

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
OF THE PARISH OF WRAYSBURY  
HELD IN WRAYSBURY VILLAGE HALL  
ON Monday 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

**Present**

Councillor Mrs M Lenton, Chairman of the Parish Council, in the Chair. The Clerk and sixteen Registered Electors of the Parish.

(Cllr P Lord, Cllr A Davies, Cllr Mrs D Hughes, Cllr Ms S Nicholls, Cllr Graham Sinclair, Cllr Andy Moran, Cllr Mike Williams, Cllr Ewan Larcombe along with 8 members of the Parish)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillors J Lenton and C Rayner along with Cllr Mrs L Andrew.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2015 were circulated at the meeting. They were agreed as a correct record, subject to the addition of Mr Ewan Larcombe being included in those present at the meeting and signed accordingly.

**3. Presentation By Mr J Pick – Thames Valley Police Community Liaison Officer**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Jeff Pick to the meeting.

Mr Pick stated that although levels of general crimes are falling there is a rise in the levels of fraud, the easier and more profitable option for criminals. Fraud can be attempted in 4 formats:

1. At The Door

- Nottingham Knockers- young lads selling items in order to gain information on the likelihood of you having sums of cash in the house and the comings and goings of your neighbours.
- Charity Collectors- as charity collectors cannot be insured to carry cash they often ask for standing order forms to be completed. Never give out personal detail at the door, genuine charities will be happy for you to make your own arrangements.
- Bogus Builders- the victims are generally the old and vulnerable who are convinced by the builder that work is required on their property. The initial price rising dramatically and the victim often being taken to the bank to withdraw money.

2. By Telephone

- Microsoft/BT Scam- the caller offers to run a diagnostic test, you type in a line of text, this displays a diagnostic test being run on the screen whilst allowing the criminal access to your hard drive.
- Talk Talk- caller states that your router is causing problems to neighbours and offers to supply a new one along with compensation for which they require your bank details to make the payment.
- Courier Fraud- a call from a 'police officer' states that 2 people are in custody for using your card illegally. You are asked to get your card and call the

number on the reverse immediately to cancel it. In putting the receiver down the call is not disconnected so when you redial you are reconnected to the fraudster. You are asked to go through all your security information. The 'policeman' the calls back, tells you to cut the card in half and arranges for a courier to collect it. As the chip is still in one piece it is later reset into a fake card.

3. By Letters

- Inheritance of money following the death of a distant relative. These usually come from China.
- Competitions awarding large sums of money but require administration costs to be paid first.

4. By Email

- These generally are not personally addressed, they contain an inducement and or a treat and have an attachment to be opened. If in doubt run the cursor over the link, a box will then reveal the true destination.

Mr Pick advised that scams are changing day by day and suggested that residents are kept abreast of new trends by reading his regular crime report for the area.

A current problem is where cars are being stolen having been left 'unlocked'. A second key fob can be used to interfere with the signal sent to a car to lock it – always physically check that a car is locked before leaving it. This is particularly a problem with keyless cars as the fobs signal can be recorded from up to 30 feet away. The fob should be kept in a metal box.

Another issue at this time of year is that of shed/garage break ins. Mr Pick urged residents to mark their property with post codes and install simple shed alarms.

The Chairman concluded the discussion by thanking Mr Jeff Pick and requested that a similar presentation could be made to the 'Pop In' club; a group of the more elderly residents. Mr Pick was in agreement.

**4. Chairman's Report**

The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

- Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that a card had been sent to the Queen on behalf of the residents of Wraysbury and that the beacon and fireworks evening on the 21<sup>st</sup> April had been a great success. She offered her appreciation to all those involved.
- Future events include an exhibition in Horton, a picnic on The Green with a jazz band, children's entertainment and 9 cakes each with 10 candles, a ¼ peel followed by an evening service at St Andrew's Church.

The Neighbourhood Plan

- The exhibition on the 9<sup>th</sup> April had been well attended and a questionnaire is available on the web site until the end of the month for residents voice their opinions.
- The plan is limited due to the green belt and the flood plain but will be able to influence planning decisions. The Plan will aim to retain the character of Wraysbury and Horton whilst promoting the development of smaller properties for first time buyers and the elderly wishing to down size. The draft plan is being revised before being sent out to consultation.

- Cllr Mrs M Lenton wished to thank Mr F Parson, the Steering Group, Mrs L Holden and Mr J Slater, the consultant for all their efforts in the production of the draft plan.

To consider the re-allocation of funds (£1997) held in trust after the demise of Eton Rural District Council for specific projects (no longer operational)

It was explained that should the monies be released, in the unlikely event that there is a claim the Parish Council would honour their obligation. The resolution was proposed by Cllr A Moran, seconded by Cllr M Williams and carried by a unanimous public vote.

Parochial Charities Accounts

The audited accounts were made available for inspection by those present.

**5. Introduction To Lead Members**

Properties.

Cllr Moran described his duties as Lead Member for properties including the management of community owned properties and land from which modest amounts of monies were collected in rent. This year he had used 106 monies to finance new Cricket nets for the Cricket Club and is in the process of providing new dug outs for the Football Club; a requirement following their promotion into a new league.

Greens

Cllr M Williams gave a brief outline of his duties as Lead Member for Greens; scheduling the maintenance of green spaces, shrubberies and verges along with one off situations such as fallen trees. The weather and growing season had a major impact amounts of work required but approximately ¼ of the annual budget was spent on 'Greens'.

Waterways

Cllr G Sinclair advised the meeting of his work in relation to the Waterways, pursuing the EA and Borough Council to fund issues affecting Wraysbury. Although there is now water in The Wraysbury Drain further work is needed to ensure this continues to be the case. Another current issue is that of the silting up of so called 'back waters' along the River Thames resulting in the loss of Islands. The EA are at present reluctant to carry out dredging works.

Planning

Cllr Mrs Hughes talked on the following subjects:

- The National Planning Policy – introduced 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and includes promoting a sustainable transport system, delivering a wide choice of high quality homes of good design, protecting the Green Belt, meeting the challenges of climate change and flooding, and conserving and enhancing the historic and natural environment.
- Flooding – development should be in areas of lower probability of flooding, unless the benefits to the community outweigh the flood risk and a flood risk assessment show the development will be safe for its lifetime. The site must be flood resilient and resistant with safe access and escape routes.
- Green Belt – the aim is to prevent urban sprawl but the Planning Practise Guidance is continually revised allowing 274,000 houses to have been built in the GB. The RBWM supports the GB restricting extensions to 30m<sup>2</sup> in the

functional flood plain or areas liable to flood. The one exception to development in the GB is that of brown field sites.

**6. Questions from the Public**

- Cllr E Larcombe asked if the Parish Council supported unreservedly the River Thames Scheme. Cllr Mrs M Lenton stated that there was general support but not unqualified support, the effects on the Village would have to be considered. Cllr P Lord stated that initially he supported the scheme but with further reflection he now has some reservations.
- A member of the public requested an update on gaining public access to Queensmead Lake. The Clerk stated that Affinity Water are commissioning a review of the site by a third party which is estimated to take 10 weeks. Following the report a meeting between Affinity Water and The Parish Council will take place.
- Cllr P Lord requested that the word be spread about the Neighbourhood Plan Survey, 26 responses have so far been received but he would like more. Cllr G Sinclair congratulated The Steering Committee on their work so far.

**7. Meeting**

The Chairman wished to express her thanks to Mrs B Marlow for her assistance and hard work over the past year; a difficult time for the Parish Council. She went on to close the meeting and thanked all present for their attendance.

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