

At the Meeting of the
COUNCIL for the **PARISH** of **WRAYSBURY**
held in the Village Hall at 7pm
Monday 19th June 2017

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

111/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for were received from Cllrs Mrs L Andrew, A Davies, C Rayner and J Lenton.

112/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

113/17 REPORT FROM THE EA ON THE HYTHE END WASTE TRANSFER SITE.

Laura Summers and Caroline Barns from the EA attended the meeting to report on the current situation regarding the Waste Transfer Site. Laura Summers has been appointed the Hythe End Project Manager in recognition of the complex issues of the site; crossing over two areas, in order to coordinate the different teams within the EA. Laura explained that the 2 appeals made by Fowles with regard to the permit allowing for 160 tonnes of waste to be stored and the refusal of a variation request were not pursued by the EA. Whilst the EA believes that the amount of waste being stored is in excess of the 160 tonnes the flood risk associated with the excess waste needs to be investigated and will form part of the evidence in the processing the current variation request. She went on to advise that although the operator had increased activity over the past 18 month the amount of throughput is still within the permit allowance of 125,000 tonnes.

Cllr Ms S Nichols questioned if the figures provided by the applicant were checked by the EA. Laura Summer advised that they were not.

Cllr Mrs M Lenton asked if the applicant's previous behaviour at other sites was taken into consideration. Laura Summers advised that whilst they have information to hand there are time scales with regard to the relevance of such information.

Cllr Moran asked if a weigh bridge was used to monitor the through put of waste. Laura Summers confirmed that it was with figures being submitted on a quarterly basis but the main concern is the storage of waste. Cllr Moran questioned how the weight of stored waste is judged as cubic meter of concrete is obviously considerably more than say plasterboard. Laura Summers advised that the EA is aware that the 160 tonnes waste storage limit is being breached.

Cllr Mrs M Lenton voiced her annoyance at being asked not to comment on the appeals by the EA due to the risk of prejudicing the case and then not being immediately advised when the case was dropped by the EA.

Cllr E Larcombe expressed his concerns over the embankment created around the site taking up flood storage and interfering with water flow. Also the fact that waste is on top of a water intake. Laura Summers advised that Thames Water will be consulted.

Cllr G Sinclair stated that the weigh bridge figures are pointless unless checked on a monthly basis.

Cllr P Lord displayed an aerial view of the site stating that this area of concrete coverage in a flood plain must surely create a flood risk. He questioned whether or not the concrete floor was included in the waste storage figures when assessing the flood risk of the site. Laura Summers confirmed that it was looked at within planning. Cllr Lord also questioned why the site was not included in the recent Minerals and Waste Plan. Laura Summers confirmed that it should be included and thought its omission may be due to the historically small operation of the site.

Cllr Moran voiced his concerns that the EA only look at models without checking out the information via visits and investigations. He also questioned why the EA is quick to take action on small cases but reluctant when it comes to the more significant situations. Laura Summers repeated that once the flood risk assessment had been completed the EA would be in a better position to act. The EA need to respond to the planning application by the end of July and the Parish Council will be kept informed on all progress via the Clerk.

114/17 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr H Perez wished to offer his congratulations to the Village Fair organisers on what was a great occasion. This was agreed by all and a letter of thanks is to be sent from the Parish Council.

115/17 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
Former Wraysbury Landfill Site East of Silverwing Sailing Club Wraysbury Road Wraysbury, Staines	17/01463 VAR	Variation of condition 5 (under section 73) to substitute amended plans for the approved plans for the construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm including security fencing, inverter and transformer stations, below ground cabling, CCTV, substations, internal access road and landscaping approved under 14/02044/FULL	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.
79 Ouseley Road Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5JJ	17/01602 FULL	Single storey Side extension.	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.
7 The Avenue Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5EY	16/02666 FULL (amendment)	Replacement dwelling.	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.

The following item was considered although not included in the agenda and will be included in the agenda for the next meeting for the benefit of public interest and for ratification.

Application Site	Application No.	Proposal	Summary of Parish Council Comments
16 Riverside Wraysbury, Staines TW19 5JN	17/01677 FULL	Erection of detached garden office outbuilding, following the demolition of existing boathouse.	No objection subject to compliance with local policies.

116/17 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th March 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct.

117/17 ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

- Parish surgery – Cllr P Lord reported that it had been quiet but would continue with the initiative.
- 1 Station Rd – Cllr Lord reported that as the property was mixed usage there was little that can be done but suggested that the General Power of Competency Act may be useful but in order to make use of the Act the Clerk would be required to undertake training.
- Televising Future Meetings – to be deferred to next month’s meeting due to Cllr Mrs L Andrews’ absence.
- Cil Monies – Cllr A Moran advised that no monies would be made available as the increase in net floor area was below the 100m2 threshold for commercial properties.
- Wellness equipment poll – Cllr A Moran advised that there had been very little response from the community with some suggesting alternative uses for the funds. It was decided that as the S106 monies had to be spent on the memorial ground facilities that Cllr Moran should put forward costs for supplying and fitting a couple of pieces of equipment.

118/17 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- Stopping up application Lammas Drive – Lammas Drive Residents Association requested the support of the Parish Council for their ‘stopping up’ application. The construction of a set of gates would result in the road no longer being a public highway so becoming a ‘private road’. The reason for the application is to prevent the repeated fly tipping. It was unanimously agreed to support the application.
- Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities Joint Mineral and Waste Plan – Cllr P Lord had read the plan and advised that question were posed and required a response. He is to answer on behalf of the Parish Council and will circulate his suggested responses for approval prior to submission.
- Minutes of Village Halls AGM and Annual Accounts – the Clerk advised that she was in receipt of the afore mentioned should any of the Councillor which to inspect them.

- Poyle Road Scheme Consultation – the Clerk advised that the second consultation for the Poyle Rd scheme runs until 7th July. The concerns previously submitted are to be resubmitted.

119/17 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Neither Borough Councillors were in attendance as they were at a Borough Neighbourhood Plan meeting. However Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that Bear Busses were the preferred provider for the 305 bus route and that service is to be as is.

Cllr G Sinclair's letter to Cllr J Lenton regarding his concern over the crossing area between the Chemist and the Post Office is to be passed on. He advised that many residents had tripped whilst crossing the road due to the uneven road surface and poorly marked speed humps.

120/17 REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS

Properties

- The Play Park – an inspection has been carried out and some repairs completed. SMP, the providers of the trail have been contacted and are to meet Cllr Moran to discuss repair works.
- The Memorial Ground – following the recent invasion of the Memorial Ground new locks have been fitted to the gates and bollards installed.
- The Football Club – quotes to do the ground work for the new dugouts are being sought. The roof to the changing rooms has been repaired. The Club has requested permission from the Parish Council to erect a sign (3x2 m) advertising fixtures on the corner of the Play Park fencing. There were concerns as this may set a precedence for other Village clubs and that the intended sign had the sponsor's name on it. It was decided that the new Club should be assisted wherever possible but planning permission would be required. The Club are in negotiating over a new 5 a-side pitch/basketball and are confident that the capital costs can be met by grants.
- Car Park Lease – Cllr Moran advised that despite contacting RK Leisure on several occasions he had not yet received a response regarding the proposed new lease.
- Car Park – Cllr Moran advised that he had reported a car parked for some time in the Shoppers Car Park that is suspected as being used as a drugs store.
- Flood Gate – has been fitted to the Cricket Club.
- Memorial Bench – Mrs Zoe Pullen has requested a bench be erected in memory of her late father. Cllr Moran had suggested the War Memorial area as a suitable location and this was agreed to by both Mrs Pullen and the Parish Council.

Greens

- A member of the public had complained to RBWM about the overhanging vegetation along Staines Road. RBWM suggested that this was the responsibility of the Parish Council, Cllr Williams advised RBWM that it is the responsibility of the land owners and the responsibility of RBWM to advise the land owners of their obligations. Cllr G Sinclair suggested a generic letter that could be delivered to home owners when necessary.
- Works on over hanging trees along the Green are due to be carried out.
- The traffic lights over Wraysbury Station Bridge are now obscured due to over grown trees, issue to be reported.

Waterways

Cllr Sinclair advised that he had received a quote for £2000 to have the log blocking the navigable reach dragged out and deposited onto the owners land. The situation is to be discussed at the next meeting when Mr Salmon will be in attendance.

