

At a Meeting of the
COUNCIL for the **PARISH** of **WRAYSBURY**
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on
Monday 22nd June 2015

Present: Councillors Mrs M Lenton (Chairman), Mrs D Hughes, Mrs L Andrew, J Lenton, E Larcombe, P Lord, A Moran, Mrs S Nicholls, G Sinclair, M Williams and the Clerk.
Twelve members of the public were present.

116/15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Davies.

117/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None.

118/15 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Discussion took place on state of the River Colne, particularly around Bell Weir. There appeared to be black sludge and the greenery on the banks was not maintained. The resident was encouraged to email her correspondence thus far to Cllr J Lenton, who would take the matter up with the Environment Agency.

Discussion took place on the derelict area and the footbridge near Ferry Lane. The resident was encouraged to email her concerns to Cllr J Lenton.

A resident had submitted his questions in writing, in advance of the meeting. They were about the Borough's proposed scheme to clear the Wraysbury Drain. The Parish Council urged the resident to direct his questions to the Royal Borough, who were the commissioners of the proposed works.

A resident updated the meeting on speeding and traffic safety. Further meetings were planned with Borough Officer Phil Jacobs on highway safety matters, and a further meeting was planned with the train operator, Network Rail and the Royal Borough about the safety of pedestrians accessing Wraysbury train station.

119/15 **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	Comments from the Parish Council
6 THE ISLAND, Wraysbury	15/01621	Elevated decking.	No objection, subject to compliance with local policies.
MELODY BROOK, 21 MAGNA CARTA LANE, Wraysbury	15/01628	Addition of two dormers to front elevation of existing garage.	No objection, subject to compliance with local policies.
BELL WEIR GARAGE CAR LOT, 2 Wraysbury Road	15/01794	Construction of 7 dwellings following demolition of all existing buildings other than telecommunications exchange unit with associated works.	No objection, subject to compliance with local policies. It was noted that the application had been 'called-in' by Cllr J Lenton, for the benefit of public interest.
12 DOUGLAS LANE, Wraysbury	15/01713	Single storey side extension.	No objection. The Parish Council submitted comments on this application when there was little information available. Detail had now been submitted/published and the Parish Council had no objection, subject to compliance with local policies.

Although not on the published agenda, the following item was considered, due to time constraints, and would be included on the next agenda for the benefit of public interest and for ratification.

Application Site	Application No.	Proposal	Comments from the Parish Council
5 BELL WEIR CLOSE, Wraysbury	15/01942	Part single storey front extension.	No objection, subject to compliance with local policies.

The following item was considered at the last meeting due to time constraints and was included on this agenda for the benefit of public interest and for ratification. The comments were duly ratified.

Application Site	Application No.	Proposal	Comments from the Parish Council
21 GLOUCESTER DRIVE, Wraysbury	15/01682	Part single, part double storey rear extension.	OBJECTION. The Parish Council objected to the proposal as they considered that the applicant already had a large rear extension. The proposed new extension was too close to neighbours and was in excess of the thirty metres allowance.

Notices of results determined by the Royal Borough, as detailed on the agenda, were noted.

120/15 ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

None reported.

121/15 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

122/15 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

No reports.

123/15 REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS

Properties

Cllr Moran explained that preliminary discussions had taken place with the solicitors on all of the current leases and licenses.

Waterways

Cllr Sinclair was pleased to note the proposed works to the Wraysbury Drain but highlighted that there would be access and cost issues.

Greens

Cllr Williams explained that there was still an issue with the soil dumped on the highway verge just prior to the 'Coal Post' at the border with Staines.

124/15 WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS

No reports.

125/15 FINANCE

a) Accounts for 2014/15

The Clerk circulated by email and distributed to the meeting twelve monthly bank reconciliations, monthly receipts and payment summaries, and management accounts (monthly out-turn against budget headings). These had been briefly presented to the appointed auditor (Mr Barrie Dancer). In a motion proposed by Cllr Mrs Hughes and seconded by Cllr Sinclair, the figures were agreed as a correct record. Further meetings would take place with the auditor and further accounts documents would be completed and circulated via email by the Clerk. It was noted that the VAT return and insurance recharges still needed to be completed. The internal audit would be completed in July for consideration at the July meeting (an extension had been granted by the external auditors).

b) Approval of payments.

