BURGHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 26th September 2019 Time: 6.30pm

Place: Committee room, Burghfield Village Hall

Present: Mr P Lawrence

Mr G Harris Mr T Ansell

Miss M Cresser Mrs J Ansell

Mr D Godwin Mr C Greaves

Mr D Kellaway

Apologies: Mr I Morrin Ms A May

Absent: Dr R Longton

The Chairman opened the meeting by reiterating that questions from parishioners were at his discretion and that a total of 15 minutes would be allocated accordingly. The chairman, to ensure fairness for all residents in attendance, stated that a maximum time of 3 minutes was allocated to each individual. The session would close after 15 minutes to ensure all remaining business upon the agenda could be transacted. Residents were reminded that upon closure of the question time, they were in attendance in an observational capacity only and to not cause a disturbance.

The chairman closed the floor to questions and started the proceedings of the Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Mr P Lawrence declared a personal interest in item 5i), planning application 19/02307/HOUSE

1. To receive written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interest dispensations from members

There were no items upon the agenda that necessitated a member to present a written request for dispensation of a disclosable pecuniary interest.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held on 12 September and the draft minutes from 25 July 2019 were confirmed a correct record and signed accordingly with the following amendment

3. Matters Arising on the Minutes

All items are being dealt with at the relevant point in the agenda.

Mr P Lawrence provided a verbal update to members following his attendance at the Pond house appeal hearing.

4. To receive an update in relation to the production of a Neighbourhood Plan

Members were advised of the NDP questionnaire having been circulated with the parish newsletter. To date approximately 150 replies have been received. A presentation is to be requested from members of the NDP at the next scheduled meeting to provide an update in relation to their current and future status. An updated report and project plan is to be forwarded to members prior to the meeting for their information and consideration.

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5. Consideration of Planning Applications

i) To submit observations on planning applications currently before the committee:

19/02307/HOUSE	Postgate, Springwood Lane, Burghfield Common, Reading	Kitchen extension
Parish Council	No objection (resolved by a majority vote)	
19/02255/HOUSE	I ane Burghfield	Proposed extension and roof alteration to form first floor accommodation
Parish Council	No objection (resolved by a majority vote)	
19/02207/FULD	Sunnyside Village Stores, Reading Road, Burghfield Common	Erection of two bedroom flat over shop
Parish Council	No objection (resolved by a majority vote)	

ii) To receive and note any planning decisions received

19/01891/HOUSE
GRANTED
Heathlands, The Hatch,
Burghfield, Reading
Rear single storey
extension and covered
external seating area
following removal of
existing conservatory

iii) To deal with any other planning related matters

To give consideration to the review of the Village Design Statement.

A request was presented for consideration to be given to undertaking a review of the village design statement. Members **resolved** unanimously that further information is to be obtained with regard to the updating of the VDS document to bring it in line with current thinking for proposed developments within the locality. Clarification as to the process, and potential benefit of any update, is to be requested from West Berkshire Council.

Members resolved to review the document to determine whether the criteria contained within still reflected the views and values of the parish council for the future. Comments are to be forwarded to the clerk prior to the 17th October 2019.

A copy of the Burghfield Village Life publication is to be circulated to members.

6. To receive an update in relation to Section 106 projects within the parish

Members present were advised that a meeting had been scheduled with West Berkshire Council to progress projects.

7. Transport

i) To consider any Highway or Road Safety improvements within the Parish

Members present were alerted to the concerns raised by a local resident in regard to the number of banners displayed on the railings outside Tesco's. A request is to be presented to West Berks Council for consideration to be given to an alternative at the location to potentially

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deter the display of posters and advertising.

To assist in the parish councils desire to reduce its carbon footprint, a meeting with Reading buses was held. A copy of the bus timetable was circulated to all residents within the parish with the last newsletter. Reading buses presented the idea of a rewards scheme to encourage further usage within the parish. Members present felt the proposal did not fit the remit stated in encouraging parishioners to utilise the service more. A further meeting is to be held to establish whether any alternative incentives could be developed.

ii) To determine further dates and locations for the deployment of the SID within the parish

Members **resolved** unanimously to request the use of the SID for the following 40mph roads within the parish: Clayhill Road and Reading Road.

iii) To receive correspondence from a resident expressing concerns regarding speeding on the Clayhill Road

Correspondence received from a local resident was presented to members expressing their concerns in relation to the speed of traffic on Clayhill Road. A request for a reduction in the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph had been presented to West Berks Council with support from the parish council being requested. Members present **resolved** that the SID was to be deployed to ascertain the extent of the speeding.

A further request is to be presented for consideration to be given to a reduction in speed from 40mph to 30mph from Hermits Hill down to the corner of Reading Road.

8. Safer Communities

i) Policing & Anti-social behaviour issues

Regular meetings continue with the local police to establish closer links. Further promotion is necessary for the "who do you call" campaign, advising residents when to use 999 and the 101 numbers. An article is to be included within the next newsletter for educational purposes.

9. Parish Maintenance Issues

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

The parish handyman is to be asked to prune the tree within the Hatch recreation ground, on the corner of Sulhamstead Road and Theale Road due to it obstructing visibility at the crossroads.

ii) Footpaths & Bridleways within the parish

Enquiries are to be made into the cutting back of vegetation on the Clayhill Road.

iii) To note any items within the parish requiring action

No further items were identified.

10. Matters for Future Discussion

11. To receive items for information only

Conclusion - The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.20pm