

At a Meeting of the
COUNCIL for the **PARISH of WRAYSBURY**
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on
Monday 18th January 2016

Present: Councillors Mrs M Lenton (Chairman), J Lenton, P Lord, A Moran, Ms S Nicholls, Mrs D Hughes, Mrs L Andrew, M Williams, E Larcombe, G Sinclair, A Davies, Finance Officer Mrs B Marlow and the Clerk (designate).

Before the meeting a minutes silence was held in remembrance of the late Mike Smith a former Chairman and Councillor of Wraysbury Parish Council. A donation of £50 is to be made on behalf of the Parish Council to the Parochial Charities, Mike's designated beneficiary.

1/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

2/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs L Andrew declared an interest in planning application number 15/03122 12-14 Welley Rd and did not speak on the matter.

3/16 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A representative from the Cricket Club asked why the security camera by The Green had been removed 2 months ago. Cllr J Lenton is to make enquiries.
He also asked for an update on the funding request for replacements nets. Cllr Moran confirmed that he had secured some 20% more than the £1700 originally requested. It was pointed out that as this funding was from section 106 funds the Parish Council would therefore be required to place the order.

4/16 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 took no part in the discussions.

Application Site	App. No	Proposal	Parish Council Comments
9 The Avenue Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5EY	15/04298 FULL	Construction of garage with ancillary accommodation, new access with gates and driveway following demolition of existing garage.	Objection on grounds of overdevelopment in an area like to flood.

38 Wharf Rd Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5JQ	15/04054 FULL	Construction of first floor extension with amendments to fenestration.	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.
Watersmeet House 18 Kingswood Creek Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5EN	15/04052 FULL	Raising and alteration/extension of roof to accommodate one rear, two front dormers and front porch.	Called in.
11 Nursery Way Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5DT	15/04235 Cert of Lawfulness	To determine whether the single storey side extension with 3 roof lights is lawful.	Noted

The following items were 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.

3 Welley Avenue Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5HE	16/00032 FULL	Two storey front and side, part single part two storey rear extension, front canopy, new first floor with loft conversion to create new two storey dwelling with amendments to fenestration following demolition of existing kitchen, games room and garage.	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.
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5/16 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st December 2015 were agreed and signed as a correct following minor alterations.

6/16 ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

None

7/16 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- The Borough advised that footpath 9 will be dressed to alleviate the problem of the muddy surface. Also with regard to Wraysbury Footpath 8c the Borough has requested that the pathway be widened and that the barbed wire be removed.
- Mr S Carter advised the Parish Council that pharmacists are currently under review by the NHS. Wraysbury Pharmacy does not meet the footfall threshold of 7000 with a footfall of 5000. This could result in closure however he is stressing the importance of the village Chemist due to the age of local residents and additional services offered such as delivery of prescriptions and support.
- The River Thames Alliance has enquired whether or not the Parish Council would like to become members for a cost of £25. It was unsure what the Alliance actually does.

8/16 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

None.

9/16 REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS

Properties

- Cllr Moran reported that he and Cllr Mrs L Andrew had completed an inspection of the playground equipment and found that several items needed to be addressed. The priority being the large slide which is to be fenced off until repairs can take place. Cllr Moran stated that he had secured £2968 of 106 monies for informal sports but could only be used for new equipment and not repairs.
- Cllr Moran also confirmed that £8500 had also be secured for formal outdoor sports and this would allow for request by both the Cricket and Football Clubs to be met.
- Cllr Moran requested that a container be purchased by the Parish Council to store flood equipment. This was proposed by Cllr A Davis, seconded by Cllr G Sinclair and agreed unanimously.

Greens

- Cllr Williams advised that the clearance of the ditch along the Green had taken place.

Waterways

- Cllr Sinclair gave a presentation on the history of Queensmead Lake and the 34 acre site. No correspondence has been received from Affinity Water with regard to the proposed meeting to discuss 'controlled access' to the lake. Cllr Sinclair is in possession of 2 proof of evidence documents from 1973 which state the lake will be landscaped and offered for use by the public for recreational purposes. Cllr Moran stated that the Planning Consent Documents would be required to pursue the case and that he would make enquiries to the Borough. Cllr Sinclair is to electronically copy all the evidence and prepare a signed deposition ready for the next Parish Council Meeting.

10/16 WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS

None

11/16 FINANCE

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

Ch.No	Payee	Budget	Nett	VAT	Gross	
	Staff Costs . F	Admin	360.00		360.00	
	Staff Costs. A	Admin	322.72		322.72	
	HMRC	Admin	94.80		94.80	
	Staff Costs . G	Admin	203.20		203.20	
	Office Costs F	Admin	50.00		50.00	
	Home Office A	Admin	53.87		56.87	
	RBWM	Election	327.50		327.50	
	SDK	Dog Waste	252.72	50.54	303.26	
	G Sinclair	Xmas Tree	150.00	30.00	180.00	
	Pennyfields	Cleaning	86.20		86.20	
	Wraysbury Parochial					
	Charity	M Smith	50.00		50.00	
	M Lenton	Stall V/Fair	40.00		40.00	
	Village Hall	Section 13	100.00		100.00	
			2094.01	80.54	2174.55	
	Post Dated					
	D Frances	Container	1540.00	308.00	1848.00	Funding to be Received.

(b) To Receive the RFO's Report.

The RFO's report was discussed. Adoption of the report was proposed by Cllr Ms S Nicholls and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Hughes. The Parish Councillors were unanimously in favour.

(c) Consider approval of the Precept for 2016/17.

Following no adverse comments to the draft precept supported at the December meeting the approval of a precept of £66,200, an increase of 4.97%, was proposed by Cllr A Davis and seconded by Cllr Ms S Nicholls. The Parish Councillors were unanimously in favour.

(d) External Audit

Mrs B Marlow recommended that the External Audit Small Authorities Appointments Ltd would be preferable to Self-Appointment of an External Auditor due to the cost benefits. This was proposed by Cllr J Lenton and seconded by Cllr M Williams. The Parish Councillors were unanimously in favour.

(e) To consider a proposal to the Annual Parish Meeting (April 25th) to release Ring Fenced Funds held (£2038.26)

This was proposed by Cllr Ms S Nicholls and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Andrew. The Parish Councillors were unanimously in favour.

12/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

The consultant appointed, Mr John Slater, is to attend a meeting of the Steering Group on 1st February between 3.30 and 6.30pm to discuss the Plan so far.

Mrs L Holden has started to compile a report of background information.

A survey is to be undertaken on house building requirements within the village. Concerns were raised as to how this survey is to be distributed ensuring both young and old residents have access.

Once a Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been approved it will be distributed to all residents.

13/16 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

The Consultation Report on the proposed changes to the National Planning Policy has been distributed to all Councillors. The Parish Council need to reply by 22nd February. It was proposed that Councillors circulate any comments to one another and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

14/16 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Cllr Mrs M Lenton reported that she has reserved 2 pitches for the Village Fair on behalf of the Parish Council. Mrs Marlow confirmed that the Parish Council does have public liability for such events but the Insurance Company must be advised nearer to the date.
- At a meeting with Hythe End residents concerning the Fowles Site it was decided that Vice Chairman Cllr Mr P Lord is to act as link with the action group. Cllr J Lenton reported that enforcement procedures were going through but taking time and residents were becoming impatient.

15/16 CELEBRATIONS THIS YEAR

Cllr Mrs M Lenton proposed the revival of the Magna Carta Activities Group to arrange some celebrations within the Village for the Queen's 90th birthday this year. There is some money remaining in the Magna Carta Fund that could be used to fund a picnic and celebrations on the Green on the 11th June. A letter of congratulations is to be sent from the Parish Council to the Queen on her actual birthday in August.

Cllr Mrs M Lenton also proposed a Christmas Fair to be held in the High Street between the Perseverance Pub and Frosts Estate Agents requiring the road to be closed for the one day. Cllr G Sinclair felt sure that this would receive the support of the Village Trust.

16/16 THE RIVER THAMES SCHEME

Cllr E Larcombe expressed his concerns that the proposed scheme would not materialise due to funding issues.

17/16 HORTON AND WRAYSBURY DRAIN CLEARANCE

Cllr J Lenton confirmed that work to clear the drain will continue through the winter months. Cllr E Larcombe stated that there is now a small amount of water flow through the Splash.

18/16 GRANT FOR MAINTENANCE OF DEFIBRILLATOR MACHINE

A grant of £100 to the Village Hall for the maintenance of the defibrillator machine was approved unanimously.

19/16 WRAYSBURY STATION RAILWAY BRIDGE

Mr H Perez from the Speed Watch Group confirmed that they had reached the target of 1000 signatures in support of the proposed plans for Wraysbury Station Bridge. The full support of both Wraysbury and Horton Parish Councils has been given.

Cllr J Lenton warned that despite the 1400 signatures gained there may be a degree of 'petition fatigue' within the Borough Council. Also he suggested that it needs to be confirmed where the application is in the funding scheme. With the expense of the extension to Wraysbury Primary School and the Wraysbury Drain clearance, funds were very unlikely to be available until 2017/18. Mrs Marlow stated that if the estimated £100k required for the scheme was to be raised through the precept it would require an approximate 25% increase in the precept and again would not be available until 2017/18.

It was suggested that at the planning meeting it should be stressed that;

- Approximately 65 to 70% of those who signed the petition are Wraysbury residents whilst the remained are mostly those who use the station to access businesses within the village.
- There has been one fatality and injuries due to road safety issues although not in the past 10 years.
- Disabled residents and parents with push chairs are unable to cross the bridge safely.
- The number of people using the Station has increased.

20/16 MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING

None

21/16 ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS

- Comments on the Proposed Changes to the National Planning Policy.

22/16 ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public wished to confirm that Cllr J Lenton had received his email. Cllr J Lenton advised that he had and that he would respond to it shortly.

23/16 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr G Sinclair 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