
Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee held on
8th July 2019

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

Apologies

Absent

73/19 OPEN FORUM – There were no residents present

74/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CLERK –
There were no interests declared

75/19 Approval of the Minutes of 10th June 2019 – These were approved.

76/19 Highways

The central reservation on the A4 is due to be cut on 11th July

The Speed Indicator Device has been moved to Old Bath Road, before Strathmore Drive. The data from the A4 suggests 15% of motorists significantly breaking the speed limit. There has been an informal approach from Swallowfield Parish Council to borrow the Unit, and this was approved subject to various conditions, mainly that they may have to pay for Mike's time and mileage to install it for them. The clerk had asked various questions about gateway signs to neighbouring parishes, and it seems the process is tortuous, and the cost is high. The clerk has been asked to see whether some of the older Charvil signs could be updated so that drivers are more aware they are entering the village (like the sign on A4 as approached from Twyford). The clerk also mentioned that the shop has taken to putting unauthorised street furniture on the corner of A4 and Old Bath Road, creating a hazard, and has been asked to notify Highways.

77/19 Environment

The trees on Park Lane are due to be pruned shortly as they are taking up a lot of road. The clerk was asked to see whether the trees on the corner of Old Bath Road/A4 could also be cut back as they are encroaching on the pavement. The committee decided that it may be a good idea to either plant something or put a natural barrier near the entrance to East Park Farm as there is a lot of space between the barrier and the existing hedge. The Grounds Maintenance contractors are to plant wildflowers between the MUGA and the school as this area seems suitable. No-one was available to attend the Campaign for Place meeting.

78/19 Planning

a) **The following Applications were discussed (235):**

191676 Application for the proposed single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing conservatory and internal alterations to existing dwelling at 18 St Patrick's Avenue – no Parish Council comment

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

191211 Application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing rear conservatory, plus insertion of 3no. roof lights at Craigalea, Lands End Lane

191264 Application for proposed erection of single storey rear extension at 16, The Hawthorns

- 191305 Proposed Lawful Development Certificate for change from 2no flats to 1 single dwelling at 35 Park View Drive South
- 191191 Proposed Lawful Development Certificate for single storey detached outbuilding for use as a playroom/gym at 58 Old Bath Road

Any other Planning business at the discretion of the Chairman

Cllr. Andersen reported that someone is trying to buy back gardens for development at the Old Acres end of the Old Bath Road.

Items for Consideration

79/19 To Update the Objectives Paper

The Chair ran through the objectives paper. It was felt the Parish Council should promote funding for electric car charging points in Charvil Village news and on the website. It was also discussed whether Council ought to undertake energy surveys of the hall and pavilion, and the clerk was to investigate the cost. There were joint winners of the poster competition and Cllr. Hartley would provide feedback to the winners and the other entrants. There was a discussion about how to help the "harder to reach" within the parish. It was also agreed that having Parish Council tabards may be a good idea for events such as the fete.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm