

At a Meeting of the
COUNCIL for the **PARISH of WRAYSBURY**
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on
Monday 16th January 2017

**Present: Councillors Mrs M Lenton (Chairman), J Lenton, G Sinclair, Ms S Nicholls,
Mrs D Hughes, E Larcombe, A Davies, A Moran, M Williams and the Clerk**

Before the meeting started Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised the Parish Council of the sad demise of Mr Neville Auton, a former County Councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council for many years. The Clerk is to send condolences to Mrs Auton on behalf of the Parish Council.

1/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr L Andrew.

2/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

3/17 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Henry Perez of Wraysbury Speed Watch voiced his surprise at the reception that he received at the last Parish Council meeting regarding his actions to bring the poor condition of pavements in the village to the attention of the Borough Council. He stated that he did not wish to cause any 'embarrassment' to the Parish Council as suggested by Cllr A Davies. Cllr Davies did not recall using the term 'embarrassment' but was concerned that Mr Perez contacted the Borough without prior consultation with the Parish especially as the condition of the pavements was an agenda item for the next meeting. Mr Perez reported that he understood from previous discussions with the Parish Council that pavements were a Borough issue and that any complaints should be directed to Streetcare. In contacting Mr Dudley at the Borough to arrange a meeting concerning the pavements Mr Perez stated that he was acting on his own interests as a resident and felt that he had informed the Parish of his actions. Cllr J Lenton advised that Streetcare should be contacted if a dangerous situation arose otherwise all complaints should be directed through the Parish Council. Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that she had accompanied the Chief Engineer from the Borough on an inspection of the pavements in the Village. He is in the process of drawing up a program of work to be included in next year's budget and hoped that this would draw a line under the matter.

4/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council discussed the following applications and made representation to the Local Authority as shown. Being a Member of the Development Control Panel, Councillor J Lenton left the room and took no part in the discussions.

Application Site	Application No.	Proposal	Summary of Parish Council Comments
4 Brookside Avenue Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5HB	16/03910 FULL	Construction of detached dwelling with attached garage following demolition of existing bungalow and garage.	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.

The following item was considered although not included in the agenda and will be included in the agenda for the next meeting for the benefit of public interest and for ratification.

Application Site	Application No.	Proposal	Parish Comment
29 Welley Rd Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5DW	17/00079 FULL	Hip to gable conversion and increased ridge height. First floor front extension to form new gable and enlargement of front dormer. Alterations to first floor rear dormers to convert the rear from a chalet bungalow to a two story dwelling and a single storey rear extension.	Objection on the grounds of the property becoming overbearing and unneighbourly.

The following items were considered at the last meeting due to time constraints and are included on this agenda for the benefit of public interest and for ratification. The comments were duly ratified.

Application Site	Application No.	Proposal	Parish Comment
4 Fairfield Rd Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5DU	16/03646 FULL	Enlargement of first floor front dormer and alterations to pitch roof.	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.
40 Station Rd Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5NN	16/03815 FULL	Two storey side extensions, single storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration, 7 no. roof lights, front canopy and new vehicular access.	Strongly object on grounds of overdevelopment in flood zones 2 & 3 and unneighbourly.

Cllr A Davies expressed his concern over the number of planning applications awaiting a decision from the Borough suggesting that the department is stretched. Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that other Parishes are experiencing the same problem and suggested we contact Datchet to address the problem bilaterally.

5/17 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th December 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct.

6/17 ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

Cllr J Lenton requested that the Clerk issues a list of actions arising from the meeting one week prior to the next agenda to allow time for all necessary actions to be undertaken.

Cllr Mrs M Lenton distribute a draft letter to the Secretary of State concerning the Fowles site for consideration by the Parish Council. The Clerk is to make some minor adjustments and post it.

7/17 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that she had received a complaint from a member of the public regarding the construction of some unsightly stables along Station Road by the entrance to the Dive Centre. Following the viewing of pictures sent by the lady in question it was decided to contact the enforcement officer as no planning permission had been sought.

8/17 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Apologies were received from Cllr C Rayner. Cllr J Lenton advised that;

- The Wraysbury Bridge project is over running and is over budget. The latest completion date is in 3 days time which he felt to be optimistic.
- Complaints have been received with regard to the lighting in Welley Road. The Borough can deal quickly with issues when lighting is on Council owned land however difficulties arise when it is not. The matter is in hand.
- Details of the Council Tax for next year have not been released.

9/17 REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS

Properties

- The Football Club have still not made any payment towards the outstanding amount. They advised the Clerk that a Local Charity had paid £650 in September but the Clerk had not received any such payment. Cllr Sinclair was under the impression that this had been agreed by the Village Trust. Cllr Moran, who is a member of the Committee, stated that this was not the case. The Club has contacted the local press stating that the Parish Council were harassing them. Cllr Moran advised the Parish Council to continue with the proposed eviction at the end of the season (July). Cllr Mrs M Lenton had explained to Slough Observer

that the Parish supports football in the Village but in the context of a properly run club that is able to provide audited accounts and meet all its costs. The Parish Council has a duty to protect public finances. It was decided to make 'The Future of Football in Wraysbury' an agenda item for next month where such items as a claim through the Small Claims Court, advertising for future clubs, the Parish Councils involvement in the committee of any new club and the proposed repossession date will be discussed. The Clerk is to advise Mr Warrington of the Football Club of the intentions of the Parish Council and copy in the FA and Frosts (sponsors). Proposed by Cllr Ms S Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Mrs D Hughes and voted for unanimously.

- The Play Park has been inspected and there is nothing to report.

Greens

- Annual activities have now been completed, the willows around the Green have been pollarded and no further activities are required until spring time.

Waterways

- Cllr Sinclair voiced his frustration at the lack of response from both the EA and the Borough on outstanding issues. The requested flood barrier maps for Datchet and Old Windsor have not yet been received from David Bedlington following his presentation. The Clerk is to chase.

Details of work carried out on the Wraysbury drain along with how the £125,000 has been spent were requested from Mrs Fox following her presentation and have not yet been received. The Clerk is to chase.

The tree trunk blocking a navigation channel by Kingfisher Island was to be removed by the EA (job no. 0144728). The job has now been downgraded following a riparian issue; if ownership can be proved then the responsibility to remove the tree is that of the land owner.

10/17 WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS

The History Group is due to meet later this week.

On the centenary anniversary of Armistice Day in 2018 Wraysbury will light the second beacon after Windsor and there is the possibility of an event in the Village Hall to follow.

11/17 FINANCE

a) The following payments were approved and the cheques signed accordingly.

Cheq No	Payee	Budget	Nett	VAT	Gross
5058	SLCC	Subs	£ 121.00		£ 121.00
5059	Southern Elec	Electricity	£ 1,158.76	£ 214.68	£ 1,373.44
5060	Staff A	Office	£ 115.29	£ 1.93	£ 117.22
	Staff A	Admin	£ 641.57		£ 641.57
	J Clemance	Vandalism	£ 30.00		£ 30.00
5061	Staff C	Labour	£ 203.20		£ 203.20
5062	HMRC	PAYE	£ 5.76		£ 5.76
5063	RC of B Pension Fund	Pension	£ 165.91		£ 165.91
5064	Garden Designs	Ann Tasks	£ 1,200.00	£ 240.00	£ 1,440.00
	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 564.15	£ 112.83	£ 676.98
	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 2,150.00	£ 430.00	£ 2,580.00
5065	British Legion	Sect 137	£ 50.00		£ 50.00
5066	D Hughes	NHPL	£ 30.00		£ 30.00
5067	F Parsons	NHPL	£ 82.73		£ 82.73
5068	Print & Deliver	NHPL	£ 194.94	£ 4.50	£ 199.44
5069	Print & Deliver	Replacement Cheqs nos 4935 & 4936			
5070	My Controller	Prof Services	£ 30.00		£ 30.00
SO	My Controller	Prof Services	£ 30.00		£ 30.00
SO	Rates	Property	£ 35.00		£ 35.00
DD	Bank Charges	Admin	£ -		£ -
	Total		£ 6,808.31	£ 1,003.94	£ 7,812.25

b) RFO Update – the Clerk advised that;

Southern Electricity have be advised of the meter readings and have agreed to calculated a more realistic estimate in future to spread the costs more evenly throughout the year. Cllr Ms S Nicholls asked if we were on the best tariff, the Clerk is to investigate.

c) Approval of Budget and Precept

The Clerk circulated the management accounts, the proposed 2017/18 Budget with suggested precept to the Parish Council for consideration. Following discussion the Budget was agreed with the precept being increased by 9.82% resulting in band D rise from £31.01 to £33.93. Proposed by Cllr Moran, seconded by Cllr Sinclair and voted for unanimously.

d) Approval of Risk Assessment

Cllr Larcombe asked how data is backed up. Cllr Lord advised that data is backed up but not off site and is not encrypted. Cllr Lord is to investigate. The revised Risk Assessment was proposed by Cllr Ms S Nicholls, seconded by Cllr J Lenton and vote for unanimously.

12/17 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The reformed NAG is to meet on 25th January where the issue of recent fraudulent attacks on the elderly is to be raised. People dressed as policemen have gained entry into residents' property in order to steal. Leaflets giving advice on how to protect ones self from such fraudulent activities have been delivered to the elderly in the Village. Cllr Mrs M Lenton has also addressed those attending 'Age Concern' on the subject.

13/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Mrs M Lenton confirmed that the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan would be presented to the Parish Council at the next meeting. A period of 2 weeks would be set aside for any comments to be received.

14/17 BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that if the Borough fail to complete the plan by the end of the year the Government could impose a plan. Cllr E Larcombe stated that he had submitted his own personal response to the plan. After discussion it was decided to object to the plan on the following grounds;

- The consultation period, 2nd December to 13th January, was far too short to allow for a full and considered response.
- The degree of confrontation between Wraysbury's Neighbourhood Plan and the Borough local Plan; Mr J Slater has been in correspondence with the Borough.
- With regard to flooding the plan does not represent the issues across the Borough.
- Objection to the proposed Tithe Farm development favouring development of brownfield sites. Cllr Davies circulated his thoughts on this proposed development under the flight path which is to be included in the objection.

The Clerk is to submit the objections on behalf of the Parish Council.

15/17 PAVEMENTS

As discussed in 'Questions from the Public'.

16/17 THE RIVER THAMES SCHEME

Cllr E Larcombe showed the latest aerial view of the Fowles site showing the extent of the concreted area in the flood plain. Cllr J Lenton advised that there is a Borough Liaison meeting tomorrow night where he will request that the EA are called to report to a scrutiny Committee.

17/17 THE QUEENSMEAD LAKE

Cllr G Sinclair has requested a meeting with Adam Afriyie MP to discuss the issue and has requested that Councillors forward their thought on the presentation by Affinity Water to him in preparation. The Parochial Charities have not yet responded to Cllr Sinclair's request to purchase £1000 of Affinity Water shares.

18/17 THE PARISH WEB SITE – promotion and updating

Cllrs Mrs L Andrew and P Lord are to meet to decide upon the best approach and report back at the next meeting.

19/17 MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING

None.

20/17 ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Full consideration of the Neighbourhood Plan.
The Future of Football in Wraysbury.

21/17 ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

22/17 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr A Davies that the press and the public be excluded from the next items on the agenda as the business to be discussed was of a confidential nature and would prejudicially affected by public interest. This proposal was made in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meeting) Act 1960. LGA 1972 ss 100 and 106. This was seconded by Cllr J Lenton and agreed without dissension.

.....Chairman Date