

At a Meeting of the
COUNCIL for the **PARISH** of **WRAYSBURY**
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on
Monday 15th September 2014

Present: Councillors Mrs M Lenton (Chairman), A Davies, C Collins, Mrs D Hughes, A Moran, G Sinclair, M Smith, M Williams and the Clerk.
Twenty members of the public were present.

14/139 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Lenton, P Lord and D Martin.

14/140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Collins declared an interest in planning application 14/02531, as he had made a number of representations about the application and the application site. He was also a member of HEAT. He expressed a wish to address the meeting, but would not take part in the discussion and voting.

14/141 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public drew the Council's attention to the distressed fish in Wraysbury Ditch. Cllr Moran confirmed that a Mr Carter had investigated and noted the depth of the silt and associated dangers. RK Leisure had been contacted as they had specialist equipment that would enable them to safely rescue the fish.

Arising from public questions, detailed discussion took place on the condition of the playpark. Examples of disrepair were highlighted. It was acknowledged that improvements were needed. Arrangements with the Borough were in place to repair the metal and wooden fences damaged by the fallen tree. The playpark sub-committee had met to consider options and review the condition of the park as a whole. Various sources of funding, including Section 106, would be explored. A safety inspection had been brought forward, and was expected to be completed within a fortnight of the date of this meeting. Cllr Moran advised that he had made a point of chatting to park users and their parents about their needs. Cllr Moran agreed to inspect the park on Tuesday 16th September, to check for any matters of particular urgency. The Chairman advised that Parish Councillors understood the concerns raised, and were taking steps to address them.

Mr Francis handed a letter to the Chairman which he had sent to the Prime Minister, the local MP, the Leader of the Council and thirty-nine other

recipients. The letter highlighted a number of concerns within the village, which he felt were not being properly addressed. He also advised that he was putting together a petition to the Borough Council, where 1,000 signatures were sought, as he felt that Wraysbury was being ignored by the Borough. The Parish Council supported the petition in principle, not having seen the wording, and wished him well in his efforts.

14/142 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 the discussions.*

14/02563 4 TITHE LANE, WRAYSBURY

Part two, part single storey side extension.

No objection provided it was in compliance with local policies.

14/02569 38A STATION ROAD, WRAYSBURY

Works to trees covered by TPO.

No objection to the proposed works, provided they were in compliance with local policies.

14/02580 58 OUSELEY ROAD, WRAYSBURY

Part double, part single storey rear extension.

No objection provided it was in compliance with local policies.

14/02640 HILL VIEW COTTAGE, HILL VIEW ROAD, WRAYSBURY

Two storey front extension with raised roof to create habitable accommodation at first floor level. Erection of car port to side and single storey rear extension.

OBJECTION – overdevelopment, insufficient detail provided on the rear extension and some of the figures used in the application appeared to be incorrect.

The following items were considered at the last meeting due to time constraints. They were placed on this agenda for ratification.

14/02531 BELL WEIR COURT & 2 WRAYSBURY ROAD

Erection of 8 x no. 4 bedroom detached dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and riverside improvements following the demolition of existing buildings.

The meeting was addressed by a representative of the applicant.

It was noted that the application had been 'called in' and would therefore be subject to a decision by the Development Control Panel.

(Having declared an interest, Cllr Collins addressed the meeting, but did not take part in the discussion and voting)

No objection provided it was in compliance with local policies.

14/02511 34 OUSELEY ROAD, WRAYSBURY

Two storey rear, part single storey side extension, with erection of outbuilding/garage at rear garden

OBJECTION – The Parish Council strongly objects to the proposal which would result in a significant increase in footprint, in an area liable to flooding.

Notices of results as detailed on the agenda were noted.

14/143 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th August 2014 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

14/144 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda, were discussed:

- A letter to Leader of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead urging progress on planning matters for flood victims was delivered to the Town Hall.
- Environment Agency Presentation to Parish. Awaiting response from EA as to how we can publish the data to the wider public.

14/145 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman advised of a letter received from the Borough council which invited the Parish council to take on responsibility for a number of planning applications. Brief discussion took place and it was agreed that a short private meeting should take place at 7pm on Monday 20th October, to consider the offer.

14/146 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr J Lenton had submitted his apologies as he had had to attend a different meeting. Cllr Lenton's written report, circulated in advance of the meeting, covered the following matters:

- Borough co-ordinated drain clearances had commenced in Wraysbury and Horton.
- Heathrow's third runway consultations had been published. Residents were encouraged to participate. They could be found at www.heathrow.com/publicconsultation
- A number of public exhibition events were highlighted. Further details could be found at the above weblink.
- A number of out of hours and key contact numbers were highlighted. The borough's main out of hours number, which covered late night noise, dangerous structures, planning enforcement and unauthorised tree felling was 01753 853517.
- Apologies had been sent by Cllr C Rayner.

