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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee
held on 4th September 2023 in Charvil Village Hall at 8pm**

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

Apologies

Absent Narinder Ryatt

23/256 **OPEN FORUM** – No residents were present

To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd July 2023

These were approved and signed

23/257 **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

23/258 **Highways**

To note that the move of the Speed Indicator Device to Wargrave for a month

This was noted and will be there until at least 22nd September.

To note the Crash Map data

Councillor Jones had sourced the crash map data for the main accident spots in Charvil. These only include incidents where the police were called, and so for the roundabout junction of Park Lane and Old Bath Road, there had been five slight accidents in the last five years. The most accidents happened at the Wee Waif roundabout and the junction of Park View Drive North and South and the A4.

To consider the issues around the mini roundabout at the junction of Old Bath Road and Park Lane, especially in the light of the crash map data

Looking at the data, there is not enough concrete evidence to push for any major changes to the junction, despite the anecdotal evidence of many crashes there. However, the tree on the corner of Park Lane and Old Bath Road could do with cutting back to improve visibility.

To consider a request for double yellow lines on part of Milestone Avenue and whether the Council should put in a request for some in other parts of the village

There was some doubt as to whether Milestone Avenue was the top traffic priority, and that there were more dangerous spots in Charvil that would benefit more from double yellow lines, one being East Park Farm Drive. The clerk explained that the Council would need to provide evidence that there are safety concerns there.

Clerk's note: WBC have now provided the criteria for installing new double yellow lines, so the Councillors are aware of the evidence needed.

23/259 **Environment**

To approve the cost of buying 16 lime tree whips to replace those that have died.

Councillor Heath explained that some had not survived, so it would be a good idea to replace them.

To plan how to move forward with the acorn planting project

Councillor Heath ran through the process of preparing the acorns, and where he thought might be a good place to plant them. He thinks the scrub behind Chiltern Drive would be a good place, but the Council needs permission from Simon Bartlam. The Media assistant will be asked to advertise this project.

To hear an update on the Conservation group progress

The clerk met with Adrian Larkham and Teresa Verney-Brookes, who is very knowledgeable, and she advised that Adrian set a start date, and that would set the timeframe for getting a plan together.

To consider the possibility for green mapping

It was agreed that this would be a good idea as it would inform decisions well beyond the Neighbourhood Plan, and it was agreed to take a recommendation for approval to Full Council.

To hear an update on the Community Orchard

So far there are seven sponsors including Councillor Jones, and so another push will be made to find more. There will be ten more apple trees, one quince and one medlar. The planting date will be Sunday 3rd December.

To consider the Parish Council's view on the bin and grass cutting consultation

The Council could see the logic of the bins to be removed, but felt that some areas needed cutting more often, such as sightlines, pavements, cycle tracks and places where children play.

Clerk's note: she attended a meeting with Wokingham on this, and they will produce a word document so that the Council can provide a formal response.

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Planning

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To note the following planning approvals (277)

231557

Application for the proposed conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation plus changes to fenestration at 38, Gingells Farm Road

231695

Application for the proposed single-storey front extension with rooflights, garage conversion to create habitable accommodation and changes to fenestration at 41, Cheviot Drive

231512

Application for the proposed exterior of the dormer to be cladded with cement board at Uplands, Park Lane

There was also a discussion about a letter sent to the Chairman regarding the possible application for 75 new homes on Park Lane. She will reply in due course.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm