

At a Meeting of the
COUNCIL for the **PARISH of WRAYSBURY**
held in the Colne Room of the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on
Monday 3rd MARCH 2014

Present: Councillors A. Davies (in the Chair) C. Collins, Mrs. D. Hughes,
Mrs. M. Lenton, J. Lenton, P. Lord, G. Sinclair, M. Williams and the
Acting Clerk.
23 members of the public were present.

14/01 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors D. Martin and M. Smith.

14/02 The Chairman addressed the meeting stating the January and February floods had impacted on resident's lives and livelihood. He stated that the community required answers and assurances that the appropriate authorities will develop emergency plans for future use.

He reported that a public meeting was being arranged for Tuesday 18th March to which the following would be invited Royal Borough, Thames Water and the EA. The public present expressed the opinion that meeting should be held sooner than the 18th, the Chairman agreed to investigate

The Chairman then outlined a request received from ITV to film and record the meeting. He explained the background to current draft legislation Councillor J. Lenton then proposed the following emergency motion.

“That at its meeting held today on 3rd March 2014 the Wraysbury Parish Council permit the filming, recording and photography of its proceedings and all persons attending the meeting are consenting to being filmed/recorded unless they notify the Clerk to the council present at the meeting that they do not wish to be”

The motion was seconded by Councillor G. Sinclair and agreed without dissension. The film crew then entered the hall and started reporting.

14/03 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A number of flood related questions were asked and responses given covering the clean up operations, the delay in re-establishing household drainage, communications, damage to road surfaces, ground water, children's play area, flood banking along the Thames etc. A written question regarding reducing standing water on the Green was also discussed. It was acknowledged that concerns raised should be addressed to the appropriate authority at the public meeting.

Councillor G. Sinclair presented a paper from the Flooding Steering Group requesting the following:

- a) *Continual maintenance of the Thames - Dredging and silt removal - Parish Council Chairman to write to the EA.*
- b) *Flood banks to be surveyed, repaired and rebuilt by who ever is liable at their expenses - The Parish Council Chairman to write to the EA.*
- c) *Wraysbury Drain and all associated streams to be maintained and kept in a proper manner - The Parish Council Chairman to write to the RBWM*
- d) *Thames Water to fully explain how their system failed, and explain what steps are being taken to see this happen again*
- e) *In addition, work to commence immediately on the Lower Thames Alleviation Channel before the money is found. To avoid delays.*

The paper was seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Lenton and endorsed by the meeting

The Chairman reported that he had already written a very detailed letter to the Prime Minister and agreed to write the requested letters.

The Flood Warden reported that a tour of the village had just been undertaken with representatives from Thames Water so he could confirm that all drainage systems were now operational.

The Chairman also reported that as Chairman of DALC he was raising flooding issues with the appropriate authorities on behalf of all parishes within the RBWM who suffered from the recent floods.

Ward Councillor C. Rayner informed the meeting that as part of a volunteer action plan work was going to be undertaken to clear the Wraysbury Drain. During discussion it was highlighted that although skips had been offered, funds will be required to cover the disposal of the content and other associated costs. The Chairman agreed to write to the RBWM to ascertain if funding were available to cover same.

REQUEST FOR STORAGE.

It was reported that a request had been made by Silver Command to provide storage within the village.

Sandbags - One site has been agreed at Berkyn Manor Farm. A number of other sites were proposed. Waylands and St Andrews Church Car Park. The Chairman highlighted that the suggested sites were not under the ownership of the Parish Council.

It was agreed that a 'shipping' type container could be placed in the Village Hall Car Park until alternative accommodation can be found.

LONG TERM FACILITIES.

The Flood Warden reported that a discussion had been held with the owner of 27, Windsor Road who is prepared to lease part of the site (Insurance Office) as a long term Community Hub and storage facilities for equipment purchased.

A formal request was made and supported by members of the public present that the Parish Council consider meeting the rental charge and associated costs. The Acting Clerk responded that the Parish Council would require full costings, copies of draft leasing agreement etc prior to formal consideration. It was agreed that the requested information would be forthcoming.

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

A member of the public stated that he wished the meeting to recognise that Parish Councillors were also volunteers who contributed many hours of their personal time to parish affairs. He suggested that it could be beneficial if all Members on flood related groups amalgamated into one group under the direction of the Parish Council with specific Term of Reference. Thus ensuring effective sharing of information and action requirements.

The discussions concluded with a request that the Chairman of the Parish Council write a letters of thanks to the RSPCA. Which was agreed.

14/04

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 discussions.

13/03583 14 WHARF ROAD, WRAYSBURY

Raising of roof including three front dormers to form first floor accommodation and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing.

No Objection provided there is no increase in footprint in amended plans and no effect on neighbour's privacy

14/00260 11 PARK AVENUE, WRAYSBURY

Reconstruction of roof incorporating front and rear dormers, providing increased living accommodation and re-roof existing garage.

No objection as no increase in footprint.

**14/00203 WOODSIDE, 50 FEATHERS LANE,
WRAYSBURY (C OF L)**

Certificate of Lawfulness to determine whether the existing use of part of the site for the storage of caravans with associated hard-standing is lawful No Comment

14/00266 41 WRAYSBURY ROAD, WRAYSBURY

Part single part two storey side and rear extensions.

Strong Objection in view of current flooding and the RBWM public statement that additional development within areas affected by the recent floods will be restricted.

14/00297 8 OUSELEY ROAD, WRAYSBURY

Two storey side and rear extensions New first floor above existing bungalow with new roof following demolition of existing garage

Strong Objection in view of current flooding and the RBWM public statement that additional development within areas affected by the recent floods will be restricted.

The above comments having been submitted under delegated powers due to time constraints were ratified by the meeting.

**14/00388 WATERSMEET HOUSE, 18 KINGSWOOD
CREEK, WRAYSBURY**

Construction of new dwelling following the demolition of the existing dwelling

Objection -Overdevelopment in an area liable to flooding.

**14/00446 FRIARY HOUSE, 6 FRIARY ISLAND,
WRAYSBURY**

Construction of 4 bed. replacement dwelling with garage and realignment of existing creek.

Objection Exact wording to be provided by the Chairman of Planning, Councillor J. Lenton agreed to 'call in'

**14/00461 HYTHE END STORES, 269 STAINES ROAD
WRAYSBURY**

Ground floor part change of use from A1 retail to A5

Objections, Lack of Parking, Highway safety, impact on neighbouring properties. Councillor J. Lenton to 'call in'

Notices of results as detailed on the agenda were noted.

14/05 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 27th January 2014 were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the deletion of the word *emptying* and replacing with *dredging* under 13/197 10th bullet point.

14/06 MATTERS ARISING

None

14/07 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported that the Berkshire Community Foundation has set up the Berkshire Flood Recovery Fund and the first round of grants are available to residents over 65 years, and those with children under 5 years. Applications close on 7th March. Details of the next round of grants when known will be placed on the web site.

14/08 **REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Rayner provided the meeting with a verbal time line of event and actions prior to and during the recent flooding which will form part of the RBWM debriefing

The Chairman expressed the village's appreciation to Councillor Rayner for the provision of staff and equipment during the recent flooding

The meeting also wished to acknowledge the contribution made by others in the provision of vehicles and equipment.

Councillor Lenton reported that the RBWM had agreed to support expansion at Gatwick

14/09 **REPORT FROM CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES
(INCLUDING THE FLOODING COMMITTEE)**

Properties

In response to a letter from the Cricket Club the Acting Clerk reported on behalf of Councillor M Smith. A survey of flood damage to all parish properties would be undertaken to ascertain the extent of flood damage and associated cost. If the overall cost is above the insurance excess of £2.5K then a claim would need to be submitted.

The Acting Clerk also reported that Councillor M. Smith has placed an order for the replacement external light.

A member of the Public raised questions regarding the current position of the Football Club. Councillor Sinclair responded that despite all efforts to support and donations from a number of organisations no formal committee structure has been achieved.

Greens.

No report.

Watercourses

No report.

Flood Committee

It was agreed that this has been covered under agenda item 14/03 and a more detailed discussion will be held at the next meeting.

14/10 **TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS**

None

14/11 **FINANCE**

The following accounts were notified to members of the Parish Council, recommended for payment and cheques issued and signed accordingly:

	Jan-14	NET	VAT	GROSS
A. Davies	Cash Flooding	500.00		500.00
Danwood	Office	42.71	8.54	51.25
BM _ BALC	training	120.00	24.00	144.00
BM M. Kiely	Clerk	719.19		719.19
R. Colgate	Labour	248.20		248.20
E.Marlow	Clerk	516.60		516.60
HMRC	PAYE	158.17		158.17
N.joy	Printing	24.74	4.95	29.69
S.Cooke	Flooding	76.10		76.10
E.Marlow	Flooding	20.32		20.32
E.Marlow	Office	161.00		161.00
Groundwork UK	Project work	1,700.00	340.00	2040.00
SDK	Dog Bins	244.80	48.96	293.76
JRB	Dog Sign	35.00	7.00	42.00
Wraysbury Village Halls Repayment	VAT	511.22		511.22
TOTAL		5,078.05	433.45	5511.50

NB An additional payment to D. Frances was made after the close of the meeting and will be included within payments at the next meeting.

14/12 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

Members were reminded that the meeting with RBWM Planning Officer on the Local Plan has been re-arranged for Monday 10th March 2014.

14/13 **MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING**

None.

14/14 **ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT UPON FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no items for placement upon future agendas.

14/15 **ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

14/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

14/17 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Lenton that the press and the public be excluded from the next item on the agenda as the business to be discussed (Parish Administration) was of a confidential nature and would be 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 Councillor Mrs. Hughes and agreed without dissension.

..... Chairman

..... Date