
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee
held on 29th November 2021 in Charvil Village Hall (meeting started at 8.15pm)**

Present Mike Heath, Pat Sutlieff, Narinder Ryatt, and Matt Walker

Apologies

Absent

21/211 OPEN FORUM – There were no residents present

**21/212 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR
PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED BY
THE CLERK** -Narinder Ryatt is the householder applying for planning permission
No. 213539

21/213 The Minutes of the Meeting on 1st November 2021 were approved

21/214 Highways

The clerk reported some technical difficulties accessing the data for this month and would send round later. *Clerk's note: the Speed Indicator Device is currently on Park Lane near to the junction of Old Bath Road to assess numbers of vehicles. It appears from the data, that the traffic delays on Park Lane in the mornings are mainly caused by local traffic, rather than through traffic.*

21/215 Environment

To review the weekend's planting in the Community Orchard and to consider lessons learned for next year

The event was a great success, but there were rather a lot of people and not many tasks to do. Expectations will need to be managed better next year. It would also be a good idea to organise a team to dig over the plots a week before, rather than put together a team at very short notice. The Parish Council were very grateful to the help of local gardener Jimmy Cartmell, who not only helped purchase some of the equipment needed, but also provided direction for efficient and effective planting of the trees. It was good that so many families came along, and Theresa May was very engaged with the volunteers.

To review the weekend's planting for the Platinum Tree project and lessons learned for the Spring planting

There were the right number of people who worked efficiently. There are still some trees to be planted – the Council only got permission to plant at the end of Chiltern Drive on the Friday, which did not leave enough time to organise planting there for Sunday, so this will be done later. The elm has been planted at East Park Farm and will hopefully grow into the flagship tree for this project. The Council will look for suitable plaques, to find something that cannot easily be kicked over. It was suggested that it could be unveiled at the fete, especially if this could take place on or close to the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May. The one problem so far was that there was no central identity for the project – maybe if more planting is to be done in future, then it could go under the banner of "Trees for Charvil" or some such.

To consider any progress on the trees felled near Simmons Field and how to stop such a thing happening again

The clerk has been in correspondence with the resident who had the trees felled. He said that he could not find the e-mails but that his written communications with the Borough pre-dated the change of management to the Parish Council (of which he was unaware). In more recent conversations with the Borough, no mention had been made of the Parish Council, and he was a little puzzled as other residents had felled trees with no comment. It was felt that the most the Parish Council can do at present is to inform all residents on the boundary with Parish managed land at East Park Farm, that the Parish is responsible for the area, and that on no account can residents take it upon themselves to cut trees, except where they need to be pruned where overhanging their properties. They also be told that they do not have a right of way from their back gardens into the public areas and no such accesses should be there.

21/216 Planning

a) The following applications were discussed

- 213539 Application for the proposed erection of a two-storey front extension and first floor side extension, plus alterations to existing single storey roof at the side at Uplands, Park Lane – no Parish Council comment
- 213510 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey spa room attached to the converted double garage at Nikunj, Waingels Road – no Parish Council comment
- 213386 Householder application for the proposed erection of a first-floor rear extension with 1 no. Juliet balcony at Inglewood, Beggars Hill Road – no Parish Council comment
- 212128 Full application for the proposed conversion of existing dwelling to 3no. 1-bedroom self-contained flats and 1 studio self-contained flat, associated parking and amenity space, plus changes to fenestration (Part Retrospective) at 36, Park View Drive South – no Parish Council comment

b) Planning Applications Approved - The following approvals were noted:

- 213031 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 1 no. roof light, conversion of garage to create habitable space with existing flat roof to be replaced with a mono pitched roof and changes to fenestration at 53 St Patrick's Avenue 212989 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 1 no. roof light following demolition of existing conservatory and existing rear extension (part retrospective) at 14 Chiltern Drive
- 213329 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, including the insertion of 3no. roof lights, following demolition of existing conservatory at 34, The Hawthorns

c) Planning Application Refused – The following refusal was noted

- 211985 Full application for the proposed erection of 1no. 5 bedroom detached dwelling on land adjoining Lakeside, Waingels Road

d) Tree Preservation Order Consent – The following Tree consents were noted

- 212690 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO-0275-1984-G1 T1, Oak - Crown thin by 15%, remove epicormic growth, remove deadwood T2, Oak - Crown thin by 15%, remove epicormic growth, remove deadwood at 27, The Hawthorns
- 213221 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO-0122-1976-T81 T1 Lime - Re pollard at previous pollard knuckles, leaving 50-100mm stubs to aid regrowth. Remove epicormic growth and suckers up to 2m at 42, Gingells Farm Road
- 213604 Regulation 14(2) notification for works to protected tree(s) 1558/2016, T1 and T2 - Reduce crowns by a maximum of 4 metres in branch length, focusing on the over-extended sections of the canopy, ensuring all cuts are back to suitable growth points, ensuring a natural balanced canopy form is maintained. All works to be carried out BS3998 2010. - Crown clean removing any dead, diseased, or dysfunctional branches back to suitable reduction points. - Remove broken branches at The Wee Waif

e) To Consider how to respond to the Local Plan Consultation

The various issues of concern were raised: that there are issues around schools; unevenness when considering the traffic implications of the various developments; flooding issues; the inclusion of Charvil green spaces; and the Borough not meeting their own objectives. All Councillors will be encouraged to read the relevant documents and to come up with their own comments, and the clerk will draw up some draft comments for the January meeting, at which point all the strands will be drawn together for a final submission before the new deadline of 24th Jan 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.18pm