



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20th May 2013

Present Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Paul Mundy, Chris Drew, James Bell, Jackie Jeffery, Lauren McCann and Borough Councillor Nick Ray.

Apologies for absence – Jim Gillett, John Davies, Liz Black and Piran Trezise

5944/13 Open Forum – No members of the public were present

5945/13 Declaration of Interest – None

5946/13 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th April 2013 – The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the above Minutes – There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda

Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting – The issues that arose from the APM that required Council discussion included the issue of cycling on pavements. The clerk has been asked to write to both Waingels College and Piggott Academy to remind pupils that pavement cycling is prohibited unless a designated cycle path. It was also brought to the attention of Council that the bollards in Beggars Hill Road have been removed and the clerk was asked to write to Wokingham to ask for them to be re-instated. *Clerk's note: they are to be replaced by a heavier lump of concrete that should be harder to remove.* The issue of pavement parking on Strathmore Drive was raised once again, and it was suggested the clerk ask Wokingham if Charvil Parish Council could put a planter there to discourage this.

5947/13 PLANNING (ref 161)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

0756 Proposed conversion of existing integral garage into habitable accommodation at 5, Gingells Farm Road – No Parish Council comment

0863 Proposed erection of two storey side and rear extension to 105, Milestone Avenue – No Parish Council comment

b) Planning Applications Approved – The following planning approvals were noted

0300 Proposed erection of first floor side extension to dwelling at 12, Thornbers Way

0593 Proposed Minor Amendment to Application F/2012/0674 at 2, Newbury Close

c) Planning Applications Rejected – The following rejection was noted

2463 Application for the erection of a storage building in rear garden (retrospective) at 36, Park View Drive South.

d) Appeal Dismissed – The following dismissal was noted

- 1096 Demolition of four bedroom detached dwelling and construction of one x four bedroom and one x five bedroom detached dwelling with associated parking at 1, Strathmore Drive.
- e) **New Appeal** – The following appeal was noted
- 2296 Proposed erection of first floor side extension at 6, Kilowna Close
- f) **Enforcement** – There is action to be taken after the refusal of retrospective planning permission at 36, Park View Drive South. It was also reported that the enforcement investigation about the arboretum at East Park Farm was closed as the planning permission for the school superseded all previous planning decisions.

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

FINANCE

- 5948/13 **Finance Reports** – Reports were unanimously approved.
- 5949/13 **Authorisation of Payments** – Council unanimously approved payments including a £150 donation to Berkshire Blind Society and joint insurance for the Parish Council and hall for £1521.41.
- 5950/13 **To Approve Annual Return** – deferred until next month.
- 5951/13 **Donations – to consider donation requests from the LINK visiting scheme and Charvil Community Tennis Club** - It was unanimously approved to give a donation of £200 to the LINK visiting scheme, on condition that they let us know next year, how this money helped residents of Charvil. It was agreed that Charvil Community Tennis Club are asked for a specific item that Council could give them a grant for that fitted in with the S.137 budget – somewhere between £150 - £250. They were also to be asked if they could provide clearer evidence of helping Charvil's youth, and that way, they may be able to access some of the funds put away for this purpose. The clerk was also asked to find out if it is permissible to offer a loan to the club.
- 5952/13 **Investments** – A new bond will be opened on 28th June, running to 28th March 2014, at an interest rate of 1.2%.
- 5953/13 **Insurance** – Internal Audit. The internal audit produced two recommendations, that there is a clearer recording of orders, and that invoices over £500 were properly minuted. It was suggested that there should be a proper purchase order form to be signed at Council meetings for ad hoc items of expenditure.

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

REPORTS

- 5954/13 **Village Hall Management Committee** – There was no meeting this month.
- 5955/13 **Amenities Committee** – There was no meeting this month.
All vegetable plot invoices have been paid and a new tenant installed. The rent for the plots for 2014-15 will be reviewed at the next Amenities meeting. Once the school building has finished, it has been agreed that one picnic bench will go near the tennis courts and the other near the MUGA. There has been some confusion over where the manned refuse vehicle should be – it went to the wrong location in April but hopefully these problems will be ironed out. The play inspections have been carried out and all was well.
- 5956/13 **Borough Councillor's Report** – Cllr. Ray reported that the application for Park Lane was not listed as it is to be refused. The report on why should be ready shortly and the Borough Councillor will study it carefully. The school is moving on apace, and Wokingham have been in negotiations with the tennis club about a suitable rate and using the pavilion toilets. Cllr. Ray also mentioned Hare Hatch Sheeplands and the

adjournment of the appeal against enforcement orders. He has raised residents' concerns with the Borough Councillors for Remenham and Twyford, but does not want to tread on anyone's toes. He also said his surgeries were not well attended and he will probably stop them shortly as he thinks they are a redundant form of communication.

5957/13 ENVIRONMENT – There was nothing to report

5958/13 HIGHWAYS - Cllr. Drew is trying to open a dialogue with Wokingham about what they are doing to alleviate the effects of the school on the area's roads, and how Council can open a dialogue with them. He wants to know exactly what is going to be done, and would like to push for traffic lights on the crossing on the Old Bath Road.

5959/13 Update on the Primary School – Cllrs Drew and Bell met with Tim Searle, WBC's project manager and the project manager from Roll-a-long. They have leafleted residents closest to the school and invited them onto the site to discuss any concerns. The new tennis courts will be built before the old ones are removed but the MUGA will be out of use for a short while. The school won't be finished by September but it will be possible to open the school as the administration area, canteen and hall will be complete by this time. The rest will be complete by Christmas. There will be no outside play area at the beginning. The development has been hindered by the discovery of slow-worms on the site, but they have now been moved.

5960/13 Update on Waingels Road Sewer – Council has received a report from The Environment Agency, which questions most of the costings suggested by Thames Water, and it is now up to Thames Water to justify their position.

5961/13 The Poor's Land Charity Report and Accounts – These were noted.

5962/13 Fete and Barbeque Arrangements – Cllrs Jeffery and Drew can help, and the clerk will ask those absent if they are available. The Chairman will liaise with the assistant clerk, and Borough Councillor Ray will also be available to help. Cllrs McCann, Bell and the clerk are unavailable.

5963/13 Wokingham Town and Parish Conference – request for discussion topics – Council suggested parking issues round schools.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm