

At a Meeting of the
COUNCIL for the **PARISH of WRAYSBURY**
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
Thursday 20th April 2017

Present: Councillors Mrs M Lenton (Chairman), P Lord, E Larcombe, A Moran, Mrs D Hughes, J Lenton, Ms S Nicholls, M Williams and the Clerk

Preceding the meeting the following statement was read by Cllr Mrs M Lenton;

Statement from Fowles Crushed Concrete, Tim Fowles and Billy Fowles

Fowles Crushed Concrete Limited (FCC) is the operator of a waste management facility at Hythe End Farm, Hythe End Road, Wraysbury. FCC is a family run company, controlled by its directors Tim Fowles and his son Billy Fowles.

A meeting of the Wraysbury Parish Council took place on Monday 20 February 2017. The minutes of that meeting, as published on the Wraysbury Parish Council website, record an allegation made by Mr Young of Hythe End in relation to the operation of the FCC facility at the Hythe End site. He is recorded as advising the meeting that *“a recent fire on the site was the result of household waste burning; the disposal of household waste is not permitted on this site.”*

That allegation by Mr Young is untrue.

No household waste or waste which would be classified as household waste is accepted, stored or treated at the FCC site. The site is regularly inspected by the Environment Agency, such inspections occurring without warning. Had household waste been stored or treated at the site the Environment Agency would have discovered that and taken appropriate enforcement action.

The only “recent” fire at the site was as long ago as the night of 14/15 September 2016. That fire occurred in mixed waste from construction and demolition sources. The Fire Service attended and concluded that FCC were well equipped to put out the fire, which it did successfully. Thereafter, a Fire Safety Inspector, on behalf of Royal Berkshire Fire Authority, carried out a fire safety audit of the site and concluded that it is was broadly compliant with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

FCC, Tim Fowles and Billy Fowles are glad of the opportunity which this statement gives them to put the record straight.

67/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs L Andrew, A Davies and G Sinclair.

68/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Moran stated that Mr Farren was a client of his although he had taken no part in the planning application No 17/01168.

69/17 REPORT FROM MR ROBINSON FROM RBWM HIGHWAYS INSPECTIONS & STREETCARE.

- New cycle/footpath – the works have now been completed and the existing footpath cleared.
- Pothole challenge – the scheme has been extended and Mr Robinson would welcome details of area of concern in both footpaths and carriageways. The scheme will be postponed through the summer to allow for normal works to be completed but will resume in the autumn.
- Footpath at Wraysbury Station – works have now been completed. Mr F Parsons passed a list of outstanding issues to Mr Robinson for his consideration. Mr G Cribbins requested that following the instalment of new lights around the Village could a further light be installed over the Bridge as the area is very poorly lit. Mr Robinson will investigate.
- Corner of Ouseley Road – Mr Robinson is to inspect the area to consider re-profiling the curb to prevent the repeated damage to the corner property's wall by speeding vehicles.
- Verges – Cllr P Lord inquired who was responsible for the maintenance of verges that are being damaged due to parking. Mr Robinson stated that he would inspect the areas in question. He stated that where damage is caused in the development process the restoration of the footpaths is the responsibility of the property owner. Where this has not happened a report should be made to Highways (HDC), planning and enforcement departments.
- Puddles – Mr Parsons reported that there are various places in the Village where rain water collects causing issues for pedestrians. Mr Robinson will investigate as this issue has already been reported to the Borough. He did state that a new method of reporting such issues will shortly be available where locations can be pin pointed.

Cllr Mrs M Lenton thanked Mr Robinson for attending the meeting.

70/17 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions.

71/17 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 left the room and took no part in the discussions.

Application Site	Application No.	Proposal	Summary of Parish Council Comments
28 Fairfield Approach Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5DS	17/00839 FULL	Proposed rear, side and front extensions with new first floor over the extended dwelling.	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.
The Gables 68A Staines Road Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5BS	17/01020 TPO	Works to trees covered by TPO	Objection on the grounds that this is a splendid specimen tree. Refer to tree officer.
4 Brookside Avenue Wraysbury, Staines	17/01168 FULL	Construction of a replacement dwelling.	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.

