

At a Meeting of the  
**COUNCIL** for the **PARISH of WRAYSBURY**  
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

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

**206/16 PRESENTATION BY THE EA ON PROPOSED FLOOD MEASURERS**

Mr Bedlington, the Environmental Agency's area flood and coastal risk manager for the Thames catchment area, presented the EA's plan to employ 2.5 km of temporary metal barriers in the event of a flood. He stated that the River Thames Scheme is still progressing and that this interim measure would in no way detract from the long term plan. A map of the proposed location of the barriers was circulated.

He advised that the barriers would not protect all the properties in the Village and there was no guarantee they would work but they had proved successful elsewhere. The police, fire brigade and other emergency services would be deployed to instigate the plan should flood warnings be issued.

Cllr Mrs M Lenton expressed her concern that the plan did not take account of the southerly end of the Village, stopping at Magna Carta Lane.

Mr D Francis, flood warden, expressed his annoyance that the EA had not made any effort to consult with the flood wardens to make use of their local knowledge when considering any future flood plan. In his view the barriers would have little effect as water comes up through the gravel beds and extensive pumping would be required.

Mr H Perez was concerned that this plan would take away time and finances from other schemes. Mr Bedlington assured that this was not the case and that such barriers had been successful in Oxford where similar geology exists. The plan had no cost other than man power, as the equipment already exists and high volume pumps would be deployed. Cllr Ms S Nicholls felt the plan should be given a chance.

Cllr P Lord had concerns regarding the effect of the water being pumped downstream along with flooding from the Colne Brook on the southern end of the Village. Mr Bedlington advised that the volume of water being pumped would have very little impact on the overall river flows downstream.

Cllr A Moran had concerns over the need to close off roads, having to evacuate people from approximately 100 riverside properties in order to save 140 or so properties.

Cllr G Sinclair stated that in order to appreciate the overall effect of the plan details of the proposed plans for Datchet and Old Windsor would need to be studied.

Cllr A Davies urged the EA to meet with local people such as the flood wardens to ensure the most effective plan is instigated.

Cllr Mrs M Lenton thanked Mr Bedlington for his time and requested that he or Mr Salmon return with updates and answers to the Parish Councillors' questions.

## **207/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

## **208/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **209/16 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr Morgan of the Cricket Club advised that the outstanding insurance premium would be paid shortly. He then went on to ask who was responsible for cleaning the toilets in the Cricket Club. Cllr A Moran advised that now the toilets were no longer public toilets that this responsibility lies with the Cricket Club. Mr Morgan also inquired why the paving outside the pavilion had not been repaired as part of the insurance claim. Cllr A Moran advised that much improved doors had been installed using up monies that would have been used for the replacement of the paving.

The Parish Council had raised concerns over the proposed replacement kitchen as full details had not been received and consent had not been sought; the Parish Council has a duty to insure that building regulations are fully complied with when any work is carried out. Mr Morgan stated that they only intended to replace a few rotten cabinets.

Cllr Mrs M Lenton expressed her objection to the manner in which she was confronted by the treasurer of the Cricket Club at a public meeting, stating that it was entirely inappropriate. She went on to request that Mr Morgan should consult with Cllr A Moran concerning any proposed works. It was agreed by all that a new lease for the cricket Club should be drawn up as the current one was out of date and no longer totally relevant.

## **210/16 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.

| <b>Application Site</b>                                  | <b>App No.</b>                | <b>Proposal</b>  | <b>Parish Council Comments</b>                                |
|--|-------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>40 Riverside<br/>Wraysbury, Staines<br/>TW19 5JN</b>  | 16/03034<br>FULL              | Single storey rear extension with balcony and glazed guarding above and alterations to fenestration. | <b>No objection subject to compliance with local policies</b> |
| <b>36 The Island<br/>Wraysbury, Staines<br/>TW19 5AS</b> | 16/01768<br>FULL<br>amendment | Construction of dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling.                                  | <b>No objection subject to compliance with local policies</b> |

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.

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| <b>Spinneyside<br/>Mede Close<br/>Wraysbury, Staines TW19<br/>5AE</b>            | 16/03120<br>FULL | First floor side extension,<br>replacement of windows and<br>formation of ground floor<br>loggia.   | <b>Objection on grounds of<br/>over development.</b>                          |
| <b>16 Waylands<br/>Wraysbury, Staines<br/>TW19 5DZ</b>                           | 16/03126<br>FULL | Single storey rear extension,<br>part single part two storey side<br>extension, loft conversion to a<br>habitable accommodation and<br>alterations to fenestration. | <b>Strongly object on grounds<br/>of no permitted<br/>development rights.</b> |
| <b>Kingfisher Cottage<br/>13 Ferry Lane,<br/>Wraysbury, Staines<br/>TW19 6HG</b> | 16/02968<br>FULL | Alterations to existing store<br>rooms into habitable spaces to<br>provide further living<br>accommodation 2 no new roof<br>lights.                                 | <b>Objection due to lack of<br/>information.</b>                              |

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   |
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| <b>Watersmeet House,<br/>18 Kingswood creek<br/>Wraysbury, Staines<br/>TW19 5EN</b> | 16/02695<br>FULL                         | First floor front extension,<br>alterations and extension to<br>the roof to provide additional<br>habitable accommodation with<br>3x front & 3x rear dormers.<br>Single storey side/rear<br>extension.           | <b>Objection on the grounds that<br/>this is out of keeping with<br/>area.</b> |
| <b>41 Ouseley Rd<br/>Wraysbury, Staines<br/>TW19 5NY</b>                            | 16/02779<br>FULL                         | Replacement conservatory   | <b>No objection subject to<br/>compliance with local policies</b>              |
| <b>63 Welley Road<br/>Wraysbury, Staines<br/>TW19 5ER</b>                           | 16/02887<br>FULL                         | Replacement dwelling with<br>integral garage.  | <b>No objection subject to<br/>compliance with local policies</b>              |
| <b>6 Acacia Avenue<br/>Wraysbury, Staines<br/>TW19 5HD</b>                          | 16/02903<br>VARIATION<br>UNDER REG<br>73 | Construction of a replacement<br>dwelling with undercroft<br>garage as approved under<br>planning permission<br>15/02456 without complying<br>with condition 5 (sustainability<br>measures) to vary the wording. | <b>Objection to removal of<br/>condition.</b>                                  |

Cllr Mrs D Hughes, Lead member for Planning is to write to the RBWM Planning Department to convey the concerns of the Parish Council over the length of time given for the Parish Council to reach and submit their decisions on planning applications. Also that Parish comments are not being included on the Borough web site.

### **211/16 COUNCIL MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct.

### **212/16 ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr E Larcombe voiced his object to fencing at the rear of 6 Acacia Avenue. He was advised that nothing could be done.

Cllr E Larcombe also objected to the Bell bollards recently installed in the High Street following a number of instances where cars had been caught on them. Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that the bollards had been installed at great cost to prevent the private road being used as a turning circle and are to remain.

### **213/16 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that Kevin Blazer of Langley Fire Station had been in contact as they are interested in liaising with local communities regarding flood response and water safety. Cllr A Moran is to contact Mr Blazer.

### **214/16 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr J Lenton advised that;

- The enforcement officer has been in attendance at the Hythe End waste disposal site.
- The action against Fowles continues.
- RK Leisure is due to hold their open day on 30<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 4pm.
- The works to Wraysbury Bridge are due to start shortly.
- The Borough is planning to provide a new 2.5m wide path on the east side of Staines Road between Wraysbury Village and Magna Carta Lane under the Safer Routes to School Scheme. Cllr Mrs D Hughes advised that the pavements between the Village and Mafeking Road are in need of repair with over grown verges; a request is to be made to Highways. Cllr Moran questioned why the planned paths are 2.5m wide, he was advised to allow for possible future cycle lanes. He suggested that the budget of £100,000 would be better spent elsewhere especially as there is a path on the other side of the road. Cllr J Lenton stated that the scheme would allow for a continuous path without the need for crossing.
- Sue Fox from RBWM is to attend the next Parish Meeting at 7pm to give an update on the Wraysbury Drain.

## **215/16 REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS**

### **Properties**

- The Play Park has been inspected and repairs have been carried out to the infant play centre. There are some dead branches on the tree which need attention.
- The Football Club reported a leak in the Club roof. They were advised that under their lease is their duty to maintain the building.
- It appears that the cover provided by two Parish Insurance Policies with Zurich and Aviva overlap. Cllr Moran has been investigating the idea of Zurich providing full cover for both buildings and public liability. Due to the flood risk and previous claims the excess with Aviva is very high; £7500 and the premiums for flood cover are also very high. He suggested that the Parish Council considers not taking out flood cover and using the considerable saving to set up a flood hedge fund. A decision will be made when quotes are received.
- Julie Freeman of Reeds Garage whose lease runs out in 9 years has requested that we investigate one of the following options;  
A) Value the land with a view to selling it  
B) Give her an option on a new lease or  
C) Enter into a new lease now to provide security.  
Cllr A Moran is to investigate and advise.  
Ms Freeman also enquired about the possibility of stopping the car wash business in favour of selling cars on the forecourt. Planning permission and a formal application must be submitted.

### **Greens**

- Cllr M Williams reported that a tree had been cleared from the Wraysbury Drain.
- Willow trees around the edge of the Cricket Green will need some attention and should be included in the budget for next year.
- The Village Club has complained that tree roots are affecting their patio area and the canopy is over hanging the garden area. Garden Designs have inspected the area have quoted £645 + VAT to reduce the canopy by 30%. The work was agreed to unanimously.

### **Waterways**

- Cllr Sinclair reported that the Wraysbury Drain was blocked between Hythe End and Magna Carta Lane. He suggested the use of sleepers to retain water in the drain. The matter is to be discussed at the next meeting with Sue Fox.
- The issue of Queensmede Lake needs to be addressed and will be an agenda item next month.

## **216/16 WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS**

The History group met and discussed proposed chapters for the book along with those responsible for acquiring information for the variety of subjects. The next meeting is due on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## 217/16 FINANCE

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

| Cheq No | Payee                 | Budget   | Nett              | VAT             | Gross             |
|---------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 5020    | Your Web Services Ltd | Admin    | £ 10.00           | £ 2.00          | £ 12.00           |
| 5021    | SDK                   | Dog Bins | £ 256.32          | £ 51.26         | £ 307.58          |
| 5022    | Net Gov Comm          | Training | £ 249.00          | £ 49.80         | £ 298.80          |
| 5023    | Staff A               | Office   | £ 150.17          | £ 7.16          | £ 157.33          |
|         | Staff A               | Admin    | £ 641.57          |                 | £ 641.57          |
| 5024    | Staff C               | Labour   | £ 203.20          |                 | £ 203.20          |
| 5025    | HMRC                  | PAYE     | £ 5.76            |                 | £ 5.76            |
| 5026    | Signs & Display       | NHPL     | £ 185.00          | £ 37.00         | £ 222.00          |
| 5027    | Garden Designs        | Greens   | £ 588.00          | £ 117.60        | £ 705.60          |
|         | Garden Designs        | Greens   | £ 210.00          | £ 42.00         | £ 252.00          |
|         | Garden Designs        | Greens   | £ 699.15          | £ 139.83        | £ 838.98          |
|         | Garden Designs        | Greens   | £ 420.00          | £ 84.00         | £ 504.00          |
|         | Garden Designs        | Greens   | £ 180.00          | £ 36.00         | £ 216.00          |
|         | Garden Designs        | Greens   | £ 449.15          | £ 89.83         | £ 538.98          |
| 5028    | Village Hall          | NHPL     | £ 42.00           |                 | £ 42.00           |
| 5029    | G Sinclair            |          | £ 51.98           |                 | £ 51.98           |
| 5030    | My Controller         | Pension  | £ 120.00          | £ 24.00         | £ 144.00          |
| 5031    | RC of B Pension Fund  | Pension  | £ 165.91          |                 | £ 165.91          |
| DD      | Rates                 | Property | £ 35.00           |                 | £ 35.00           |
| DD      | Bank Charges          | Admin    |                   |                 |                   |
| DD      | ICO                   | Admin    | £ 35.00           |                 | £ 35.00           |
| DD      | Loan                  | Loan     | £ 3,883.65        |                 | £ 3,883.65        |
|         | Total                 |          | <b>£ 8,580.86</b> | <b>£ 680.48</b> | <b>£ 9,261.34</b> |
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b) RFO Update

The 6 month management accounts were circulated. It was pointed out that there had been an over spend in three areas, this was due to the decision to increase the proposed grant to the Village Halls, to obtain a revaluation of properties for insurance purposes and hanging baskets being more costly than expected. A finance meeting had been held earlier that day to discuss a response to the audit report the budget and insurance.



