

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 28th April 2014

Present: Councillors A. Davies (in the Chair), C Collins, Mrs D Hughes, J Lenton, Mrs M Lenton, P Lord, M Smith, M Williams and the Clerk.
No members of the public were present.

14/37 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received from Councillor D Martin.

14/38 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
There were no questions from the public.

14/39 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**
The Parish Council discussed the following applications and made representation to the Local Authority as shown.

14/01011 18 WAYLANDS, WRAYSBURY
Erection of single storey front extension.

Objection. The Parish Council objected strongly as the extension would be well in front of the building line and close to the road at 1.2m. There would be an unacceptable impact on the street scene, and it would set a precedent.

Cllr Lenton was requested to call-in the item.

14/01030 35 FAIRFIELD APPROACH, WRAYSBURY
Erection of detached dwelling with integral garage following demolition of existing chalet bungalow. Re-submission of planning application 14/00073.

Objection. The Parish Council objected to the application as the proposed building was too close to the neighbouring property at no. 37, giving an appearance of terracing. The extension would be un-neighbourly and the close proximity of 35 and 37 would give the appearance of town houses and would have an unacceptable impact on the street scene. A two storey building should be at least 1m from the neighbouring boundary.

Cllr Lenton was requested to call-in the item.

The following items were considered under delegated authority due to time constraints. They are included in these minutes for the benefit of public interest.

14/00831 14 BELL WEIR CLOSE, WRAYSBURY
Replacement gate and alteration to boundary treatment to front elevation. Erection of conservatory to rear.

No objection, subject to compliance with current policies.

14/00845 RED GATES, FRIARY ISLAND, OLD FERRY DRIVE, WRAYSBURY
Part two part single storey rear extension.

Objection. The Parish Council objected to a previous planning application at his site as it considered that application was overdevelopment in an area liable to flood. In August 2012 the Environment Agency indicated that this part of Friary Island was outside of the flood zone. The Parish council observed the serious flooding in this area in early 2014, and noted the collapse of the sewerage system. The Parish therefore maintained its objection to this application, in relation to flooding.

14/00860 SILVERDALE, 3 FEATHERS LANE, WRAYSBURY
Single storey side extension and first floor extension over existing garage.

No objection, subject to compliance with current policies.

14/00942 RUNNYMEDE HOUSE, 5 MAGNA CARTA LANE, WRAYSBURY (WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY TPO)

Various trees.

No objection, subject to the work being professionally conducted, that it will not lead to ingress of fungus and decay in the trees, and there being no loss of amenity of the trees, and that the Tree Officer is satisfied the proposed works are compliant with current policies

The following items were considered at the last meeting (17th March 2014) due to time constraints. They were included on this agenda for the benefit of public interest.

14/00646 9 GARSON LANE, WRAYSBURY

First floor roof extension to front and continuation of side dormer.

Recommendation - no objection, subject to compliance with current policies.

14/00713 11 OAST HOUSE CLOSE, WRAYSBURY

Addition of dormers to the front and rear of the building.

Recommendation - no objection, subject to compliance with current policies.

Notices of results as detailed on the agenda were noted.

14/40 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th March 2014 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

14/41 MATTERS ARISING

In relation to the Colne Valley Wraysbury Station Project, it was noted that tree work had now been completed and a final invoice had been submitted for the remainder of the grant (£1.2k).

The Acting Clerk had successfully applied for £2k of funding from the Sport England Flood Emergency Fund, for ditch clearance at The Green. Garden Designs had been instructed.

The Acting Clerk had also assisted the Bowls and Cricket Clubs to make their own applications. The Acting Clerk had assisted a number of small businesses to apply for grant funding.

A number of expenses had been incurred in relation to flooding. Around 95% of the monies paid out had been recovered.

Cllr Mrs D Hughes reported that she was investigating the Cricket Club's concerns about trees overhanging the cricket pitch. Garden Designs would be engaged for the necessary works.

In relation to communication received from Concorde Garage about trees overhanging their premises, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should be instructed to reply to the garage and suggest that they might like to remove any branches that are causing them concern.

Community Building and Insurance

Councillors were pleased to learn that Andy Moran had been appointed to act as the Parish Council's agent in relation to building repairs, electrics and the waste pumping unit for the community building.

Mr Colgate had agreed to clean the toilets in the community building (used by the Cricket Club). He was due to visit on Tuesday 29th April. In a brief discussion, Councillors unanimously agreed to give further consideration to handing over responsibility of the toilets to the Cricket Club. Cllr Smith agreed to investigate the matter.

Damaged Fencing to the Children's Play Area

It was noted that parental complaints had been received. Cllr Mrs D Hughes reported that she had written to the RBWM Tree Officer, and that a response was awaited. It was unanimously agreed that if the Tree Officer's response was not positive, a further letter should be sent to indicate that the works would be carried out and the Borough would be invoiced in full, as there was a need to restore the play area to a fully useable state.

14/42

CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported that he had recently written to the Prime Minister. His letter expressed his concern that the Prime Minister had recently hosted a meeting in Wraysbury and that the Chairman of the Parish Council had not been invited. The letter also praised the work of the troops and urged progress on the River Thames Scheme and dredging of the Thames. A reply from the PM's office apologised for the oversight, and indicated that the letter would be passed to DEFRA.

The Chairman had also written to the Environment Secretary to express concern about the high water levels in Wraysbury 1. This adversely impacted the level of the water table around The Green.

On Thursday 24th April the Chairman, Mr Carter and two Borough Officers walked along the accessible lengths of the Wraysbury Drain. A report from the Borough was awaited. The Chairman indicated that the Drain was the Borough's legal responsibility and that the clearance of it should be actioned.

A request had been received for secure cycle parking at the Village Car Park. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman would write to the owners to seek permission, and explore the proposal further.

14/43

REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr J Lenton confirmed RK Leisure's offer to store sandbags at the rear of 84 Welley Road. The Borough still needed to confirm if they could obtain adequate vehicle access for such an arrangement.

In relation to sandbags, a number of Councillors had noted that residents were disposing of spare sandbags on the streets. The Chairman agreed to discuss this with the Head of Streetcare and Operations.

All present thanked Cllr Lenton for his work on behalf of the Parish and its residents.

14/44 **REPORTS FROM CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES
(INCLUDING THE FLOODING COMMITTEE)**

Properties

Cllr M Smith reported that the power to the pumps for the waste from the community building had been cut off. There would be a need to lay new underground cables and empty the tanks twice (one emptying having already taken place). This should enable the playgroup, currently relocated to the Baptist Church, to return on Tuesday 6th May.

Greens

No report.

Watercourses

No report.

Flood Committee

There was no report but discussion did take place on ensuring the work of the Committee continued. Its work should include a programme of works and a review of the Parish Flood Plan. The Chairman volunteered to become a member of the Committee.

14/45 **TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP
MEMBERS**

Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr Mrs M Lenton circulated to all members a progress update for the Neighbourhood Action Group. Members joined her in thanking the Police for all their hard work during the recent floods.

Cllr Mrs M Lenton also circulated a news report from the Windsor Express website. It reported on the successful banquet at Churchmead School, which several Councillors had been able to attend. All who were present said what a wonderful evening it had been and thanked the NAG, PCSO Les Bradfield, and Betty Marlow for all their efforts. They paid particular tribute to all the school pupils involved.

Magna Carta

Cllr Mrs M Lenton provided members with a detailed update on proposed events for the Magna Carta celebrations. An RBWM stakeholders meeting was planned for 7th May 2014. Councillors were encouraged to visit www.magnacarta800th.com to see more detail on the national plans.

14/46 **FINANCE**

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

Chequ No.	Payee	Budget	Nett	VAT	Gross.
633	Zurich Municipal	Insurance	411.88		411.88
634	E. Marlow trophies		180.95	36.19	217.14
635	My Controller Ltd	Legal & Professional	360.00	72.00	432.00
636	HMRC	PAYE	186.64		186.64
637	Xylem Water Solutions	Comm Building	74.84	14.97	89.81
638	LAANC	Subscriptions	95.00		95.00
639	Garden designs	Grass	809.15	161.83	970.98
639	Garden designs	Green Play area	525.00	105.00	630.00
639	Garden designs	Trees & shrubs	650.00	130.00	780.00
639	Garden designs	Vandalism	95.00	19.00	114.00
639	Garden designs	Works general	456.00	91.20	547.20
639	Garden designs	Grass	664.15	132.83	796.98
640	Wraysbury Primary	Room Hire	80.00		80.00
641	E. Marlow	Office	118.80		118.80
642	SDK Environmental	Dog bins	183.60	36.72	220.32
643	Garden designs	Grass	889.15	177.83	1,066.98
644	BALC	Subscriptions	680.06	136.01	816.07
645	Cancelled - error				
646	M. Kiely	Clerk's Salary	744.55		744.55
647	E. Marlow	Clerk's Salary	484.20		484.20
648	R. Colgate	Labour casual	206.87		206.87
649	D.Taylor	Colne Valley greens projects	700.00		700.00

650	M. Kiely Xylem Water	Office	115.43		115.43
651	Solutions	Properties	109.16	21.83	130.99
DD	PWLB	Loan	3,883.65		3,883.65
DD	Non Domestic Rates	Car park	31.40		31.40
DD	Nat. West	Bank Charges	22.43		22.43

Annual Accounts and Associated Reports for the Year 2013/14

All Councillors received a printed copy of the accounts for 2013/14 and the audit reports for financial year 2012/13. This was accompanied by a report and associated commentary from the former Acting Clerk. Members were pleased to note that the position for 2013/14 was better than expected.

14/47 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Chairman advised that the work of the Steering Group had been affected by the floods. They now had the task of drafting a community consultation document which would be circulated to the public to seek their views. It was hoped that this could be completed by the early Summer. The Plan's website could be viewed at www.hwnp.co.uk

14/48 **LOCAL PLAN**

Item not discussed (included on the agenda in error).

14/49 **FLOODING**

The Chairman underlined the need for dredging the Thames and the commencement of the River Thames Scheme. Discussion took place on Flood RE. In relation to the EA offer of a tour around its Jubilee River control room, it was noted that three residents and all Councillors present had expressed an interest. It would take place on the afternoon of 13th May.

14/50 **DOG WASTE BIN – REQUEST FOR RELOCATION**

A resident had been in touch about the bin, which was located in close proximity to his property. Councillor Mrs D Hughes agreed to review potential alternative sites, and the item would be discussed at the May meeting.

14/51 MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING

None.

14/52 ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT UPON FUTURE AGENDAS

- 1) Wraysbury Lakes and RK Leisure.
- 2) Memorial Plaque for past clerks. Information had been gathered on past clerks to 1935. A hope was expressed that this could be extended as far back as 1894.

14/53 ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

14/54 CORRESPONDENCE

None

14/55 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs D Hughes that the press and the public be excluded from the next item on the agenda as the business to be discussed (Parish Administration, Appointment of Clerk) 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 J Lenton and agreed without dissension.

..... Chairman

..... Date