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TW19 5HB			
The Vicarage 55 Welley Road Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5ER	17/01113 TPO	(T3) – Lime –Remove epicormics growth to crown break and hanger from canopy (TPO42 of 2004)	No objection but would request that a replacement tree be planted.
68 Hythe End Road Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5AP	17/00914 FULL	Detached outbuilding	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.
Land adjoining 148 Staines Road Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5AH	17/00934 FULL	Redevelopment and demolition of existing garage workshop and hardstanding with the proposed erection of a (C3 dwelling) 3 bed dormer bungalow.	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.
247 Staines Road Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5AJ	17/01031 FULL	Vehicular access	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.

- Concorde Garage – Cllrs Mrs M Lenton, Mrs D Hughes, Ms S Nicholls and A Moran had attended the panel meeting along with Mr Perez and Mr Cribbins. The decision has been deferred to allow the panel to visit the site.
- Fowles Appeal – This is to take place on 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th and 19th May in The George. Cllr Mrs M Lenton suggested that the Parish needs to be represented but anyone wishing to speak should be very well prepared. Cllr E Larcombe stated that he will speak on the earth bunds and stated that a site visit should be requested before the appeal. Cllr Mrs M Lenton suggested that Google Earth provides a view and the inspectors are able to request a site visit.
- Floor Levels – Cllr A Moran reported that the EA have increased the required levels for underside of floor to 18.3m and floor levels to 18.6m ADD for all new builds in flood plain areas. He is concerned that this would restrict any new builds in Wraysbury.

72/17 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th March 2017 were, following some minor adjustments, agreed and signed as a correct.

73/17 ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

- Parish surgery – Cllr P Lord reported that it had been quiet but would continue with the initiative.
- 1 Station Rd – The Clerk had received a reply from the owners Mr and Mrs Gamester stating that they are currently considering selling the property to a developer. Cllr Lord is to seek further advice.

- Land behind Concorde Garage – the land subject to fly tipping is not owned by Concorde Garage and may possibly be owned by the Borough, a land registry search would confirm this. Mr Robinson is to take a look.
- Pathway No 4 – the area complained about is not part of the pathway and is not a public right of way.
- Televising Future Meetings – Cllr A Moran advised that the meeting could be downloaded on to Facebook. Cllrs Ms S Nicholls and Mrs Hughes both stated that they would object to being videoed feeling that an audio recording would be sufficient. Cllr Mrs L Andrew is to be advised and asked to report back.
- Planning App 03/83578 – no reply has been received from RBWM with regard to the diversion of the stream at the British Contractors Plant Site. The Clerk is to chase.

74/17 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- The Clerk advised that the 'Fun in the Sun' activities have been booked for 10th and 18th August and as these dates do not clash with any cricket events the activities are to be held on the Green. Horton Parish Council has requested that the activities be jointly advertised this year as the turn out in Horton was poor last year. This was agreed to.
- Cllr A Moran advised that he had been contacted by the Village Halls committee Chairman who was upset by the Parish Council's response to their request for financial help. Cllr Moran explained that the correct procedures must be followed when submitting requests.
- The Clerk advised that she had received an email from Mr P Jackson asking for details of the reason for the rise in precept, why the Parish Council had previously worked with a negative budget and what the Gravel Pit fund was for. Cllr P Lord had prepared a presentation answering Mr Jackson's questions but as he was not at the meeting there seemed little point in presenting it at this point.
- The Clerk advised that she had received notification from Wraysbury Village Halls that the AGM will be held on Thursday 1st June at 7.30 pm.

75/17 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr J Lenton advised that the 305 bus route is to continue in the short term and that the Borough was committed to providing transport for Village children attending Magna Carta School. Currently a competitive tendering process is under way for the provision of bus services on various routes including the 305.

76/17 REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS

Properties

- An updated asset register has been completed in readiness for the internal audit.
- The Play Park has been inspected and works are in hand to carry out repairs where necessary.
- The first meeting of the new Football Club has taken place with the new committee, the old committee having stepped down. It transpires that there are no financial records for the Club and certain irregularities are currently being investigated. Cllr Mrs M Lenton attended the meeting and is happy that the Club is moving on. A line has been drawn under the

accounts and the current committee is seeking to raise funds. The proposed new dug outs can now take place along with some renovation works to the pitch. The Parish Council is to be a scrutineer of the Club's accounts although the Parish Council has full confidence in Mr M Foster's competency. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Mr J Rice for many years of pitch marking for the Club.

- Flood Gate – the company to be used to supply and fit the gate has moved offices but the installation is now in hand.
- Wellness equipment – Cllr Moran suggested that the Parish considers the installation of fitness equipment on the Memorial Ground. He is to investigate.

