waingels College were in full possession of the facts. *Clerk's note: the Governors promptly returned the matter to Wokingham as their landlord. The present situation is that Wokingham are awaiting a response from Thames Water regarding alternative sites, and once this is done, Wokingham will then enter into negotiations with Waingels if their site is the only viable one.*
- 6374/15 **Staffing Committee** – It was resolved to approve the pensions policy as required by the pension provider.
- 6375/15 **Borough Councillor's Report** – The Borough Councillor reported that the only things he wished to comment on were the Waingels Road sewer (see above) and the renewal of the kebab van licence (see below).
- 6376/15 **ENVIRONMENT** – Cllr Davies reported that a resident attended the previous Amenities

meeting to suggest that Council should distribute seeds to residents in order to increase the number of flowers in the area. Council suggested he made contact again in the autumn to give an appropriate lead time to implement such a plan.

**TPO 917/1998** – To fell three diseased trees and crown a further two at 117/119 Old Bath Road – no Parish Council comment

**6377/15 To consider any progress on the East Park Farm discussions** – There had been no progress since the last meeting. The clerk was asked to chase again. Cllr Hobson has been in discussion with some local pre-school providers and this looks a promising avenue to pursue.

**6378/15 To consider the renewal of the licence for the kebab van on Milestone Avenue** – no Parish Council comment

**6379/15 To consider arrangements for the litter pick** – It was agreed the clerk should purchase some refreshments and that councillors would attend.

**6380/15 To finalise the terms of reference for the Village Hall and Amenities Committees** – After some discussion and agreed amendments, these were approved.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm**

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