

At a Meeting of the
COUNCIL for the **PARISH** of **WRAYSBURY**
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on
Monday 20th October 2014

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

14/161 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Davies, D Martin and G Sinclair.

14/162 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Moran declared a personal interest in planning application 14/02854 as his business had been approached in relation to some of the work.

Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in planning application 14/02891 as he was acquainted with the applicant.

14/163 DELEGATION OF CERTAIN PLANNING DECISIONS TO PARISH COUNCILS

The Chairman advised the public that the Borough Council had offered to delegate some planning application decisions to the Parish Council. The Parish had met in private to consider the offer. After very careful consideration the offer was declined. Factors which influenced the decision included a changed relationship with the electorate, legal and financial matters, training, and workload for the Councillors and Clerk. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the Borough's Head of Planning.

14/164 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public drew the Council's attention to a breach of the flood bank at 38 Riverside. Cllr J Lenton agreed to take the matter up with the Borough Council.

A member of the public drew the Council's attention to the ongoing building works at 94A Welley Road (Wraysbury Lake). Cllr J Lenton reported that he had already reported the matter, and that the situation was being monitored by the Borough's Planning department.

14/165 **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.*

14/02914 **RUFFINS, 9 ACACIA AVENUE, WRAYSBURY**
Erection of entrance gates and front boundary wall.

No objection provided it was in compliance with local policies.

14/02958 **ROXANA, FRIARY ISLAND, OLD FERRY DRIVE, WRAYSBURY**
Erection of outbuilding at front.

The Parish Council had **no objection** to the scheme in principle. However, due to the unusual nature of the design and materials, they recommended to Cllr J Lenton that the item be called-in to the Development Control Panel, in order that relevant planning policies were fully examined.

14/02980 **18 STATION ROAD, WRAYSBURY**
First floor side extension, raising of existing roof to create habitable accommodation in loft space with rear dormer and French door with balcony and reinstatement of chimney.

No objection provided it was in compliance with local policies.

14/03025 **FORMER 28 THE ISLAND, WRAYSBURY**
The erection of a replacement dwelling.

OBJECTION – The application site had remained undeveloped for 24 years, and was in an area liable to flood. The proposal would therefore increase the number of people at risk of flooding, contrary to Policy F1. They recommended to Cllr J Lenton that the item be called-in to the Development Control Panel.

14/03101 **WILLOW VIEW, WINDSOR ROAD, WRAYSBURY**
Two storey side extension.

No objection provided it was in compliance with local policies, and subject to no TPO protected trees on the boundary being impacted.

14/03147 BERRICK, FRIARY ISLAND, OLD FERRY DRIVE, WRAYSBURY

Erection of a replacement two storey house following demolition of existing bungalow.

OBJECTION – The Flood Risk Assessment was carried out in accordance with the 2012 NPPF. Since then there has been serious flooding in this Zone 3 area, in 2014. According to the FRA p. 14 the footprint will be increased by 50m² and they stated that voids often become blocked, leading to gradual loss of the provided mitigation. Additionally, there were no plans of the existing bungalow provided, for footprint comparison. They recommended to Cllr J Lenton that the item be called-in to the Development Control Panel.

14/03209 16 THE ISLAND, WRAYSBURY

Erection of a replacement garage, raising the ridge height of the property, including the provision of flood voids under the property with erection of raised decking areas to access doorways and associated alterations. Amendment to planning permission 14/01485.

No objection provided it was in compliance with local policies.

The following items were considered under delegated authority, due to time constraints. They were placed on this agenda for ratification.

14/02854 BARTON COTTAGE, 1 WHARF ROAD, WRAYSBURY

Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing.

No objection provided it was in compliance with local policies.

14/02879 FORMER 6 FRIARY ISLAND, FRIARY ROAD, WRAYSBURY

Construction of a four bedroom replacement dwelling with garage and realignment of existing creek as approved under planning permission 14/00446 without complying with condition 2, 12, 13, 16, 19 and 21 for no development shall take place prior to substantial completion, condition 17, changes to Creek Road, Man House and Access Road.

OBJECTION – Councillors objected strongly to the proposals as the original conditions were required for sound reasons concerned with local policies

**14/02891 QUARTERDECK, 2 LAMMAS DRIVE,
WRAYSBURY**

Construction of a replacement dwelling.