Greens

- Two trees have been removed following high winds.
- Ivy has been cut following work to the willow trees around the green.
- A complaint has been received concerning the trees opposite no.23 The Green. They are to be inspected by Garden Designs.

Waterways

Cllr Larcombe stated that work needs to continue on the Wraysbury Drain. The Clerk is chase Sue Fox as a reply has not yet been received regarding details of monies spent so far and proposed future works.

77/17 WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS

None

78/17 FINANCE

a) The following payments were approved and the cheques signed accordingly.

Cheq No	Payee	Budget	Nett	VAT	Gross
5094	Staff A	Office	£ 102.10		£ 102.10
	Staff A	Admin	£ 642.53		£ 642.53
5095	Staff C	Labour	£ 208.00		£ 208.00
5096	RC of B Pension Fund	Pension	£ 165.91		£ 165.91
5097	Garden Designs	Unsched Task	£ 70.00	£ 14.00	£ 84.00
	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 804.15	£ 160.83	£ 964.98
5098	LA Aircraft Noise	Subs	£ 102.50		£ 102.50
5099	L Andrew	Magna Carta	£ 35.00		£ 35.00
5100	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 878.15	£ 175.63	£ 1,053.78
SO	RBWM Rates	Property	£ 35.83		£ 35.83
SO	My Controller	Prof Services	£ 30.00	£ -	£ 30.00
DD	Bank Charges	Admin			
	Total		£ 3,074.17	£ 350.46	£ 3,424.63

- b) RFO Update – The management account for the year 2016/17 were presented by the Clerk along with the year-end balance sheet, bank reconciliation and a breakdown of the funds held as of 31st March 2017. Cllr M Williams proposed that the accounts be formally accepted by the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs D Hughes and agreed unanimously. The Clerk advised that she is to meet with the Internal Auditor on 26th April.

79/17 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that there is to be no June edition of the Wraysbury News due to the ill health of Maggie Gardener. Cllr M Williams is in the process of getting a new team in place ready for the November issue. Both the Parochial Charities and the Parish Council have offered their support.
- Cllr Mrs M Lenton reported that a stall has been booked for the Neighbourhood Plan/Parish Council at the Wraysbury Fair. A list is to be circulated for volunteers to man the stall. Neither Cllr Mrs M Lenton nor J Lenton will be available as they are opening the fair.
- An appraisal form has been sent to the Clerk and a meeting will be arranged between Cllrs Mrs M Lenton, A Moran and the Clerk. Cllr Mrs M Lenton wish to acknowledge the good job being done by the Clerk.
- The Annual Parish Council Meeting – Cllr Mrs M Lenton requested that the meeting on the 15th May starts at 6pm to allow her to Chair a History Festival Meeting at 6.45 pm. This was agreed. The EA are to be asked to attend at 7 pm.

80/17 THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Mrs M Lenton reported that Horton Parish Council had ratified the Neighbourhood Plan at their last meeting. Due to purdah nothing further will happen until after the 8th June. Once we receive a screening opinion by the borough that a SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) is not needed to be carried out, the submitted version of the Neighbourhood Plan and all accompanying documents can then be forwarded to the local planning authority (RBWM) who will do a final check on legal requirements and carry out their own six-week consultation. The Plan then goes to independent examination before finally going to a referendum.

81/17 THE RIVER THAMES SCHEME

Cllr Larcombe enquired whether all Councillors had read the copy of The River Thames Report that he had circulated. It was confirmed that they had.

Cllr Larcombe questioned the proposed temporary flood barriers, stating that access to properties would be restricted. Cllr Mrs M Lenton stated that the EA is proposing to make a presentation of the scheme in June or July. They are currently working on the logistics of the plan.

82/17 THE QUEENSMEAD LAKE

Nothing further to report.

83/17 MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING

None.

84/17 ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

85/17 ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr H Perez stated that he had attended a Highways Meeting where the 305 bus route was discussed. One Councillor asked the question why the route should serve Colnbrook and Staines when neither Slough nor Staines were willing to help finance the route. Mr Perez asked that the Parish Council support the service in its entirety. Cllr J Lenton advised that the situation was being actively discussed with alternative providers being sought. The Borough has made a major commitment to finding a solution.

86/17 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr A Moran 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 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 Ms S Nicholls and agreed without dissension.

.....Chairman Date