14/147 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Properties

Cllr Smith reported on the football club. It had signed the necessary documents and it had formed an appropriate committee. Additionally, he thanked the club for the submission of its annual rent cheque. Other properties related matters were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Greens

The scheduled grass cuts and maintenance activities were progressing well. Two trees on The Green had to be removed as a matter of urgency, a third had received appropriate pollarding. A large piece of metal piping had been found in a dangerous position on The Green, this had been dug out successfully.

Watercourses and Flooding

Cllr Sinclair highlighted his concerns about the loss of public amenity around the various lakes in Wraysbury. He highlighted his concern about a fallen tree on the Thames. Cllr Moran advised that he was due to remove the tree within a fortnight of the date of this meeting.

14/148 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS

Magna Carta

Cllr Mrs Lenton provided an update on Magna Carta. A new fanfare was due to be composed. An event was scheduled at bury St Edmunds. The Chairman advised that it was her intention to attend the event. The next Wraysbury

meeting for Magna Carta projects would take place on 17th September. Progress on all projects previously described was good. Wraysbury would be at the centre of events in June 2015.

Neighbourhood Action Group

The Chairman of the NAG had provided a written report which was circulated in advance of the meeting. A verbal further update had been provided to the Clerk. A recent shoplifting crime had been shared with other police areas, as part of the new information sharing arrangements, and the investigation had advanced significantly.

14/149 FINANCE

(a) Accounts for Payment

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

PAYMENTS					
Cheque No.	Payee	Budget	Nett	VAT	Gross.
705	SDK Environment	Dog Waste	250.56	50.11	300.67
706	Garden Designs	Grass cuts	809.15	161.83	970.98
706	Garden Designs	Maintenance	625.00	125.00	750.00
707	M Kiely SLCC subs	Subs and Pubs	139.00		139.00
706	Garden Designs	Tree Works	525.00	105.00	630.00
708	R Colgate	Labour	206.87		206.87
709	B Marlow	Salary	172.20		172.20
710	M Kiely	Salary	744.55		744.55
711	D W Francis Ltd	Repairs insured	2,450.00		2,940.00
712	HMRC	PAYE NI	108.64		108.64
706	Garden Designs	Grass cuts	1,317.15	263.43	1,580.58
713	Southern Electric	Comm bldgs			77.81
714	E Marlow	Expenses	168.90		168.90
715	M Kiely	Office expenses	119.91		119.91
TOTAL			7,636.93	705.37	8,910.11

14/150 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillors joined the Chairman in thanking Mr Parsons and Cllr Lord for all of their hard work on the neighbourhood plan.

During the discussion, the following comments were made:

- It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Parsons.
- All residents were encouraged to participate in the survey monkey questionnaire. All members of a household were free to participate.

- The survey could be found at www.hwnp.co.uk
- The deadline for completed surveys was 31st October 2014.
 - Three public events had been held. Several offers of help from the public had been made. This offer would be taken up by the steering group.
 - A professional would be engaged to write the plan. External funding opportunities to pay the appropriate fees, were being investigated.
 - The next steering group meeting was scheduled for 29th September.

14/151 MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR PAST CLERKS AND CHAIRMEN

Work was ongoing.

14/152 PLAYPARK PROGRESS UPDATE

The item was discussed during ‘Questions from the Public’.

14/153 FOOTBALL CLUB

Three members of the football club were in attendance. Councillors congratulated the club on the administrative progress made in the last six weeks. They thanked them for the early payment of their rent, and wished them every success both on and off the pitch.

14/154 OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014

The Clerk briefly updated Councillors on the new regulations. Standing Orders would need to be updated. It would allow people to film, blog, tweet or use other types of social media to report on Council meetings. It would also require the recording of delegated decisions made by officers under instruction of the Council. A further report would be made in November 2014.

14/155 CLEARANCE OF DRAINS AND DITCHES

Councillors welcomed the news that clearance work had commenced. One Councillor expressed concern that the work started in Horton, rather than Wraysbury.

14/156 DEFRA FLOOD RE CONSULTATION

Although not on the published agenda, the item was discussed as there was an urgent deadline for submissions. The consultation asked a range of questions on the proposed Flood Re scheme, where the cost of flooding insurance would be borne by all insured households, not just those households in flood risk areas. Cllr Davies agreed to give due consideration to the matter and had drafted a proposed response. His two major points were the suggestion that

some Band H properties should be within the scope of the scheme, and in specific circumstances rented accommodation should be included, but not investment/buy-to-let. Overall, Councillor Davies advised that while the scheme was not perfect, it was an improvement. The Parish Council unanimously supported the proposed response, which would be attached to the formal minutes of the meeting.

14/157 MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING

None.

14/158 ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT UPON FUTURE AGENDAS

None suggested.

14/159 ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

14/160 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr Davies that the press and the public be excluded from the next item on the agenda as the business to be discussed (minutes, 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 Cllr Smith and agreed without dissension.

..... Chairman

..... Date