

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee held on
2nd November 2020 via Zoom

Present Jane Hartley (Chair), Claire Andersen, Narinder Ryatt, Mike Heath and Roanna Collis

Apologies

Absent

143/20 OPEN FORUM - There were no residents present

144/20 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

145/20 The Minutes of the Meeting on 5th October 2020 were approved.

146/20 Highways

The clerk had brought to the Committee's attention, an open letter in the Wokingham Paper regarding cycling provision, and Cllr. Andersen wondered whether the Council should respond. During the discussion, it became clear that the contact was the person from Reading Cycle Campaign, who Council are already in contact with regarding the cycle track along the A4 so it made sense to keep up the lines of communication. It was also reported that problems with cycleways could be reported online in some cases, and that Council should do this where possible.

147/20 Environment

Full Council have approved the recommendation to try to reduce dog fouling on the sports fields by asking people to keep their dogs on leads when exercising them there. It was decided that signs should be put up, and Cllr. Andersen would try to talk to dog walkers to explain why the Council would like them to do this. The clerk will put something on Facebook and on the website to encourage compliance, and Cllr. Hartley will find a medical expert to write something about the health implications of dog mess. The Anniversary Elm application was submitted, and Council are waiting to hear if they have been successful.

The clerk had been in touch with Simon Bartlam and the cost of new display boards is mainly the artwork – once this has been decided upon, the cost of each extra copy reduces – so one will cost around £4,000 but four will cost nearer £12,000. The possibility of asking for sponsorship from local businesses was discussed, and Cllr. Hartley was to ask the Village Society if they would be able to contribute.

Cllr. Hartley attended a webinar on recycling, which she found interesting. There is an app - <https://re3.fccenvironment.co.uk/recylo/> which can help residents find out what they can recycle where. Cllr. Hartley will write something for the Parish magazine. The Committee considered how to progress the idea of applying for a decarbonising grant for the Hall, and the clerk was asked to contact Ian Gough of WBC to see what may be possible.

It was noted that Charvil Matters had left all of the rubbish collected after their last litter pick by the bin on Milestone Avenue, which the clerk felt would only encourage fly-tipping as that is what it looked like. Cllr. Andersen is to contact Sam Akhtar to remind him he needs to take it home and put out with his own rubbish.

148/20 Planning

a) The following Applications were discussed (246)

- 202604 Application for the proposed extension of existing dropped kerb at 111 Old Bath Road – no Parish Council comment
- 202642 Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension at 7, Charvil House Road – no Parish Council comment

b) The following Planning Application Approvals were noted

- 202332 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of an outbuilding to the rear of existing dwelling at 2 Charvil Meadow Road
- 202266 Application for proposed erection of a first-floor side extension and a single storey rear extension including the insertion of 4no. roof lights) at 23 Thornbers Way
- 202020 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension at 31, The Hawthorns
- 202120 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed conversion of the loft above the detached garage with 2 no. rooflights, 1 no. first floor window and 1 no. door at 7, The Hawthorns
- 202063 Householder application for the proposed erection of a two storey front extension to form an atrium, a part two storey part single storey rear extension with 8 no. rooflights, replacement attached double garage and changes to fenestration, following part demolition of existing dwelling and detached double garage at Malabarn, Milestone Avenue

c) The following Planning refusal was noted

- 201909 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed replacement of dark green vertical tile with light grey horizontal boarding. Replacement of white upvc windows and doors with mid-grey aluminium windows and doors, and rendering buff coloured brickwork with white coloured through-rendered) at 47 Chiltern Drive

d) The following TPO works approvals were noted

- 202478 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO 1137/2006, T11 Walnut - Remove the large lower horizontal branch which has naturally broken and fallen from the tree but is still connected at 42 Park View Drive North
- 202126 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO 604/1993, T1 AND T2 T1, Birch - Fell T2, Birch – Fell at 29 Strathmore Drive

Any other Planning business at the discretion of the Chairman

Items for Consideration

- 149/20 To consider and changes to the Objectives Document** – Cllr. Hartley ran through some of the outstanding items and reported that the Village Society was to plant daffodils soon. The clerk will contact Ruscombe Parish Council about what they arranged with WBC regarding their Community Orchard as she is still awaiting a reply from Wokingham. *Clerk's note: Ruscombe PC have gone down the route of an asset transfer.*

The meeting closed at 9.15pm