

BURGHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 22nd November 2018 **Time:** 7.45pm

Place: Burghfield village hall committee room

Present: Mr C Greaves (Chair) Mr D Godding
Mr P Lawrence Dr R Longton
Mr D Godwin Mr D Kellaway
Mr T Ansell Miss M Cresser
Mrs C Jackson-Doerge

Attending: Mrs C Morris (Parish Clerk) Assistant Clerk, Mrs C Stroud
District Cllr I Morrin

A local parishioner requested that consideration be given to the proposed pedestrian improvements being presented by West Berks Council on the Reading Road, specifically in relation to the drainage.

1. To receive written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interest dispensations from members and verbal notification of any personal interest's 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 Infrastructure Committee having been held on 25 October and the draft minutes of 8 November 2018 having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the presiding Chairman.

3. Matters Arising on the Minutes

- i) All matters arising are being addressed at the relevant point in the agenda.

4. Neighbourhood Plan

- i) To receive an update from the NDP Steering Committee and give consideration to any specific action points raised by the Steering committee for progress

Dr R Longton verbally updated members of recent developments, advising the NDP committee understand the need to progress, specifically with the Housing Survey to be distributed separately to the Parish Council questionnaire.

5. Housing

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

<u>App. No:</u>	<u>Location and Proposal</u>	<u>PC Decision</u>	
18/02864/FUL	2A New Cottages, Reading Road, Burghfield	Sub division and extension of existing 4 bed property into 1x2 bed and 1x4 bed properties, including landscape and parking alterations	No objection

- ii) To receive and note any Planning Application Decisions received matters

<u>WBC Decision</u>	<u>Application no.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>PC Decision</u>
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GRANTED	18/02216/HOUSE	30 Dauntless Road, Burghfield Common, Reading	Front porch extension
DISMISSED	16/02515/FULD	Theale Lakes Business Park, Sulhamstead	Appeal Ref: APP/W0340/W/17/3178228 Mixed use development from the construction of 9 Lakeside dwellings. An informal hearing Hearing will open at 10.00am on 12th September 2018 and will be held at The Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury, Berks. The Hearing is scheduled for 2 days. The venue for the second day, 13th September, will be The Rugby Club, Pinchington Lane, Newbury, Berks RG14 7RW opening at 10.00 a.m.
GRANTED OUTLINE	16/01685/OUTMAJ	Land adjacent to Primrose Croft, Reading Road	Outline planning application for 28 dwellings, matters to be considered access and layout. Appearance, scale and landscaping reserved. Proposed demolition and replacement of the existing conservatory with new ground floor accommodation.
GRANTED	18/02245/HOUSE	The Vine, Springwood Lane, Burghfield Common	Proposed extension of first floor at rear and above existing garage. Width of garage reduced to leave a gap to the existing western boundary, and conversion of the existing garage to residential use.
GRANTED	18/02114/HOUSE	4 New Cottages, Burghfield, Reading	Proposed two storey side extension
GRANTED	18/02520/HOUSE	8 Oakdene, Burghfield Common, Reading	Proposed rear ground floor extension to kitchen

iii) **To deal with any other planning related matters**

**To give consideration to the West Berkshire Local Plan Review (LPR)
to 2036 Regulation 18 Consultation 9 November – 21 December 2018**

Members present discussed in detail the WBC Local plan review up to 2036.

Concerns were raised by members, specifically in relation to the new Eastern Area being proposed within the plan, increasing the potential for development within the locality significantly. The inclusion of Burghfield with Tilehurst, Calcot and Purley is a further cause for

concern, particularly with the proposed development of a Garden City in Grazeley in the near future. Members confirmed unanimously their objection of the creation of a new Eastern Area and the inclusion of Burghfield.

A request was presented for the NDP steering committee to work towards a draft plan as soon as possible to ensure that, as and when houses are developed, they are in a design and location favoured by the community. Dr R Longton is to seek guidance from WBC as to the level of progress required for consideration to be given. Bryan Lyttle, Head of WBC Planning, is also to be requested to attend a NDP meeting to assist in gaining clarification.

Members reiterated the need to work together to achieve a coordinated view in relation to potential sites for development within the parish and surrounding area. Consideration was given to instructing a planning consultant to assist in the formation of a detailed response to WBC and consider the future of Burghfield and further developments. Liaison is also to be held with the surrounding parishes

Proposed by Mr T Ansell, seconded by Mr D Kellaway and **resolved** unanimously that an extraordinary meeting is scheduled with representatives from Burghfield, Sulhamstead, Mortimer, Beech Hill and Wokefield and the NDP Steering Committee being invited to attend. Publicity of the meeting is to be posted accordingly to encourage parishioners to attend with a view to preparing comments for submission to WBC in relation to the consultation. A proposed date of Thursday 13th December was suggested.

WBC is also to be asked whether comments could be submitted after the 21st December due to the timings of meetings during the festive season.

6. **Transport**

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

Concerns were expressed in relation to the roadworks on Reading Road for the installation of new gas pipework. WBC advised that works scheduled for Hollybush Lane had been delayed avoiding any further disruption within the parish.

Concerns were raised in relation to the bus stop on Recreation Road and the traffic congestion it causes when existing and entering the car park.

- ii) To receive an update in relation to the potential purchase of a speed radar unit

Members present reviewed the response from Transport & Countryside (WBC). Further discussions with WBC were held in relation to the rules and criteria set out by Highways. An overview of the parish owned columns/lampposts was presented to members. Further clarification is to be sought from the speed team at WBC to determine a way forward in the purchase and erection of the unit.

7. **Safer Communities**

- i) Policing & Anti-social behaviour issues

Members were alerted to burglaries having taken place at both Wellers Fruit Shop and Waring's bakery last week.

8. **Parish Maintenance Issues**

- i) To receive a report highlighting maintenance carried out during the previous month

The parish handyman continues to ensure all the hedges within the parish are maintained accordingly. Clearance works have also commenced at the Common allotment site to ensure all debris is removed.

- ii) Footpaths & Bridleways within the parish

A meeting has been scheduled with WBC to pursue the works previously suggested on the bridleway between School Lane and Garlands. A further request to WBC has been presented for a litter bin at either end of the bridleway. A response is awaited.

A request is to be resented to WBC in relation to the uneven compaction of the newly installed pathway running along the far end of the Hatch Recreation ground.

- iii) Grit bins

All parish owned grit bins have been topped up in preparation for any wintery weather.

- iv) To note any items within the parish requiring action

No further items were identified requiring action within the parish.

9. To receive an update in relation to Section 106 projects within the parish and determine future projects

A meeting with WBC is awaited to encourage further action on the outstanding S106 projects previously identified.

10. Matters for future discussion – Co-ordinated approach when responding to larger developments

11. To receive items for information only

No further items for information.

Conclusion: The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.00pm