The following payments were approved, and the cheques signed accordingly.

Cheque No.	Payee	Budget	Nett	VAT	Gross.
813	M Kiely	Salary	760.20		760.20
814	M Keynes	Labour	243.20		243.20
815	HMRC	Tax & NI	72.80		72.80
816	Your Web Services Ltd	Web & email	130.00	26.00	156.00
817	Garden Designs	Grass and Maint	1,139.15	227.83	1,366.98
818	Frame Workshop	M Carta Frame	709.10	141.82	850.92
819	M kiely	Office	129.02		129.02
820	Mrs M Lenton / Lumina	M Carta music	100.00		100.00
TOTAL			3,283.47	395.65	3,679.12

126/15 PLAYPARK PROGRESS UPDATE

Wraysbury Parochial Charities and the 250 Club had generously proposed to fund some improvements to the play park, which was warmly welcomed by Parish Councillors.

A quotation had been sought for the replacement of junior swing seats. It was agreed that this work should be commissioned with immediate effect. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the work should be commissioned in the Parish Council's name to ensure that the invoice could be properly processed. There was a possibility that the Parochial Charities would fund the new seats.

127/15 RIGHTS OF WAY MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2016-2026 – RBWM CONSULTATION

Cllr Mrs Nicholls had circulated a briefing paper in advance of the meeting, and supplemented this with an A3 map of Wraysbury which colour coded existing Public Rights of Way, other existing paths, promoted routes and proposed routes.

During the brief discussion, the following comments were made:

- The Ankerwycke site should be added to the wish list, in partnership with the National Trust.
- The Magna Carta Lane public right of way should be checked on the definitive map, as it did not appear to be shown.
- The weir at the backwater cut should be included in the wish list.
- There would be further opportunity for the Parish to submit comments, as the Plan became more refined.

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Nicholls would make the necessary amendments to finalise the Parish Council's initial response to the consultation.

128/15 MAGNA CARTA CELEBRATIONS

Councillor Mrs Lenton reported on the success of the events across the Magna Carta Weekend. She thanked fellow Councillors, the Magna Carta Committee and all of the villagers who had worked tirelessly to make the events such a success.

In a motion proposed by Cllr Sinclair and seconded by Cllr Mrs Andrew, it was unanimously agreed that the play park be re-named the Magna Carta Play Park.

Councillor Mrs Lenton agreed to co-ordinate the production of a press release.

129/15 **PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES – EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

The draft policy, prepared by Cllr Moran, was circulated.

In a motion proposed by Cllr Moran and seconded by Cllr Williams, it was unanimously agreed that the policy be adopted without amendment.

It was noted that Parish Councillors had been set the task of drawing up a number of policies, and these would be presented for agreement at future meetings.

130/15 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was reported that an ad-hoc get-together was planned for Tuesday 23rd June. A formal meeting, located in Horton, was planned for 6th July 2015. More involvement from Horton was required, to ensure the Plan addressed their needs. More details about the plan were available at www.hwnp.co.uk
It was expected that the Plan would be submitted to the Royal Borough by the end of 2015.

131/15 **APPOINTMENTS**

It was agreed that the role of Lead Member for Community Resilience, Infrastructure and Communications should be created. The role would need to devise plans and policies, and keep relevant lists updated annually.

In a motion proposed by Cllr Mrs Hughes and seconded by Cllr Sinclair, it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Williams be appointed to the role.

The meeting was also advised that the constitution of Wraysbury Voluntary Care required that a Parish Councillor be appointed to their committee.

In a motion proposed by Cllr Sinclair and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hughes, it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Williams be appointed to the role.

The Clerk was instructed to update the Council Roles and Responsibilities 2015/16 document, and circulate.

132/15 **MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING**

None.

133/15 **ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

It was agreed that the River Thames Scheme should become a standing item on future agendas.

134/15 ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

An observation was made that the Davies Commission on airport expansion was likely to be published in the coming weeks. The Borough favoured expansion at Gatwick. The Borough had submitted a response to the air quality consultation.

Brief discussion took place on the abolishment of the Cranford Agreement, and the planning appeal at the London Borough of Hillingdon.

135/15 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr J Lenton 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 Mrs Hughes and agreed without dissension.

..... Chairman

..... Date