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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee held on**  
**13th May 2019**

**Present** Jane Hartley (Chair), Claire Andersen, Jim Gillett and Daljit Ryatt

**Apologies** Jackie Jeffery and Greg Elphick

**Absent**

**58/19 OPEN FORUM** – Andrew Peacock and Dagmar Weatherall of Thames Water attended to explain the latest position with the installation of a sewer in Waingels Road. Waingels Road is to be closed for four days at the end of May while trial trenches are dug at various points with a view to installing a sewer for the Norris Green homes in the summer. The rest of the project is trickier because they need to find a suitable site for a pumping station and the best, and possibly only suitable site, is on land belonging to Waingels College. There is a meeting shortly to decide the best approach, and there will be renewed attempts to achieve a positive outcome to negotiations with Waingels College. If the worst came to the worst, Thames Water can go down the route of Compulsory Purchase Orders, but this is very much a last resort as it creates a long time lag or a project that has already been dogged by delays. The timescale for this project is now in the region of eighteen months to three years, depending on speed of negotiations etc. As far as the agreed emptying of septic tanks, the proposal is that Thames Water will have an agreed supplier, and the residents will call the company, who will then invoice Thames Water once the tank has been emptied. All details should be with residents by 24th May. The Chair thanked them for coming and they left along with Jim Gillett at 8.36pm.

**59/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CLERK** – Cllr. Ryatt declared an interest in Planning Application No. 191000, but as this is an application for information only, she did not leave the room when this agenda item was reached

**60/19 Approval of the Minutes of 8th April 2019** – These were approved.

**61/19 Highways**

The committee assessed the data from the machine and agreed that if a suitable site could be found to measure speeds in the other direction, then this should be done. It was noted that a further traffic survey was taken on Park lane last week to assess the need for a crossing by the school.

**62/19 Environment**

Cllr. Anderson reported that as part of the tree survey, they had found the biggest one so far, on the edge of Charvil Meadows. She had attended the Veteran Tree Association's Annual meeting and the main issue was that of Ash die-back. The Association intends to contact local councils to work with them to deal with the issue of increasing numbers of dead and rotting trees. They will also be looking to work with Councils to advise on what trees to replace the dead ash with as many areas will be decimated.

## **63/19 Planning**

### **a) The following Applications were discussed (233):**

190750 Householder application for the proposed conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation, plus changes to fenestration at Acorns, Waingels Road – no Parish Council comment

191000 Application for the prior approval of the erection of a single storey rear extension. 4.50m Long, 3.00m High and 3.00m to the eaves at Uplands, Park Lane (For Information only) - noted

### **b) Planning Applications Approved – The following were noted**

190438 Application for the proposed erection of first floor rear extension, single storey front extension to form porch including a new porch structure, plus internal alterations and changes to fenestration at 28, Old Bath Road

190758 Application for the prior approval of the erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 8m, for which the maximum height would be 3m, and the height of the eaves 2.7m at 58 Old Bath Road

190647 Application for the proposed erection of single storey front extension to form a conservatory following the demolition of existing front veranda at 7 Milestone Avenue

### **c) Planning Applications Refused – The following was noted**

190674 Application for the erection of 3no. commercial buildings for storage (Retrospective) at The Homestead, Park Lane

### **d) Planning Application withdrawn – The following was noted**

190672 Full application for the change of use of buildings and land from agricultural use to general industrial use (Retrospective) at Newlands Farm, Loddon Drive

### **e) Appeal – The following appeal was noted**

182936 Householder application for a two-storey side extension and a single storey rear extension to dwelling at 47 Chiltern Drive

## **Any other Planning business at the discretion of the Chairman**

### **Items for Consideration**

#### **64/19 To Update the Objectives Paper**

The Chair ran through this – it was recognised that with Cllr. Jeffery's absence, sites were not being routinely visited as before, and it was suggested that members of the committee took turns to do this, so that the workload is spread evenly. It was suggested that all the Council would be invited to walk the village footpaths in the summer – a provisional date was set for 22nd July at 7pm. The Chair had produced a short paper to share with residents at the Annual Parish Meeting as a basis for further discussion as part of the effort to improve communication with residents.

#### **65/19 To hear feedback on the Community Involvement webinar attended by the Chair and the clerk – this was useful and thought-provoking, with some useful ideas floated, but nothing ground-breaking**

The Chair reported that she has been approached by someone acting on behalf of Scope wanting to put a recycling bin in the village. The clerk reported that the Borough had chosen to work with one provider of textile bins, because they were concerned that much of what is collected is not recycled at all, and the clerk was concerned that such bins may attract vandals. The committee were keen to promote the recycling of clothes, and decided that it may be something that could be discussed at the Annual parish Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.24pm