

BURGHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 30th July 2015 **Time:** 7.30pm

Place: Burghfield village hall committee room

Present: Mr P Lawrence Mr D Godding
Miss M Cresser Ms A Trueman
Dr R Longton Mr P Wilkins
Mr J Sayer

Attending: Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies: Mr R Hannington Mr C Greaves (Chair)
Mr D Godwin

1. To receive written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interest dispensations from members and verbal notification of any personal interests members present may have on any items on the agenda

There were no items upon the agenda that necessitated a member to present a written request for dispensations of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee

The minutes of the last meeting of the Planning Committee held on 23 June and the draft minutes from the 16 July having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the presiding Chairman.

3. Matters Arising on the Minutes

- i) No matters were raised

4. To receive a presentation from Charlesgate Homes regarding a potential development on Hollybush Lane

Mr J Atkinson, Director of Charlesgate Homes presented to members the proposals for a potential development on Hollybush Lane for self-build/custom builds homes.

5. Housing

- i) To submit observations on Planning Applications currently before the Committee

<u>App. No:</u>	<u>Location and Proposal</u>
1. 15/01956/FULMAJ	The Bantam, Omers Rise Change of use of existing building from public house to use class C3 residential, extension of building and creation of 12 flats over 3 floors. <i>Parish Council</i> Objection
2. 15/01648/COMIND	Land North and South of Stud Farm, Sulhamstead Erection of ground mounted solar photo-voltaic array and associated infrastructure. <i>Parish Council</i> No objection
3. 15/01700/HOUSE	Bickerton, Reading Road Replace upstairs front window (south elevation) with a new larger window extending from sill level of existing window to the apex of the gable wall. <i>Parish Council</i> No objection
4. 15/01734/FUL	1-48 Hunters Hill, Burghfield Common Erection of boundary railings 1.5m and 1.8m in height. Demolition of 12 no. single storey garages and replacement with 13 no. car parking spaces. Construction of new footpaths within the housing estate at Hunters Hill <i>Parish Council</i> No objection but comments submitted

- ii) To receive and note any Planning Application Decisions received and deal with any other planning related matters

<u>PC Decision</u>	<u>Application no.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>WBC Decision</u>
No Objection	15/01287/FUL	Mrs Blands Infants School	GRANTED
No Objection	15/01330/FUL	Telecommunications Mast, Theale Road	GRANTED
No objection	15/00923/HOUSE	Bankside, Jordans Lane	GRANTED
No objection	15/01284/HOUSE	14 Pine Ridge Road, Burghfield Common	GRANTED
No objection	15/01034/FUL	Mrs Blands Infants School	GRANTED
No objection	15/01105/CERTP	47 Clayhill Road, Burghfield Common	LAWFUL
No objection	15/01181/HOUSE	1 Loves Close, Burghfield Common	GRANTED
No objection	15/00959/HOUSE	2 Blackberry Close, Burghfield Common	GRANTED
No objection	15/00276/HOUSE	4 Moatlands Close, Mill Road, Burghfield	REFUSED

WBC forwarded details relating to Viewing and subsequent Committee hearing for the Level Crossing, Ufton Lane, application number 15/00974/COMIND, scheduled for 28th July and 5th August respectively.

Details had been received from the Planning Inspectorate advising the application for Firlands for the provision of 90 houses had been allowed.

- iii) To consider any changes in Planning legislation and its impact upon Burghfield

Information from CPRE relating to the decision taken by WBC Planning Committee regarding the application at Inkpen was presented to members.

Information from Thames Water was presented in relation to their hunt for missing 1800 pumping/sewage stations within the region.

- iv) To discuss and give consideration as to whether any action is required following the presentation regarding Neighbourhood Plans at the June meeting

Members present gave consideration to the requirement for a Neighbourhood Plan for Burghfield. Lively discussions were had between members present in determining the advantages and disadvantages in producing a plan. Proposed by Mr P Lawrence, seconded by Dr R Longton and **resolved** unanimously to request Mortimer Neighbourhood Planning Group attend the October meeting to answer any questions and concerns regarding the production of a plan. Bramley Neighbourhood group are to be asked to attend the November meeting to obtain as much information as possible.

6. Transport

- i) To consider any Highway or Road Safety improvements for implementation within the parish

Further to a request being presented to highways for the road markings on the junction of School Lane and Recreation Road to be repainted, correspondence was received advising that an inspection had been undertaken where it was determined no works were currently required.

Correspondence had been received from a local resident with concerns regarding the speed of traffic on Hawksworth Road. WBC advised that speed checks had been carried out, indicating that the majority of users comply with the current speed limit. Signage on the road has been cleared of any overhanging vegetation to remind users of the speed limits applied.

Correspondence has been received from a local resident expressing their concerns regarding the speed of traffic and parking outside and within the immediate vicinity of St. Mary's Primary School. WBC is to be asked to install a speed indicator box during September to ascertain the traffic speeds outside the school. A request is also to be presented for flashing alert lights during school pick up and drop off times to alert road users and slow traffic down. Proposed by Dr R Longton, seconded by Mr D Godding and **resolved** unanimously.

- ii) To receive information from WBC regarding a mirror on Reading Road to assist pedestrians crossing

At the request of a local parishioner, highways were asked to investigate the possibility of installing a mirror to assist people crossing the road near to the Guide Dogs Centre on the Reading Road. Advice from the Department of Transport to all

highway authorities regarding mirrors is to say no as mirrors cause drivers to misjudge images seen in the mirrors as a result of condensation. Distortion effects the accurate estimation of distances and the misjudgement of the speed of approaching traffic. With the above points made, WBC's standard answer is to refuse requests for mirrors. A further question was presented to ascertain whether vegetation was encroaching the highway boundary and thus impairing visibility for pedestrians. Members present requested that a further request be presented to WBC in response for a crossing point to be installed at this location to address pedestrian safety concerns.

iii) To receive an update in relation to the proposal to extend the Common Recreation Ground Car park

Following a site meeting with Cellweb, a specialist root protection system company, further meetings have been requested with approved contractors to advise on layouts and surfaces for the extension area. A letter has been drafted for the immediate residents of Recreation Road requesting their feedback in relation to the proposed project.

7. **Green issues**

i) To give consideration to any green issues within the parish requiring action

A request is to be forwarded to WBC for the hedges encroaching the footpath along Clayhill Road to be cut back prior to the schools returning in September.

8. **Street Lighting update**

Feedback from the residents of Goodwood Close in relation to the recently installed LED street lights is being collated accordingly. An order has been placed for the next 3 lights to be installed as soon as possible.

9. **To determine future agenda items for discussion – Cycle path from Burghfield to the canal bridge and to Mortimer, telephone kiosks (Community Committee).**

10. **To receive items for information only**

Conclusion: The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.20pm

Chairman: