

Clerk to the Council Miranda Parker Charvil Village Hall Charvil Reading Berks RG10 9TT

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee held on 3rd October 2022 in Charvil Village Hall at 8pm

Present Rob Jones, Isabelle Bray, Pat Sutlieff, Narinder Ryatt, and Mike Heath **Apologies**

Absent

To Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2022

These minutes were approved

22/227 OPEN FORUM – There were no residents present

22/228 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

22/229 Highways

To note the latest information from the Speed Indicator Device

The Speed Indicator device is now measuring speeds as vehicles enter Charvil from the Twyford direction on the Old Bath Road. The speeds are clearly higher in this spot, making very hazardous for residents on this part of Old Bath Road.

The Borough Councillor has asked the Council whether they could investigate the costs of gateway signs as they have in Twyford and Hurst. There is evidence to suggest that they do slow traffic, and this could be useful of Old Bath Road, but there is a lack of suitable roadside on which to place such signs. The clerk was asked to explain this to the Borough Councillor, and if he can come up with some mutually acceptable locations, then the Council will consider investigating costs.

22/230 Environment

To note conclusions of a meeting with Simon Bartlam regarding the planting locations for ten elms near the stream in the Country Park

Councillor Heath and the clerk met with Simon Bartlam, who was happy for the trees to be planted on the south side of the stream, about six metres from the water, to allow flailing of the brambles every four years. They will be planted during half term.

To note an application for funds for planting trees this autumn

The clerk is in the process of applying but needs information from several third parties.

22/231 Planning

a) The following application was discussed

Application for the proposed conversion of a single dwelling house dividing the existing dwelling and garden to allow for two individual residential dwellings. To include rear paddock area one 3no. bedroom dwelling and one 2no. bedroom dwelling and the conversion of existing garage to habitable space at 6, Old Bath Road – the clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council does not object to the division of the house if this is acceptable to the planning authorities, but it does have serious concerns around the change of use of a large part of the garden to paddock. The area concerned is in the middle of private residences and has no means of access for livestock. It is an inappropriate location for a paddock, and changes of use from garden to other uses

^{*} Copies attached and/or forwarded

have been refused at other properties on the Old Bath Road. Allowing this would create a dangerous precedent for further changes of use to the back gardens on the Old Bath Road.

b)	Planning Application Approved - The following approvals were noted:
222271	Application for non-material amendment to planning consent 35826 (F) for the
	erection of 7no. houses and 1no. bungalow) to allow change of external materials to
	plots 6,7 and 8 on land to the rear of 6, Old Bath Road
222574	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension
	following demolition of the existing conservatory at 2, Balme Close

The meeting closed at 8.36pm