



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16th September 2013

Present Alice Wilkinson (Chairman), Jim Gillett, James Bell, Jackie Jeffery, Piran Trezise, Liz Black, Paul Mundy, Chris Drew and Borough Councillor Nick Ray.

Apologies for absence John Davies and Lauren McCann. John Cawdell and Marcia Head of Wokingham Borough Council could not attend due to illness.

6012/13 Open Forum – No members of the public were present. Keith Dormer, representing the Wenlock Edge Vegetable Plot holders, attended to give councillors an update on progress since the plots opened. Despite two challenging growing seasons, everyone was enjoying their plots and they seem to be giving everyone involved much pleasure. The only concern is the lack of running water, and it is much appreciated that the Council is trying to remedy this. The Chairman thanked him for his update and he left at 8.10pm.

6013/13 Declaration of Interest – None

6014/13 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th August 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

6015/13 PLANNING (ref 165)

a) New Applications for Information and Comment:

1605 Proposed single storey rear extension to dwelling with glazed roof lantern at 27, East Park Farm Drive – No parish Council comment

1635 Proposed single storey side and front garage extension including garage conversion to habitable accommodation at 19 Wenlock Edge – No Parish Council comment

1706 Reserved Matters Application pursuant to outline planning consent O/2012/0414 for the erection of 1 detached house with access to be considered at 6, Phillips Close, Woodley (adjoining parish Application) – Council wished to object to access onto Beggars Hill Road, as this is a Woodley property. *Clerk's note: The clerk contacted the planning officer, who said that access had already been decided at the outline planning stage, so that no objection could be made on this ground at this stage. The Reserved matters should state that they are only relevant to the house and landscaping.*

1723 Proposed erection of a first floor side extension over existing garage at 6, Thornbers Way – No Parish Council comment.

1715 Proposed part first floor and part two storey rear extension plus single storey rear extension to 63 Park View Drive North (amendment to consent F/2013/1152) – No Parish Council comment

1766 Proposed erection of single storey front porch extension at 56, Park View Drive North – No parish Council comment

b) Planning Applications Approved – The following approvals were noted

- 1190 Proposed erection of two detached dwellings and construction of a new access road on land to the rear of 25 and 27 Park View Drive South
- 0863 Proposed erection two storey side and rear extensions and raising of the existing roof, demolition and removal of existing conservatory at 105, Milestone Avenue
- 1264 Proposed erection of a single storey side and rear extension to dwelling at 7, Kilowna Close
- 1402 Erection of one detached 2-storey dwelling with condition 2 of planning consent F/2012/2137 varied to allow the addition of 1 rooflight window in the front roof slope at 17, Charvil House Road
- c) **Planning Application Rejected** – The following was noted
- 0909 Erection of detached storage building to the rear of property at 36, Park View Drive South

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

FINANCE

- 6016/13 **Finance Reports** – Reports were unanimously approved.
- 6017/13 **Authorisation of Payments** – Council unanimously approved payments including a £250 donation to the Twyford and District Youth Centre Ltd, £656.26 to the Performing Rights Society and £250 payments to the clerk and assistant clerk for Home as Office allowance. It was also approved to allow the clerk to pay Thames Water £3428.05 if all the agreements are returned by the Wenlock Edge plot holders before the next meeting.
- 6018/13 **To authorise the purchase of a new printer for the clerk** – This was unanimously authorised.

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

REPORTS

- 6019/13 **Village Hall Management Committee** – The minutes of a meeting on 4th September were noted.
- The clerk is waiting to hear back from Thames Water after having received a large invoice of £579.16, as to what the leakage allowance will be.
- 6020/13 **Amenities Committee** – The minutes of a meeting on 4th September were noted.
- Council has received permission to install a water supply to the Wenlock Edge vegetable plots and the clerk has sent out an addendum to the agreement for all plot holders to sign before instructing Thames Water to carry out the works.
- Council has complained to Wokingham about the overgrown paths at East Park Farm, and the area manager has agreed to see if something can be done.
- 6021/13 **Borough Councillor's Report** – The Borough Councillor reported that August was a quiet month so there was little to report on, except he would look out for any developments in the Hicks Appeal. He also reported that he had had a meeting with Allan Tiplady and that space had been found for the tennis club to store their equipment at the pavilion, and that Allan was collating figures regarding the pavilion with a view to opening negotiations with the parish regarding the management of it. He needed to take back any ideas of extra amenities that could be installed at a cost of between £5-10k to the Borough Council with the under spend on the MUGA. After some discussion it was decided that a youth shelter near the courts and football pitches would be a good idea, but also Council would like the fence round the pitches to be properly re-instated, the exterior of the pavilion to be re-painted, some benches near to the river and a nature trail installed in the country park. The Borough Councillor would take back these suggestions to Wokingham and will see what can be done.
- 6022/13 **ENVIRONMENT** - nothing to report

- 6023/13 HIGHWAYS** - The Borough Councillor was asked if he could find out any more about when the road under the railway bridge in Park Lane may be repaired. There was a lengthy discussion about the safety of the mini roundabout at the junction of Old Bath Road and Park Lane. The clerk was asked to contact Wokingham to see if any improvements could be made, particularly in the light of the traffic reports for the school suggesting it was inadequate for the level of morning rush hour traffic. A further issue was the use of the Wee Waif roundabout as part of a racing track at night. The clerk was asked to contact the local police to see if they could increase their patrols in this area of an evening.
- 6024/13 Update on the Primary School** – The school opened on 9th September with 23 children. Work is continuing on the other parts of the school. The new tennis courts are open, and hopefully work will soon start on the new MUGA.
- 6025/13 Consultation on decision making structure at Wokingham Borough Council** – The choice is to keep the present system, to return to the old committee system, or to have a hybrid system. Council had no comment to make.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Any Other Business

- Cllr. Jeffery attended a meeting on enforcement and reported that many councils thought it unfair and not transparent.
- Cllr. Drew reported that there were 10 cars parked up near the pavilion on Saturday morning and local residents were concerned for the safety of their children when using the play park because of these cars. The clerk was asked to see if this could be prevented in future.
- The Borough Councillor thanked the Council for its support of the Charvil and Sonning junior cricket club, whose under-13 team have just won the Berkshire League 2 Cup.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm