

**MINUTES OF THE WARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2017 AT THE OLD PAVILION 7.45 PM**

Meeting Ref: 17PC11

PRESENT Councillors Bush (Chairman), Cattermole, Davies, Etwell, Halsall, Luckwell and Mrs Pope.

In attendance Mr Hedges (Clerk & Proper Officer)
Ms Woods (Administrative Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Cardy

2. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLES ACT

No items for consideration

3. CHAIRMAN'S ADDENDUM

No items

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2017 BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE ITEM 9.4.2, WHICH WAS OMITTED IN ERROR. ITEM 9.4.2 VIRGIN MEDIA – INFORMATION HAS BEEN PASSED ON TO VIRGIN MEDIA CONCERNING REINSTATEMENT WORKS AND FEEDBACK ON THE FINAL TIMETABLE IS AWAITED.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 17PC10 Item 9.2.3 – Preschool Straw Bales

Clerk confirmed that the straw bales were removed from the Youth Centre on Friday 03 November 2017.

6.2 17PC03 Item 8.5.2 Woodclyffe Hall works – update

Contractors have reported that they do not produce a standard design bracket clock, but can give costings on designs they receive. Design options have been sourced from other contractors and given to the Heritage Trust as examples.

7. OPEN SESSION

There was one member of the Press and five members of the public present.

A member of the public discussed Virgin Media's remedial works, requesting that the Parish Council maintain pressure to ensure works are carried out. WBC have announced that Watermans Way will be resurfaced before Christmas.

Report of several beds of Floating Pennywort along the river and Hennerton Backwater. This is an invasive plant and has been reported to the Environment Agency and the local MP. Request that the Parish Council write to the Environment Agency asking for prompt action.

8. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Wokingham Borough Council's 21st Century Council reorganisation is continuing.

9. DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES

9.1 PLANNING & HIGHWAYS

9.1.1 Planning Applications

9.1.1.1 170107 – GTO Engineering, Gto House, Floral Mile, Hare Hatch RG10 9ES

Full application for the proposed erection of new service, repair and restoration motor vehicle centre (Use Class B2) with ancillary parking and landscaping following demolition of existing buildings.

Applicant: Mr Lyon

RESOLVED: TO INFORM THE PLANNING OFFICER THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION.

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If approved the following conditions are requested:

- *Plans specific*
- *Permitted development rights be withdrawn*
- *All pre-existing buildings be removed within 6 months of occupation.*

Note: Parish Council requests that improvements to the adjacent road junction (Mumbery Hill/A4) are sought to improve highway safety.

For information: The meeting considered that the reduction of hard standing, additional planting and softening of the site, as well as highway safety improvements being sought provide mitigating circumstances for this development in the Green belt.

- 9.1.1.2 172862 – Youngs Farm, Kentons Lane, Upper Culham, Reading RG10 8NX
Full application for the proposed erection of a replacement dwelling with basement following demolition of existing building.
Applicants: Mr and Mrs Young

Office

RESOLVED: TO INFORM THE PLANNING OFFICER THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO THE APPLICATION. THE PROPOSAL'S RELOCATION OF BULK AND MASS WOULD CAUSE HARM TO THE OPENNESS OF THE GREEN BELT IN THIS PROMINENT ELEVATED POSITION WITHIN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

Note: It is suggested that the application contains incorrect information within the Design and Access Statement relating to land also in the ownership and its associated usage. It is understood that the extent of the area identified in blue is incorrect.

- 9.1.1.3 172954 – Youngs Cottage, Kentons Lane, Wargrave RG10 8NX
Application for a certificate of existing lawful development for the use of the site as a single dwelling house.
Applicants: Mr and Mrs Walker

Office

RESOLVED: TO INFORM THE PLANNING OFFICER THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO EVIDENCE TO REFUTE OR SUPPORT THE APPLICATION.

- 9.1.1.4 172922 – The Old Clubhouse Studio, Crazies Hill Road, Crazies Hill, RG10 8LZ
Full application for the change of use of the existing building to children's day nursery.
Applicant: Ms Rebecca Hartley.
Two members of the public spoke to object to the application.

Clerk

RESOLVED: TO INFORM THE PLANNING OFFICER THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO THIS APPLICATION.

- *THE RESULTING INCREASE IN TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS WILL HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT UPON HIGHWAY SAFETY.*
- *INADEQUATE PARKING AND TURNING ARRANGEMENTS ON SITE.*

Note: It is suggested that the application contains insufficient and incorrect information to the detriment of the submission.

9.1.2 Local Planning Authority – Application Decisions Report
A report of the Borough’s planning decision notices had been circulated and duly noted.

9.1.3 Tree Preservation Orders Report
The decisions report was circulated and duly noted.

9.1.4 Highways
9.1.4.1 Street Naming and Numbering
No items

9.2 Recreation & Open Spaces
No items

9.3 Environment
No items.

9.4 Policy and General Purposes

9.4.1 Local Plan update – site assessment engagement 24 November
Wokingham Borough Council arranging a meeting with councillors on 24 November at Wokingham Library. Cllrs Cattermole and Luckwell to attend. Cllr Halsall will also be present as Ward Councillor. Cllr Etwell unable to attend this meeting.

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David Wilson Homes have contacted 3 local parish councils in respect of proposed development of a site. Only part of it is in Wargrave Parish boundaries, but development would impact on the parish. Noted that proposed development includes a site of potential school expansion that is in the parish. It was agreed to offer to host the meeting.

Clerk reported that an article is being drafted for the Wargrave News, to make residents aware of the Parish Council’s support for the Campaign to Protect Rural Wokingham and engage with local community to explore possibility of producing a neighbourhood plan. Cllr Halsall requested that discussion and decision on a neighbourhood plan be expedited.

Agreed to reconvene the working party on Green Belt Policy.

9.5 Buildings
No items

10 Finance

10.1 Readibus
PROPOSAL: TO CONTINUE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AS INVOICED.

Office

PROPOSED, CLLR MRS POPE, SECONDED, CLLR DAVIES. AGREED .

10.2 Bank Accounts
Report into services provided by potential alternative banks was presented and questions answered. It was recommended that the Council switch its banking arrangements to TSB. It was noted that the Council would be eligible to take advantage of the 18 month free banking deal with TSB.

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*RESOLVED: TO SWITCH THE COUNCIL’S BANKING ARRANGEMENTS TO THE TSB. THE MANDATE AS CURRENTLY APPROVED (Signatories – Cllrs Bush, Luckwell, Mrs Pope and Davies along with the Clerk – Mr S Hedges and RFO – Mrs M Quinn)
PROPOSED, CLLR CATTERMOLLE, SECONDED, CLLR ETWELL, AGREED.*

11. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION
No Items

12 **S.1(2), PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

To consider passing the following resolution:

“that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that the public be temporarily excluded and that they are instructed to withdraw”

12.1 Staffing.

It was reported that a suitable candidate for the position of Cleaner had been found. It was agreed to appoint Mrs Cain to the post.

The meeting concluded at 9:35pm