

At a Meeting of the
COUNCIL for the **PARISH** of **WRAYSBURY**
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on
Monday 19th January 2015

Present: Councillors Mrs M Lenton (Chairman), A Davies, Mrs D Hughes, J Lenton, P Lord, D Martin, A Moran, G Sinclair, M Williams and the Clerk.
Twelve members of the public were present.

01/15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Smith.

It was noted, with regret, that Cllr Charles Collins had resigned from the Council, for personal reasons. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent, for his efforts on behalf of Wraysbury, and in particular, Hythe End.

02/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

03/15 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Two residents raised the issue of vehicle speeding in the village. Arising from the discussion it was agreed that traffic speeding would be added as a regular item on the Parish meeting agendas, that the two residents would collate the feedback and suggestions from their specific Facebook page, that the feedback/suggestions be forwarded to the Chairman of the Parish Council (as she was also a member of the Neighbourhood Action Group), that the Chairman would request that the two residents be invited to a future NAG meeting and that speeding in Wraysbury be included in that agenda. During the discussion it was also noted that 20mph zones could be enforced, and would be in the coming months. The feedback/suggestions, once collated, could be made into a formal paper. Any good ideas should be fed into the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. It was noted that some of the Section 106 monies available to Wraysbury were for traffic calming related measures. Specific complaints should still be made to the Police. RBWM could be invited to conduct electronic speed surveys (using the wires on the road method).

04/15 **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.*

14/03632 68 Ouseley Road, Wraysbury

Amended application - Erection of detached dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and garage.

The Parish Council had no objection to the proposal, subject to compliance with local policies and subject to all of the conditions being satisfied.

14/03849 54 Ouseley Road, Wraysbury

Part two storey front and side extension, part ground floor side and rear extension.

The Parish Council objected to the proposed extensions as it was overdevelopment in an area liable to flood.

14/03939 71 The Avenue, Wraysbury

Replacement dwelling.

The Parish Council had no objection to the proposal, subject to compliance with local policies.

15/00006 7 Garson Lane, Wraysbury

Single storey front extension and porch.

The Parish Council had no objection to the proposal, subject to compliance with local policies.

15/00013 Berrick, Friary Island, Old Ferry Drive, Wraysbury

Amendment to plans approved in permission 14/03147.

The Parish Council had no objection to the proposal, subject to compliance with local policies.

Notices of results as detailed on the agenda were noted.

05/15 COUNCIL MINUTES

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

06/15 MATTERS ARISING

Reported elsewhere on the agenda.

07/15 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman advised that she had received the following correspondence:

- A resignation letter from Cllr Charles Collins.
- A letter from Mr David Murphy (Environment Agency) who had offered to attend a future Parish meeting. It was agreed that he should be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Clerk advised that he had received the following correspondence:

- Details of a brief course on leases and licences, offered by Oxford Association of Local Councils. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend (50% funded by Wraysbury Parish Council). Cllr Moran would also attend (self-funded). Clerk to book the spaces.

- Letter from the River Thames Alliance, seeking membership by the Parish Council, or funding contributions. It was agreed that, due to budgetary constraints, this invitation be politely declined.

It was also noted that Berkshire Association of Local Councils would run at least three 'new Councillor' courses, after the election.

08/15 **REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr J Lenton advised that Heathrow Airport hosted a drop-in at the Village Hall, in the week prior to this meeting. He commented that attendance appeared low. The Borough supported the existence of the airport but continued to oppose expansion and would also continue to support a second runway at Gatwick (which would enhance its competitiveness with other airports). Expansion at Heathrow would result in more noise for Wraysbury and surrounding communities. The Airports Commission was expected to present its findings to Government after the 2015 general election.

09/15 **REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS**

Watercourses and Flooding

Cllr Sinclair expressed concern that covenants on Riverside were not being enforced by the Environment Agency, the Royal Borough or the Land Registry. Brief discussion took place on a recent planning permission. Discussion also took place on the Wraysbury Drain survey by RBWM. The Clerk was requested to seek a written update from the relevant officers.

Properties

Cllr Moran provided an update, on behalf of Cllr Smith. Works to the Cricket Club were ongoing. New improved exterior doors would achieve a better weather seal and would help to prevent future damp problems.

Greens

Cllr Williams advised that he had just met with the main contractor to review the proposed new contract.

10/15 **TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS**

Magna Carta

Magna Carta preparations were progressing well, and the minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to Councillors. A further £1,000 donation was expected.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide a floral arrangement. There would be a dining event at Coworth Park on 14th March and on 23rd April a speaking event would be hosted at the Guildhall, Windsor.

Thanks were extended to Cllr Mrs Hughes and Mr Hughes for their work in preparing the coats of arms of the twenty five guarantor Barons. It was noted that Mr D Cross would be representing Wraysbury at the archery event.

Concern was expressed that slow progress had been made in improving the Ankerwycke site. A Councillor explained that there were plans in place to make improvements, but that these had to be put back due to archaeological finds. In addition to visual appearance improvements, protection to the Yew and the footings of the Priory would also be enhanced.

DALC

Cllr Davies reported that he had attended the RBWM Devolution to Parishes Workshop, along with the Chairman and the Clerk. This was now less about devolution and more about giving Parishes the opportunity to shape and improve services, based on local knowledge. Examples included the gritting and cleansing schedules.

11/15

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:

Cheque No.	Payee	Budget	Nett	VAT	Gross.
758	Southern Electric	Electricity	292.80	14.64	307.44
759	Wraysbury Village Hall	VAT	849.63	-	849.63
760	M Kiely	Salary	744.55	-	744.55
761	HMRC	Tax and NI	11.04	-	11.04
762	M Kiely	Office	115.75	-	115.75
TOTAL			2,013.77	14.64	2,028.41

It was noted that a quote was awaited for the shutter door to the community building.

(b) Finance Committee Recommendations - Setting the Parish Precept for 2015/16

The Finance Committee advised that they had met immediately prior to the meeting.

Their recommendation was for a 3% increase in the Precept for the next financial year. This would be a total sum of £63,066 plus an additional Precept Compensating Grant of £2,230. A Band D equivalent property would therefore be asked to contribute £30.07.

In a motion proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Davies, it was unanimously agreed that the precept be increased by 3% in 2015/16.

12/15

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

During the discussion, the following comments were made:

- Two officers from Planning Aid were due to visit the village to conduct the first of their ‘village assessments’.
- A survey might be required to demonstrate demand for any enhanced

