

At a Meeting of the  
**COUNCIL** for the **PARISH of WRAYSBURY**  
held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

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

**The meeting was preceded by a minutes silence in memory of Mrs Betty Marlow the Parish Clerk for Horton who had ably assisted and advised Wraysbury Parish Council.**

**137/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs L Andrew and C Rayner.

**138/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**139/16 PRESENTATION BY AFFNITY WATER ON ACCESS TO QUEENSMEAD LAKE**

Affinity Water was represented by ; Adam Warner, Community Stakeholder Manager, Anna Jarmolinska, Corporate Responsibility Manager, and Craig Huckle, Estates Manager. Maydencroft, the consultants were represented by Jon Collins and Matt Perry.

Adam Warner gave a brief history of the correspondence between Affinity Water and the Parish Council over the years. Discussions concerning restricted public access to Queensmead Lake began in 1973. The instructed Manorcroft to carry out an independent feasibility study in order to produce a definitive answer.

Jon Collins described the process of their study; visits to the site, a desk study of the access, history and ecology along with visits to other green spaces in the area.

He stated that the Lake had 2 main functions as a storage facility for Egham Water Treatment Works; an emergency supply if the main source is contaminated and a raw supply to blend with the main supply.

The report consider 4 different scenarios with the consequences;

1. Allow no access at all – little effect, slight benefit to water quality but reduced security (less policing)
2. Continue to allow access to the Angling Club – no change.
3. Allow restricted public access- slight adverse effect on the water quality and integrity of the resource. Controls and monitoring would be necessary.
4. Allow full access- increased risk of contamination and misuse and damage to the site.

Affinity Water Concluded that due to the fact that Queensmead Lake is a ‘pinch point’ in the alternative supply to Egham WTW makes it strategically very important and they had a responsibility to protect the integrity of the Lake. They had therefore made the decision not to permit restricted public access. They would look to improve facilities for the public at Heron and Wraysbury Lakes.

Cllr G Sinclair stated that he had 2 proofs of evidence relating to the planning application appeal of 1974 stating that a condition of approval was to allow public access for recreational purposes. It was also stated that the vegetation along the Wraysbury Rd would be kept under control to allow residents to enjoy the view across the Lake. Neither of these two promises have been met. He questioned Affinity Water's increased pollution fears; the Lake being next to a breakers yard where the ground is heavily contaminated, the M25 and Heathrow Airport. Furthermore Heron Lake, used for boating etc., and Queensmead Lake are connected by a large tunnel so any pollution would transfer between the two. Cllr Sinclair proposed a 2 year trial where 40 registered key holders would be allowed access and the effects be monitored and recorded. Mr Huckle was concerned that this would undermine the security Of the Lake.

Cllr Davies questioned what sort of contamination Affinity Water were concerned about. Mr Huckle stated an act of intent, a terrorist act, they were instructed by DEFRA and had to demonstrate compliance. He stated that the Lake had been use many times over the years to provide a safe water supply to the local community and they had a responsibility to ensure that this facility was protected.

Cllr A Moran questioned the purposed of comparing Queensmead Lake (6.9 ha) with Gratfham (628 ha) and Rutland Water (1,260 ha). Mr Collins agreed it was not an ideal comparison. Cllr Moran pointed out an error in the calculation of nitrate concentration following the introduction of 920kg of nitrate into the Lake but also question were they thought this quantity of nitrate was going to come from. Mr Collins apologised but did not offer an answer to the second point.

Cllr D Hughes suggested that the provision of 40 select key holders would in fact increase levels of security.

Cllr P Lord questioned why a cost analysis had been included as it had no consequence upon the contractual obligations of Affinity Water. No response. He also asked what action was taken to alleviate the problem of pollution cause by Heathrow. Adam Warner did not know but would consult with the scientists responsible for any treatment and get back to the Parish Council.

Cllr Larcombe suggested that Affinity Water should consider their position on this issue in light reputation and good will within the community.

Mr H Perez from the public questioned the brief of Maydencroft. Mr Collins confirmed that they had been instructed to carry out an independent report on access to the Lake without prejudice.

Cllr M Lenton thanked Affinity Water for attending the meeting and requested that they return at a later dated once all the Councils points had been considered. Mr Warner stated the decision made by Affinity Water was a definitive answer to the request of limited public access but would advise the Parish Council of the answers to question that he was not in a position to answer at the meeting. They would also consider reimbursing the Parish Council for the gate at the entrance to the site.

## **140/16 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A member of the Cricket Club questioned the costs of property insurance for the Cricket Pavilion. Cllr A Moran assured him that he is in the process of re negotiating the policy but stated that the policy needed to have the necessary levels of cover.

The cost of the bench bases was also questioned. Cllr Moran explained that the Parish Council gone out to tender and the lowest quoted was accepted. Cllr M Lenton confirmed that his procedure had to be complied with by the Parish Council.

## 141/16 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 left the room and took no part in the discussions.

Application Site	App No.	Proposal	Parish Council Comments
<b>Sovereigns Friary Island Old Ferry Drive Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5JS</b>	16/02070 FULL	Detached garage following demolition of existing garage.	Objection due to the lack of flood voids.
<b>17 Kingswood Creek Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5EN</b>	16/02002 FULL	Timber shed extension (retrospective)	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.
<b>Breakers yard and land adjacent to breakers yard. Gloucester Drive Wraysbury, Staines TW19</b>	16/02133 OUTLINE	Outline application with all matters reserved: Erection of 6 x detached dwellings with associated works.	It is felt that a small development of 6 properties would improve the area. A proportion of smaller properties would be preferred. There needs to be clarification of the boundary lines and the flood plain. Called in.

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

<b>19 Ouseley Road Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5JB</b>	16/01774 FULL	Part single, part two storey rear extension, enlargement of front dormer windows and alterations to fenestration.	Objection on the grounds that flood allowance has already been use in previous extension.
<b>Bridgewater, Friary Island Old Ferry Drive Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5JS</b>	16/01880 FULL	Replacement dwelling and construction of detached annexe following the demolition of existing garage/outbuilding.	No objection subject to compliance with local policies. Slightly over the 16m2 limit; the planning officer may object.

The Clerk notified the Councillors that planning application no. 16/01108/VAR 6 Friary Island is to be considered by the panel on 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at Holy Trinity CE School Sunningdale.

## **142/16 COUNCIL MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct.

## **143/16 ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING**

- Land adjacent to the Tanning shop is being used for airport parking; this is to be investigated.
- The Village car park licence needs extending. R K Leisure to be contacted. The 2 hour parking limit is not enforceable, whilst there is no objection to overnight parking long term parking during shop opening times is a problem. Parking on pavements is still a problems to pedestrians, especially those with push chairs and wheel chair bound residents. Cllr E Larcombe is to produce a letter to be place on offenders' windscreens.

## **144/16 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that the 'Fun in the Sun' activities were now confirmed and would take place on the Memorial Ground on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August. The Clerk is to write to the Village Halls to request the use of the toilets for the event.

## **145/16 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr J Lenton advised that there had been yet another incident on the junction of Windsor and Ouseley Road. The Borough were currently considering two option for the corner; an 'Armco' crash barrier and a 'Trief' curb.

## **146/16 REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS**

### **Properties**

- Cllr Moran advised that Reeds Garage would like change in the lease to allow for the sale of cars on the site. The proposal would be considered once formally received. No objection subject to compliance with local policies. They also confirmed that they would consider surrendering the lease to renegotiate a new one and possibly purchasing the land from the Parish Council.
- Cllr Moran advised that he is in the process of re negotiating the property insurance policy but was not having much success in finding a lower quote. Policies had to be on a like for like basis to be a fair comparison.
- Despite writing to the Football Club requesting details of their AGM no response has been received. No accounts have been received and the necessary officers are not in place. The Clerk advised that 2 invoices have been issued for property insurance for 2014/15 and 2015/16 totalling £1932.41; no response has been received. Cllr Mrs M Lenton suggested that unless they comply with the requirements of the lease notice to leave should be served in August. This was proposed by Cllr A Davies and seconded by Cllr D Hughes and agreed to unanimously. The Clerk is to formally advise Mr J Stephenson of the Parish Council's decision and copy in the Football Association.

- Following a search of the Land Registry Cllr A Moran advised that none of the land owned by the Parish Council was registered; this needs to be rectified.

### Greens

- Garden Designs were struggling to keep up with the rate of grow currently being experienced.
- Cllr Williams advised that a resident had complained about the excessive undergrowth make walking from Wraysbury Village centre eastwards along the Staines Road to Wraysbury Road and the roundabout at the end of Heron Road very difficult. As much of this is from residential properties Cllr Williams would contact RBWM to issue clearance enforcement papers.

### Waterways

- Cllr Sinclair reported that the Splash was rapidly drying out again. The drain clearance contractor were still working but sporadically.
- Cllr Sinclair advised that the tree trunk in the Wraysbury side of the River had not yet been removed but Scott Salmon had assured him that it would be done.

## **147/16 WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS**

None

## **148/16 FINANCE**

The following payments were approved and the cheques signed according.

Cheq No	Payee	Budget	Nett	VAT	Gross
4992	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 814.15	£ 162.83	£ 976.98
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4993	SSE	Property	£ 174.40	£ 8.71	£ 183.11
4994	SDK	Dog Bins	£ 256.32	£ 51.26	£ 307.58
4995	Wraysbury Jazz Club	Magna Carta	£ 480.00		£ 480.00
4996	Wraysbury Village Halls	Magna Carta	£ 260.00		£ 260.00
		HWNP	£ 63.00		£ 63.00
4997	Staff C	Labour	£ 203.20		£ 203.20
4998	Staff A	Admin	£ 644.12		£ 644.12
	Staff A	Office	£ 135.45		£ 135.45
4999	HMRC	PAYE	£ 4.80		£ 4.80
5000	Wraysbury PCC	G/Party Stall	£ 15.00		£ 15.00
5001	A Inger	Magna Carta	£ 241.71		£ 241.71
5002	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 337.50	£ 67.50	£ 405.00
		Greens	£ 748.00	£ 149.60	£ 897.60
		Greens	£ 305.00	£ 61.00	£ 366.00
DD	Rates	Property	£ 35.00		£ 35.00
DD	Bank Charges	Admin			£ -
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£ 5,326.80</b>	<b>£ 622.73</b>	<b>£ 5,949.53</b>

## Income

Scouts Electricity	£	122.08
Scouts Property Ins 2015/16	£	1,972.23
Parochial Charities (container)	£	1,540.00
Village Halls (hanging baskets)	£	144.00
Total	£	<b>3,778.31</b>

### RFO Update

The year-end accounts are nearly complete but cannot be sent to an internal auditor until two missing bank statements have been received, Cllr Williams is to chase Nat West. The Clerk enquired as to the preferred auditor to be used and it was agreed to use the auditor used by Datchet.

### **149/16 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that a table is to be book for the Parish Council at the Church Garden Party on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September to present the Neighbourhood Plan and start the consultation and show details of the plans for Wraysbury Bridge.

### **150/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP**

Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that the next meeting will be held on Thursday with the consultant. Good progress is being made. Cllr A Moran asked if the end of industrial use (the scrap yard) will affect the Neighbourhood Plan. This was not the case. The issue of Queensmead Lake could be could be included in the designated open spaces.

### **151/16 THE RIVER THAMES SCHEME**

Cllr E Larcombe attended a Borough meeting; the plan is still progressing.

### **152/16 PAROCHIAL CHARITIES TRUSTEES**

Cllr Ms S Nicholls is to contact Cllr L Andrew to discuss any progress on contacting the candidates.

### **153/16 VILLAGE VERGES**

Cllr P Lord showed three area of concern when looking at the deterioration of verges due to parking. Various option were discussed; laybys, grasscrete and bollards. The Highways Agency is to be invited to take a look and advise on the best solution.

## **154/16 HONORARY FELLOW NOMINATIONS**

The family of Mrs Betty Marlow had been presented with a scroll declaring her status as the first Honorary Fellow of the Village in recognition of outstanding contribution to Wraysbury over the years. It was decided that nominations for further Honorary Fellows would be made by Councillors at the next meeting. (Part 2)

## **155/16 THE VISIT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL TO WRAYSBURY 1**

R K Leisure have invited the Parish Councillors to visit the newly refurbished facilities in the evening of 6th of July. Although there is to be no open access R K Leisure are keen to include the local community in any way they can. They are intending to hold an open day on 6<sup>th</sup> August and to invite the local schools and village groups to attend specific events.

## **156/16 HISTORY OF WRAYSBURY/ARCHIVE PROJECT**

Suggested the launch of a History project within the Village to capture memories of long standing residents. It was proposed that a special meeting be called of 2/3 Councillors and that Mrs Tony Kimber be asked to act as archivist.

## **157/16 WRAYSBURY BRIDGE**

It was reported that work is due to start in October and be completed in November.

## **158/16 MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING**

None

## **159/16 ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

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## **160/16 ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

## **161/16 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

