

At a Meeting of the
COUNCIL for the **PARISH** of **WRAYSBURY**
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on
Monday 20th April 2015

Present: Councillors Mrs M Lenton (Chairman), A Davies, Mrs D Hughes, J Lenton, P Lord, D Martin, A Moran, M Williams and the Clerk.

Eleven members of the public were present.

58/15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Sinclair and M Smith.

59/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Although not in close proximity, Councillors Mrs Lenton and J Lenton declared an interest in planning application 15/00769, as they lived in the same street.

60/15 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr Larcombe advised that he had a 110 slide PowerPoint presentation that he would be willing to share with the Parish Council (duration expected to be around one hour) on the Jubilee River, and the proposed Lower Thames Scheme, which he considered would tear through the village of Wraysbury.

A resident advised of the developments within Feathers Lane, and queried whether they were legitimate. Cllr Lenton advised that this was a Borough matter, and that he would raise the matter again.

A resident asked about a fallen tree into the Wraysbury Ditch and resolution that she was seeking with her neighbour. Cllr Lenton confirmed that he was fully aware of the matter, and that he would raise the matter again with Borough officers.

Representatives from the Cricket Club raised the matter of the insurance works. They welcomed the improvements to the electrics. Cllr Moran advised the meeting that the planned works would commence during the week of this meeting. A detailed list of keyholders was required by Cllr Moran to ensure that only authorised personnel could access the new door system, including the Parish Cleaner.

Representatives from the Cricket Club raised the matter of the grass cutting frequency. They had understood from the contractor that this had been reduced, but had not been informed by the Parish Council. The Clerk apologised. Twenty six cuts by a specialist mower would be provided at the Parish Council's expense. Additional specialist cuts would need to be commissioned by the Cricket Club, direct from the contractor (Garden Designs) as the season progressed.

A resident provided to the meeting an update on speeding in the village and road safety near to the train station. RBWM had agreed to attend to the overhanging vegetation which was ‘narrowing’ the road. Land ownership in the area was complex and required further investigation. A further meeting would take place in May 2015. The residents would attend and speak at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group. They had also met with Mr Fred Parsons in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan. In relation to rail safety of pedestrians it was noted that the RBWM officer and the two rail representatives felt unsafe walking the route. Gratitude was expressed to Mr Jackson for bringing along a pushchair to illustrate the difficulties faced by those with young children. The Chairman welcomed the fact that the site meeting had taken place and that the information continued to be shared.

61/15 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.*

Application Site	Application No.	Proposal	Parish Council’s Comments to RBWM
5 WHITEHALL LANE, Wraysbury	15/00405	Two Storey front /side extension following demolition of conservatory and garage / outbuilding.	No objection, subject to compliance with local policies.
133 WELLEY ROAD, Wraysbury	15/00769	Single storey front, side and rear extensions, new first floor to provide additional accommodation and two front and two rear dormers to facilitate loft conversion.	Parish Councillors objected to the proposal as they considered it to be overdevelopment, overbearing on neighbouring properties, out of keeping with the nearby street scene and located within an area liable to flood.
12 THE AVENUE, Wraysbury	15/00823	Detached dwelling following demolition of existing.	The Parish Council objected to the proposal as they considered it to be un-neighbourly by way of its height, bulk, design, and the prominence of the site within two residential roads. They recommended that it be called in by Borough Councillor Lenton.
4 THE WORPLE, Wraysbury	15/00874	Rear conservatory.	No objection, subject to compliance with local policies.

46 FAIRFIELD APPROACH, Wraysbury	15/00912	Front and side extensions to existing bungalow.	The Parish Council objected to the proposal as they considered it to exceed permitted development rights, to be over development, to be overbearing on its near neighbours, and be located in an area liable to flood. They recommended that it be called in by Borough Councillor Lenton.
25 THE DRIVE, Wraysbury	15/00932	Two storey side and single storey rear extension.	No objection, subject to compliance with local policies.

Due to time constraints, comments for the following three applications were submitted in advance of the meeting. Councillors resolved to ratify the following comments.

Application Site	Application No.	Proposal	Parish Council's Comments to RBWM
88 HYTHE END ROAD, Wraysbury	15/00496	Rear dormer window.	No objection, subject to compliance with local policies.
46 DOUGLAS LANE, Wraysbury	15/00737	Single storey rear extension with flat roof and roof lantern.	No objection, subject to compliance with local policies.
22 WELLEY ROAD, Wraysbury	15/00789	Two storey part single storey side extension and a two storey front bay as approved under planning permission 13/00685/FULL without complying with condition 3 to vary condition to maintain porous driveway, remove existing shed and create flood water voids for two remaining outbuildings.	The Parish Council strongly objected to the proposal as the original permission was only granted on the basis of six conditions. The Parish Council considered Condition 3 to be essential, as it stated that, "Within one month of the substantial completion of the new extension the existing GARAGE AND SHED shall be demolished in their entirety and all the materials resulting from such demolition works shall be removed from the site." The Parish Council considered that this condition must be enforced, in order to fully comply with Policy F1, and keep the GCA within the 30m2 allowance

Notices of results as detailed on the agenda were noted. The Clerk advised of an error on the summary of RBWM decisions. In relation to 15/00104, land at 1 Nursery Way, Wraysbury, the agenda stated that RBWM permitted the application. RBWM refused the application.

