

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th December 2022 at 8pm in Charvil Village Hall

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

Apologies for Absence

Absent David Oppong and Narinder Ryatt

22/7969 Open Forum

Two residents attended to observe, one of whom is on the Fete Committee

22/7970 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hartley declared that she is on the Fete Committee, and as such would not take part in the item on the fete, except on points of fact.

22/7971 Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 21st November 2020 were approved

Finance

22/7972 Finance Reports

It was resolved to approve the reports, which was passed unanimously.

22/7973 Authorisation of Payments

It was resolved to recommend approval of the payments of invoices which was carried unanimously.

£148.50 to the Assistant Clerk
£1168.92 to Berkshire Pension Fund
£60 to Econet
£38.24 to British Gas Services Ltd
£63.72 to Everflow
£101.51 to Grundon
£1622.11 to Heart Cleaning Ltd
£1856.69 to HMRC Cumbernauld
£300 to Locality
£374 to McEvoy and Rowley
£273.62 to the clerk
£282 to MKR Electrical Services Ltd
£96 to Omega Security Ltd
£22.62 to Opus Energy Ltd
£313.87 to Smartest Energy
£76.67 to Scottish & Southern Energy
£1081.64 to Sunshine Commercial Services
£116.98 to Tivoli Group Ltd
£3289.43 in Payroll

22/7974 To consider S137grant applications from The Link Visiting Scheme, the Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Home-Start Wokingham District and Berkshire Blind Society and grant applications for Twyford, Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre and 1st Charvil Scout group

It was resolved to grant £250 to The Link Visiting Scheme, £100 to The Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Centre, £200 to Home-start Wokingham District, £200 to Berkshire Blind Society, £250 to Twyford, Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre and £595 to 1st Charvil Scout Group, which was passed unanimously.

22/7975 Planning, Environment and Highways Committee (PEH) – The Minutes of a Meeting on 29th November 2022 were noted.

To review the Queen’s Green Canopy planting, and possible planting in future years

The project is now complete, although the Community Orchard continues for the next couple of years. It was decided that the Council would try to do some tree planting every National Tree Week, with Councillor Jones leading. The Council now has the advantage that it is working with the Borough Council, who are willing to support any planting the Council does. There has also been an offer from 1st Charvil Scouts to make bird boxes, which the Council would like to take up.

To consider a response to the Wokingham Draft Tree Strategy

The clerk was asked to respond to this, agreeing to all points apart from the length of time covered by the strategy, which should be longer in the opinion of the Council

To consider Planning Application 223465

Application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory at 23, Park View Drive South – no Parish Council comment

22/7976 Amenities Committee - The Minutes of a Meeting on 5th December were noted.

To note the reports from the Fete Committee, and to consider whether to accept the requested date for the next year’s event

The Fete Committee would like to hold the fete at the beginning of September, but this is not the preference for the Parish Council, as the football season will have already started, and would be happier if the fete returned to its historical time of June/July as this would allow for any ground damage to be repaired by the start of the football season.

Because it can take quite a lot of time to organise the fete, it was decided that it would be unfair to insist upon June or July for 2023, so that it can be held on 3rd September in 2023, with the Village Hall as a back-up, but from 2024 it will have to return to the June or July period.

To approve the recommended price increases

The price increases were unanimously approved, despite some reservations expressed by the clerk.

22/7977 Staffing Committee - The Minutes of a Meeting on 5th December were noted

22/7978 Report from the Borough Councillor

The Borough Councillor did not attend and did not get a report to the Clerk in time for the meeting.

Items for Consideration

22/7979 To hear an update on the Neighbourhood Plan

The vision has been modified and was discussed. There were updates from each group, except the Community theme that has not yet progressed. It may prove to

be useful to bring all community groups together to help progress this. There has been a delay in appointing a consultant, but hopefully a recommendation can be brought to Council at the next meeting.

22/7980 To decide on a date and location for the first “Meet the Councillor” session

It was agreed that this would take place in The Wee Waif on Thursday 12th January.

By virtue of the confidential nature of the business to be contracted the press and public were excluded from the remainder of the meeting under Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

22/7981 To approve the pay recommendation from the Staffing Committee

The recommendation from the Staffing Committee was approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman’s Signature