OBJECTION – Councillors objected as the proposal would result in a large increase in footprint that would represent overdevelopment in the flood plain.

Notices of results as detailed on the agenda were noted.

14/166 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th September 2014 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

14/167 MATTERS ARISING

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

- A formal thank you letter had been posted to Mr Parsons, for his ongoing support of the Neighbourhood Plan.

14/168 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman advised that the Royal Mail had launched a consultation on some proposed changes to the Post Office in Wraysbury. The work was scheduled for December or January. A very small number of services would be lost. Cllr J Lenton commented that a temporary closure in the run-up to Christmas would not be acceptable. One of the consultation letters would be published on the Parish Council website and members of the public and Councillors were encouraged to note the content and respond (directly to royal Mail) as appropriate.

The Parish Council had been asked to contribute £500 towards Thames Valley Police crime prevention initiatives. The Clerk was requested to contact other clerks to ascertain the views of other Parish Councils.

A north London school had got in touch with a view to visiting the Jubilee River and also meeting Wraysbury Parish Councillors about flooding, as part of their geography project. It was agreed that, with regret, this request be declined.

14/169 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr J Lenton's report covered the following matter:

- The Borough had advised of funding for streetcare projects. Parish Councillors were advised to contact Cllr J Lenton with suggestions for new streetcare projects.

Cllr C Rayner's report covered the following matters:

- He had received a number of communications about the double yellow lines in a layby not being enforced. Double yellow lines near the school were also discussed – complaints about parents not observing them and parking considerately. A hope was expressed that the headteacher would be able to do more to discourage inconsiderate parking.
- The solar panels planning application had been approved. Construction would commence early in 2015.
- Thirty-three households were still out of their houses due to flooding.
- The planning application at Hythe End, on the site of a Bell Weir car repair garage, had been deferred for two cycles so that a number of planning matters could be clarified.
- A petition on improvements to Wraysbury School to enhance its ability to host flood related activities was due to be considered by Cabinet on 30th October 2014.

14/170 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Properties

Cllr Smith advised that further works to the cricket club were due to take place in November. Cllr Moran reported that the insurance company were not forthcoming in relation to his proposal that monies be paid in a more timely fashion.

Greens

The scheduled grass cuts and maintenance activities were progressing well.

Watercourses and Flooding

The Chairman underlined the need to update the Parish Flood Plan. It was also noted that flooding would be discussed at the Environmental Audit Select Committee on 5th November.

14/171 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS

Magna Carta

Cllr Mrs Lenton provided an update on Magna Carta. This included the flotilla, Sir Robert Worcester's visit, an embroidery, a peal of bells, a flower festival, the Wraysbury Players, songs of praise, archery, village decorations including bunting, and a Liber Tea. In relation to Sir Robert Worcester's visit, it was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter thanking him for his kind attendance at Wraysbury on 13th October.

custodianship of the land and buildings were explained, the Asset register and associated property values, as submitted, were accepted by the auditor.

Arising from the discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should supply further information to Cllr Moran, to ensure Parish practices were in line with RICS 'Red Book' practice.

14/173 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

During the discussion, the following comments were made:

- 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.
- Steering Group members had engaged with members of Pop-In and Age Concern, and their responses would be manually entered into 'survey monkey'.

14/174 MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR PAST CLERKS AND CHAIRMEN

Work was ongoing.

14/175 PLAYPARK PROGRESS UPDATE

A safety barrier had been installed around the assault course. Works on a tree root, and general surfacing works were required to meet safety needs. A quotation had been received and it was unanimously resolved that the works should be completed. A 'service user' survey of children and some parents had identified a desired new piece of equipment – a zip-wire. Quotations would be sought, and it was likely that funding would come from S106 developer contributions.

14/176 RBWM COMMUNITY WARDENS

A Borough initiative had resulted in the Community Wardens taking on additional responsibilities. It was understood they had returned to their main duties.

14/177 INITIATIVE ON INCONSIDERATE PARKING IN VILLAGE CAR PARK

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Hughes for her efforts at the car park. Cllr Mrs Hughes, in consultation with Mrs Marlow and the Neighbourhood Action Group, worked in partnership with the Police to issue polite notices to persistent parkers who 'outstayed' their two hour welcome. All parties involved had agreed to repeat the process as and when necessary.