62/15 **COUNCIL MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th March 2015 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

63/15 **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk confirmed his actions in relation to a number of matters which arose at the last meeting. During the discussion the following comments were made:

- Outside lights to the cricket club would be repaired.
- The Parish Council would be consulted by RBWM on the development of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Consideration would be given to a Parish Walk.
- Discussion had taken place with the cricket club on the Parish Council decision to reduce the number of ‘outfield’ cuts through the season. The Clerk offered his apologies to the meeting and to the cricket club, that this had not taken place in a more timely fashion.

64/15 **COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to report.

65/15 **REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Rayner updated the meeting on the following matters:

- “Abandoned” car on The Avenue.
- Dangerous tree branch in St Andrews Close.
- A boat had been stolen but recovered. All boat owners were warned to be vigilant.
- Addressing issues on backwater channel near Friary Island.
- Noise at Hythe End. Officers had visited the site (sometimes unannounced) and liaised with the Environment Agency (EA). Cllr Rayner had visited the site twice.

Councillor J Lenton updated the meeting on the following matters in relation to the RTS:

- The Borough had just agreed a five year funding package towards the development of the River Thames Scheme.
- The EA were conducting borehole tests in the area, and were in the process of updating their river modelling to ensure it was accurate.
- It would take four or more years to plan and then five years to build.
- It had now been agreed that it would be built all at once.
- A matter in which Old Ferry Drive was blocked for over an hour, was also discussed.

66/15 **REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS**

Watercourses and Flooding

No report.

Properties

In the absence of Cllr Smith, Cllr Moran provided a brief update on the playpark. Installation of the new equipment was expected to commence before the end of April 2015.

Greens

A large amount of detritus had been deposited on the Wraysbury Road highway verge near Staines, close to the Coal Posts. The Borough was aware, and would take action.

67/15 **TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS**

Magna Carta

The Chairman advised that the booklet written and printed by the Committee was in the process of being delivered to every household. Positive feedback was received.

The Wine Circle had a Magna Carta related event planned for August 2015.

68/15 **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:

787	SDK Environmental	Dog Waste	281.88	56.38	338.26
788	BALC	Subscriptions	662.51	132.51	795.02
789	Southern Electric	Electric bill	87.32	4.36	91.68
790	LAANC	Subscriptions	98.00		98.00
791	Abracadabra / A Davies	Be a Cllr leaflet	158.25	31.65	189.90
792	Garden Designs	Cuts and maint	670.00	134.00	804.00
793	M Kiely	Clerks salary	745.51		745.51
794	HMRC	Tax & NI	10.08		10.08
795	M Kiely	Office	151.82		151.82
TOTAL			2,865.37	358.90	3,224.27
Insurance 786	D W Francis	Works/repairs	20,280.00		20,280.00

It was noted that cheque 786 was for the insurance related repairs to the cricket club, and toilets. Monies had been received from the insurance company.

Discussion took place on the validity of membership of the Local Authorities Aircraft Noise Council. Cllr Davies reported that he attended meetings when he could, and that membership was valid.

- 69/15** **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
Cllr Davies advised that the next meeting was due to take place the day after the date of this meeting. Horton Parish Cllr Mrs S Rayner would not be standing after May, so a new appointment to the Steering Group would be made by Horton PC.
- 70/15** **MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR PAST CLERKS AND CHAIRMEN**
Cllr Mrs Lenton agreed to send the full list of past Clerks to the current Clerk.
- 71/15** **PLAYPARK PROGRESS UPDATE**
New equipment would be installed by the end of April 2015. Replacement swing seats had been ordered and would be installed in June.
- 72/15** **NOISE ARISING FROM WASTE TRANSFER STATION, HYTHE
END**
Mr Collins outlined the concerns he had experienced, living in close proximity to the site. He stated that telephone calls to the EA only resulted in temporary stops, the visits by RBWM officers had revealed nothing, the operators were adding pollution to an already polluted area, high traffic volumes were being generated with heavy goods vehicles making multiple visits to the site, and the problem was increased by the allowance of additional inert waste to be processed.
- Councillors thanked Mr Collins for his question. They suggested that the vehicle movements should be monitored and recorded as they were a planning enforcement issue, and that the noise issue should be evidenced by the use of a suitable decibel counting machine.
- 73/15** **PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM THE TENNIS CLUB – SHRUBBERY
ENHANCEMENTS**
The Parish Council fully endorsed the club's proposal to remove all the old hedging and extend the 'red-robin' hedging around to the front 'road facing' boundary, at the club's expense. Clerk to advise club.
- 74/15** **MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING**
None.
- 75/15** **ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT UPON FUTURE AGENDAS**
Parish Walk.
River Thames Scheme.
- 76/15** **ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
None.
- 77/15** **COUNCILLORS DAVID MARTIN AND MIKE SMITH**
All present joined the Chairman in heartily thanking Cllr Martin and Cllr Smith for their hard work and long service to the Parish Council. They were standing down in May 2015 and would both be greatly missed.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr Davies that the press and the public be excluded from the next items on the agenda as the business to be discussed 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 J Lenton and agreed without dissension.

..... Chairman

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