

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Planning Committees of Charvil Parish Council held on 8th August 2022 via Zoom due to illness of the Clerk

Present Jane Hartley, Pat Sutlieff, Mike Heath, Matt Walker, Rob Jones, and Isabelle Bray

Apologies for Absence

Absent Narinder Ryatt

22/7910 Open Forum

There were no residents present

22/7911 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

22/7912 Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 18th of July 2022

The minutes were noted and will be approved at the next Full Council meeting

Finance

22/7913 Finance Reports

It was resolved to recommend approval of these which was passed unanimously.

22/7914 Authorisation of Payments

It was resolved to recommend approval of the list of payments, including S137 payments to Keep Mobile, and grant donations to Wokingham Citizen's Advice and Me2 Club, which was passed unanimously

£64.43 to the Assistant Clerk
£81 to Aquacare
£1377.59 to Berkshire Pension Fund
£38.24 to British Gas Services Ltd
£90.98 to Cathedral Leasing Ltd
£700 to Citizen's Advice Wokingham
£101.51 to Grundon Waste Management
£1393.30 to Heart Cleaning Ltd
£150 to Keep Mobile
£350 to Me2 Club
£501.05 to the Clerk
£22.78 to Opus Energy Ltd
£377.20 to RES
£116.98 to Tivoli Group Ltd
£79.28 to Scottish & Southern Energy
£1081.64 to Sunshine Commercial Services

£3727.72 in Payroll

22/7915 Planning, Environment and Highways Committee (PEH)

The following Planning Application was considered

222012 Application for the proposed conversion of loft to create habitable accommodation, including 1 no. front dormer and 2 automated teller machine (Retrospective) at 36 no. rear dormers at 11, Old Bath Road – the clerk was asked to comment as follows:

1. *It is unfortunate that the applicant failed to provide accurate plans and an accurate description of what they are proposing in this application. This has hindered the democratic process in that at least one of the neighbours did not feel in a position to comment directly on the application, and others may have taken the application at face value.*

2. *This site has been the issue of multiple applications in the past three years, most of which have been refused for either being out of keeping, impacting on neighbours, or both. This application is similar in style to the dwelling at No.15, which is a step in the right direction, but fails to recognise that because nos. 9 and 11 are so close together, having a flat two storey wall will have a negative impact on the neighbouring dwelling due to the mass so close to their boundary.*

3. *Because the two homes are so close together, it would also detract from the street scene, which currently has an open aspect – this would be lost.*

For these reasons, Charvil Parish Council believe that this application should be refused.

b) Planning Applications approved

221869 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of front porch at 3 Newbury Close

221821 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension and changes to fenestration following demolition of the existing bay window at 46 East Park Farm Drive

221838 Application for the proposed part conversion of garage to create habitable accommodation to include changing roof from flat to pitched plus 2no. rooflights. Internal amendments to Ground & First Floor at 7, Cleveland

The clerk reported that it is likely to see the final three homes of a planning application from 1995 to complete The Hawthorns development next to the park start in the next few months. She explained that if a planning application is started, then any time limits are removed, and that you can apply for planning permission on other people's land, as was the case here – and now they have ownership, they can build. There is currently a nonmaterial amendment to the permission because the materials used in the late 1990s are no longer available.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28pm

Chairman's Signature