

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee
held on 3rd July 2023 in Charvil Village Hall at 8pm**

Present Rob Jones, Pat Sutlieff, Stephen Lucas, Narinder Ryatt, and Mike Heath

Apologies

Absent

23/250 **OPEN FORUM** – One resident attended to listen to the discussion

To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th June 2023

These were approved and signed

23/251 **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

23/252 **Highways**

To note the latest data from the Speed Indicator Device

It was noted that while speeds are modest, the recorded levels of traffic on Park Lane have doubled at peak times from 160 vehicle movements an hour in September 2021 to around 350 now. There may be a variety of reasons for this but there is likely to have been an impact with the new developments on Park Lane and Sandford Farm now fully open.

To hear an update on the loan of the speed indicator device to Wargrave

Wokingham have agreed that the Wargrave Parish Council can put the device on their lampposts but have asked for the dimensions etc. it was agreed to offer it them from mid-July, for a month.

To consider how to progress Speedwatch

The clerk has been in touch with the relevant officer at Wokingham but has yet to hear back. *Clerk's note: the clerk has now heard back and will pass details of suitable locations for the signs and will then be informed of the costs.*

23/253 **Environment**

To approve the ordering of more fruit trees for the orchard and to decide on six or twelve.

It was resolved to approve the purchase of twelve more fruit trees, as there are already some sponsors who showed interest last year.

To hear an update on the Conservation group progress

Adrian Larkham is arranging a meeting with some representatives from Conserve Reading on Wednesdays (CRoW) who will help him draw up a programme of works which can then be approved by Wokingham.

To consider how to respond to WBC's tree department regarding a meeting

It was agreed that Councillors would like to have an onsite meeting with Chris Hannington, to make sure that the Council is on the same page as the Borough regarding what we can and cannot do, and that we can check that our tree policy is in line with WBC's tree strategy.

23/254 **Planning**

a) To note the following planning approvals (275)

230893 Application for the erection of a single storey rear extension to Lounge with composite cladding and roof lantern at 53 Park View Drive North

230113 Full application for the proposed erection of 1 no x 5 bedroom dwelling house following subdivision of the existing residential garden at Lakeside, Waingels Road

- b) The following Tree Preservation Order decisions were noted**
- 231088 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO-1852-2022 (G2) G2, deciduous trees of all species (G2 on TPO) – To prune back and maintain the trees that severely overhang my boundary fence. Reason for works: presence of school kids and the dropping of large tree branches in their presence at 10, Simmons Field – approved
- 230480 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) 1586/2017 G2 T1, Lime – Fell. T2, Lime – Fell at 117 Old Bath Road – Split decision – consent to Fell T1, refusal to fell T2

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

23/255 To approve the agenda for the upcoming meeting with a local property developer

It was agreed that Councillor Jones would circulate an agenda, based upon the findings of the Neighbourhood Plan survey and Local Plan consultations, including 61 homes instead of 75, whether there was a possibility of the Parish Council and the developer working together on providing some of the facilities residents would like, including a community hub, green spaces, interconnectivity, and a path between Twyford Station and Charvil.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm