

At a Meeting of the
COUNCIL for the **PARISH** of **WRAYSBURY**
held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on
Monday 21st November 2016

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

226/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs D Hughes

227/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Davis declared an interest in planning application 16/03275 Concorde Garage; his garden backs onto the boundary of the site. He spoke for 2 minutes on the application and then made no further comment.

228/16 PROGRESS REPORT ON WRAYSBURY DRAIN BY MRS S FOX

Mrs Sue Fox firstly thanked local residents for their co-operation with the contractors working on the Drain. She then advised that certain works that had been prioritised had been completed; vegetation, debris and silt clearance from a considerable stretch of the Drain. The stretch through the Wraysbury Dive Centre had not been completed due to ground conditions at the later end of the year. A further £25,000 has been approved by the Borough to continue with works. Mrs Fox requested that the Parish Councillors consider how best this money should be spent. She enquired whether or the Parish would consider weed spraying.

Cllr Sinclair stated that the Staines Road stretch of the Drain was totally blocked. He suggested that as the Drain was dry for 6 months of the year that small dams be installed which would not prevent the flow of water but would retain water to prevent the drain from totally drying up.

Cllr Davies reported that there was a constant problem of fly tipping in the Hythe End area and that the general management of the Drain had been neglected by the Borough for the past 20 years despite money being set aside in the Borough budget. The Borough have a statutory liability to maintain the Drain and felt that the whole stretch should be cleared and not just sections. If the Drain is not fully cleared, it will dry up and the vegetation will grow back. He is concerned that not enough money is being set aside for proper management of the Drain.

Cllr Sinclair reported that the sluice was at one time operated by residents to regulate the flow but this had been taken over the Borough who appear not to be managing the sluice. Mrs Fox advised that the sluice was set twice a year, summer and winter, but said the more regular regulation by a resident was something that could be considered. Mrs Fox stated that there were limited finances available and work had to be prioritized. Cllr S Nichols asked if there was a record of how the £125,000 already spent on the Drain had been used. Mrs Fox confirmed that there was and would forward a copy to the Parish, she advised that the cost of disposal of the waste removed from the Drain was considerable.

Mr D Francis, Flood Warden stated that RBWM had failed in their duty to maintain the waterways and that following the recent rainfall areas in the Village were already suffering from considerable

surface water. There is clearly an issue with the gullies. Mrs Fox requested that such issues should be reported to Streetcare at the Borough.

Cllr Mrs M Lenton thanked Mrs Sue Cox for attending the meeting and her efforts to resolve the issue of the Drain.

229/16 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr David Young, a Hythe End resident, circulated photographs of the Fowles waste Transfer Site. He wished to bring the speed to which this site has expanded to the attention of the Parish Council along with the threat it poses to the proposed River Thames Scheme. He stated that the residents of Hythe End have employed a Barrister to represent them at the forthcoming inquiry on 10 January and requested the support of the Parish Council. Mr Young advised that "Rule 6" had not been applied for so their case would be in the form of a statement with no cross examination. Cllr Mrs M Lenton assured Mr Young that the Parish Council would be attending the inquiry and had submitted their objections to the retrospective planning application.

Mr Young requested that the Parish Council help to make the community aware of the situation and encourage members of the public to show their support on the 10th January. Cllr A Moran suggested that one well considered account would be far more effective than numerous, and possibly repetitive, accounts. Mr Young thought that the physical presence of residents showing their support for the objections would be beneficial to their argument.

Cllr A Davies stated that residents should be encouraged to write individual letters with their objections to RBWM Planning Department rather than "round robins". He also stated that the Parish Council needs to consider how best to support the residents of Hythe End.

Cllr E Larcombe suggested that the Parish Councillors should request a site visit.

Cllr Mrs M Lenton requested that Mr D Young keep the Parish informed on the subject of the Fowles Site via the Clerk.

Mr Peter Knott of the Parochial Charities was concerned that the two Council nominees for the Parochial Charity had been extremely difficult to contact/get a response from. The Clerk confirmed that she had tried on numerous occasions to liaise between the 2 parties with little success. It was suggested that 2 new nominees be sought. Cllr Mrs M Lenton suggested Cllr Ms S Nichols, who accepted. Cllr Mrs L Andrew is to contact another candidate that had been previously considered.

Mr H Perez expressed his concern about the condition of some of the pavements in the Village. All Councillors are to make observations on the condition of pavements to be discussed at next month's meeting. Cllr L Andrew stressed that social media was not the place to make complaints and that any issues should be reported directly to Streetwise at the Borough Council.

230/16 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	Application No.	Proposal	Summary of Parish Council Comments
Concord Garage 31 Windsor Rd Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5DE	16/03275 FULL	Change of use from car sales showroom and repair and servicing workshop (sui generis/B2) to shop (A1). Including extension and alterations together with associated access, parking and refuse storage, following demolition of one of the existing buildings and canopy.	Strongly object on grounds of resulting increase in congestion and parking issues. Contravenes the Neighbourhood Plan for the preferred use of Brown Field Sites. The application is full of errors.
Wraysbury Primary School Welley Road Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5DJ	16/03323 FULL	Construction of first floor extension.	No objection subject to compliance with local policies

The following items were considered between meetings due to time constraints and are included on this agenda for the benefit of public interest and for ratification.

Application Site	Application No.	Proposal	Summary of Parish Council Comments
Former Wraysbury Landfill Site East of Silver Wings Sailing Club Staines Road Wraysbury, Staines	16/03240 Minerals	Proposed leachate storage and treatment compound together with below ground discharge from the compound to the discharge point in Staines Road. Compound to accommodate leachate storage tank, two stripping tanks, one forwarding tank, package pumping station and a control kiosk. Proposed discharge drain to include a 50m length of rising main from the pumping station to a 650m long gravity-fed drain to the proposed sewer discharge point.	Strongly object due to insufficient bunding, lack of information about waste produced, the effects in the event of flooding, resulting traffic movement, effect on residents safety and the environment. No detailed information on the interference with previously agreed application 14/02044.
34 Ouseley Road Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5JA	16/03248 FULL	Detached outbuilding.	Strongly object on grounds of it contravening F1 as impedes the flow of flood water, reduces the capacity of the flood plain.

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.

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

Application 16/03472 will be circulated to Councillors for consider before the next meeting as comments are due by 13 December.

An objection has been issued to Slough Borough Council concerning the proposed width restriction on Poyle Road. It was considered that if approved it will have an adverse effect on the Villages of Horton, Wraysbury and Datchet with an increase HGV & vehicles over 2 metres long using trying to find alternative routes. The RBWM and Adam Afriyie MP have been copied in and their support requested.

231/16 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th October 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct.

232/16 ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

Cllr G Sinclair stated that following Mr Bedlington's presentation at last month's meeting he would like a copy of the proposed flood plan for Old Windsor and Datchet in order to assess the overall effect of the proposed flood barriers. The Clerk is to write to Mr Bedlington.

Cllr A Moran reported that he had not yet received details of the proposed new kitchen in the Cricket Club. The Clerk is to contact Mr Morgan.

233/16 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that she had received emails enquiring why the Council had not commented on planning applications. She confirmed that neither she nor any other Councillor were

in a position to make comment until the applications were brought before the Council for consideration.

234/16 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr J Lenton advised that the Borough Council were proceeding with consultations into working with other Boroughs.

235/16 REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS

Properties

- The Play Park has been inspected and trees have been pruned. More play bark is required at a cost of approximately £900 + VAT. This was proposed by Cllr A Davis, seconded by Cllr Mrs L Andrew and agreed unanimously.
- A formal valuation of the land at Reeds Service Station is taking place. Also the application for change of use has been submitted to the Borough.
- Cllr Moran is in discussions with RK Leisure over the lease of the car park.
- No monies have been forth coming from the Football Club in respect of the last 2 years property insurance premiums. Wraysbury Village Trust have paid the Club £100 for the annual rent but refuse any further financial assistance. Cllr Moran suggested that the Parish Council proceeds to repossess the facilities at the end of the year. He suggested that funding held for new dug outs could alternatively be used to fund some outside exercise equipment. He will obtain details costs for consideration.
- Cllr A Moran has received 3 insurance quotes and following his detailed explanation of the quotes he recommended the quote received from Zurich, the current public liability insurer. As the existing policy with them is up for renewal in May the additional premium for this year will be £1115. (The total annual premium being £2594). This policy does not include flood cover so Cllr Moran proposes the installation of flood barriers over the Cricket Club doors at a cost of £2736. This will result in considerably reduced costs for the tenants. Another consideration is that flood wardens will be covered by this policy as required by the Borough. This was proposed by Cllr A Moran, seconded by Cllr A Davis and agreed to by all except Cllr E Larcombe due to concerns over equipment for flood wardens.

Greens

- Cllr M Williams reported that work had been completed around the Village Club boundary.
- Work on Willow trees around the edge of the Cricket Green has been brought forward before the growing season.
- Cllr A Davis reported that a branch had fallen onto the bridge railing by the Concord Garage, Cllr Williams is to investigate.

Waterways

- Cllr Sinclair had nothing further to report.

236/16 WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS

The History group met on 16th November. Cllr Mrs M Lenton reported that Mr G Morley had carried out considerable work concerning the World Wars and requested that the names of civilians who died as a result of war be included on the memorial. Thought is to be given to this request.

237/16 FINANCE

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

Cheq No	Payee	Budget	Nett	VAT	Gross
5032	Mazar	Audit	£ 425.00	£ 85.00	£ 510.00
5033	CANX				
5034	Staff A	Office	£ 139.01	£ 7.68	£ 146.69
	Staff A	Admin	£ 320.31		£ 320.31
5035	Staff C	Labour	£ 203.20		£ 203.20
5036	HMRC	PAYE	£ 327.02		£ 327.02
5037	RC of B Pension Fund	Pension	£ 165.91		£ 165.91
	Wraysbury Xmas				
5038	Fayre	Grant	£ 250.00		£ 250.00
5039	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 645.00	£ 129.00	£ 774.00
	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 445.00	£ 89.00	£ 534.00
	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 967.15	£ 193.43	£ 1,160.58
5040	Wraysbury Fair	Stall	£ 15.00		£ 15.00
5041	M Lenton	Allowance	£ 100.00		£ 100.00
5042	D Hughes	Allowance	£ 100.00		£ 100.00
5043	A Moran	Allowance	£ 100.00		£ 100.00
5044	M Williams	Allowance	£ 100.00		£ 100.00
5045	Bright Futures	NHPL	£ 575.00	£ 75.00	£ 650.00
5046	Bright Futures	NHPL	£ 232.29	£ 46.46	£ 278.75
5047	Wraysbury Ass	Grant	£ 175.00		£ 175.00
SO	My Controller	Pension	£ 30.00		£ 30.00
DD	Rates	Property	£ 35.00		£ 35.00
DD	Bank Charges	Admin			
	Total		£ 5,349.89	£ 625.57	£ 5,975.46

b) RFO Update

The Clerk has been received from the Borough details of the preliminary Council Tax base figures for 2017/18. The precept is required to be returned by 20th January at the latest, a finance meeting will be scheduled for early January and budgets were requested from lead members.

238/16 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- The Parish Council has submitted the entry form for the Christmas Tree Festival, with the title of "Village Life". Pictures of the Village are to be printed and hung from the tree.

- The Christmas tree from the Crown Estate has been ordered.
- It has been agreed that Wraysbury will take part in the marking of the 100th Anniversary of Armistice in 2018 by the lighting of a beacon on the Memorial Ground.
- Following the revival of NAG the police are keen to be involved.

239/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Mrs M Lenton confirmed that the end of the consultation period was 31st October but has been advise by the Consultant to wait a while longer before finalising the Plan as on 23rd November Government Policy which may affect the Plan is due to be issued. The next meeting is proposed for 1 December.

240/16 INCONSIDERATE PARKING

Cllr E Larcombe reported that the Village Centre car park is being used by vans for long term parking. Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that as the car park is not owned by the Parish Council there was little that could be done.

241/16 THE RIVER THAMES SCHEME

Cllr E Larcombe advised that he and Cllr Williams are expected by the EA to keep the Parish Council and local residents informed and up to date with matters relating to the Scheme. He felt that this should be the responsibility of the EA.

242/16 THE QUEENSMEAD LAKE

Cllr G Sinclair gave a report on the current situation regarding his endeavours to gain public access to Queensmead Lake. He stated that a condition to the planning application to use the old gravel pit as a reservoir by the water company was that public access should be permitted for recreation purposes.

He requested that Councillors should investigate the many ways that other reservoirs and stretches of water such as the Queen Mother's and Queen Mary's reservoirs are used for a variety of recreational activities with no detrimental effect to water quality, invalidating the argument for restricting public access by Affinity Water.

Cllr Sinclair went on to suggest that senior planners at RBWM should be asked to assist along with our local MP. He also suggested that The Parish Council purchase £1000 of Affinity Water shares so that the issue may be raised at Shareholders Meetings.

243/16 MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING

None.

244/16 ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Pavements in need of repair.

245/16 ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

246/16 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr J Lenton 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 M Williams and agreed without dissension.

.....Chairman Date