121/17 WRITTEN REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUP MEMBERS

None

122/17 FINANCE

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

Cheq No	Payee	Budget	Nett	VAT	Gross
5108	Lakeside Flood Sol	Flood Fund	£ 2,280.00	£ 456.00	£ 2,736.00
5109	Staff A	Office	£ 136.90		£ 136.90
	Staff A	Admin	£ 605.13		£ 605.13
5110	Staff C	Labour	£ 208.00		£ 208.00
5111	RC of B Pension Fund	Pension	£ 187.66		£ 187.66
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5112	Garden Designs	Unsched Task	£ 240.00	£ 48.00	£ 288.00
	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 694.15	£ 138.83	£ 832.98
	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 1,037.15	£ 207.43	£ 1,244.58
	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 679.15	£ 135.83	£ 814.98
	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 210.00	£ 42.00	£ 252.00
	Garden Designs	Greens	£ 664.15	£ 132.83	£ 896.98
5113	TBS Hygiene	Dog Bins	£ 176.00	£ 35.20	£ 211.20
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5114	Village Hall	History Group	£ 30.00		£ 30.00
5115	Window Flowers	Hanging Baskets	£ 1,782.00	£ 356.40	£ 2,138.40
5116	SSE	Property	£ 164.25	£ 12.00	£ 176.25
5117	Wraysbury PCC	Ann Tasks	£ 15.00		£ 15.00
5118	M Williams	Ann Tasks	£ 15.00		£ 15.00
	M Williams	Archive Store	£ 18.00		£ 18.00
5119	M Gowering	Property	£ 280.00		£ 280.00
5120	D Francis	Property	£ 443.70	£ 88.74	£ 532.44
5121	Moran Surveyors Ltd	Property	£ 74.99	£ 15.01	£ 90.00
SO	RBWM Rates	Property	£ 37.00		£ 37.00
SO	My Controller	Prof Services	£ 30.00		£ 30.00
DD	Bank Charges	Admin			
	Total		£ 8,070.14	£ 1,247.47	£ 9,417.61

b) RFO Report – The quarterly management accounts were circulated for inspection.

123/17 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that the newly revised NAG is reviewing the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme with a meeting to be held in the Village Hall on 13th July at 7pm. The opinion of the Police towards the scheme has altered as they are finding it a useful method of dissipating information. The priorities for the Village are currently burglary, communication, petty vandalism and fly tipping. An exhibition of devices to deter criminal activity is to be held in October.
- Cllr Mrs M Lenton attended a meeting to discuss the current and future use of CCTV in the Village. The 2 cameras in the Village are among the most under used in the Borough but she argued that the deterrent they offer should result in them remaining and also argued the case for a camera to cover the playground area.
- Cllr Mrs M Lenton advised that the History Group has arranged a children's history activity event in the Village Hall. Cllr G Sinclair advised that both the Village Trust and the Parochial Charities are to donate £350 towards the history fund.
- The Mayor's Charity Fund 2017/18 is to be in aid of the Adult and Children's' Hospice and the Berkshire Community Foundation.

124/17 THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Mrs M Lenton reported that the Plan is still progressing. She also advised that after contacting all other Parish Chairmen and considering the Borough Plan she decided not to sign the letter to the Borough as requested by Horton Parish Council. There are some aspects of the Plan that are not approved of but the majority is agreed with. The Tithe Farm area has been allocated as an area for development in the Village and there is a need for smaller housing for the young and the elderly.

125/17 THE RIVER THAMES SCHEME

Nothing to report other than Cllr E Larcombe has a meeting arranged with John Curtin of the EA but not in his capacity of a Wraysbury Parish Councillor.

Mr Scott Salmon of the EA is to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

126/17 THE QUEENSMEAD LAKE

Cllr G Sinclair stated that the Parish Council need to decide upon the next course of action to secure public access to Queensmead Lake. He would like to consult with a Solicitor and request a site visit. Cllr Ms S Nichols questioned if we have a case against Affinity Water. Cllr A Moran suggested that the Parish Council should inspect the historical records within the archive to assess the strength of our case before consulting a solicitor. He will report back at the next meeting. In the meantime a site visit is to be requested.

127/17 MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING

None.

128/17 ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Wraysbury News

Planning with regard to holiday Lettings

129/17 ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

130/17 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr M Williams 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 Mr E Larcombe and agreed without dissension.

.....Chairman Date