

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee
held on 7th November 2022 in Charvil Village Hall at 8pm**

Present Rob Jones, Isabelle Bray, Pat Sutcliffe, and Mike Heath

Apologies Narinder Ryatt

Absent

22/233 To Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2022

These minutes were approved

22/234 OPEN FORUM – Two residents attended to provide some background to their planning application. They explained what they were doing and why, and then stayed for the rest of the meeting.

22/235 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CLERK – There were no interests declared

22/236 Highways

To note the latest information from the Speed Indicator Device and to decide when to move it to gather data from the other side of the road

The data still suggested that over half of drivers are exceeding the speed limit, and 15% driving over 37mph. It was noted that there was a week of missing data when the batteries were flat, but that would not have changed the overall picture.

It was agreed that the machine should be moved to measure speeds heading toward Twyford next time the batteries need changing.

It was also requested that in future, it should be moved close to the Wee Waif to remind drivers that they are now in a 30pmh zone.

To note the speed enforcement initiative from the Borough Councillor, and whether to revisit the Speedwatch idea

The speed gathering mission with the Borough Councillor and local police was noted, and it was agreed that the Council should investigate getting the Speedwatch programme going in Charvil. The clerk explained that she had been in contact with the Borough to get signs for single posts, as most of the village entry signs are in 40 mph zones, but had never heard anything back, but some other villages in the Borough have these signs, so she will investigate. There were some people willing to volunteer, and there may be more once the programme starts. Any volunteers will require training.

22/237 Environment

To note the final plans for the tree planting, including the Jubilee Oak that will be planted by Theresa May

Councillor Heath explained that 165 trees were to be planted by his team of volunteers, including an oak in the Hawthorns park to commemorate the life of the Queen, and that planting will begin on 12th Nov in the Country Park, and will include the planting of the next phase of the Community Orchard and the Queen's oak, which will be planted by Theresa May. The planting will conclude with planting more hedging at St Patrick's Recreation Ground.

To note an application for funds for planting trees this autumn

The application was unsuccessful because the Tree Council does not provide extra support for free trees, and only provides funds for trees bought from local nurseries, not the Woodland Trust. It is possible that we may receive some funding from Wokingham Borough Council.

22/238 Planning

a) The following applications were discussed (265)

- 223025 Householder application for the proposed single storey side extension, first floor rear extension following demolition of existing garage and store, and removal of existing rear dormer at 35, Park View Drive South – no Parish Council comment
- 223133 Householder application for the proposed garage conversion and changes to the flank and rear elevation fenestration at 112, The Hawthorns – no Parish Council comment
- 222907 Application for advertisement consent for 1 no. externally illuminated fascia sign, 8 no. non-illuminated window vinyls, 1 no. non-illuminated post-mounted sign, 1 no. non-illuminated panel ATM sign, 1no. non-illuminated poster frame and 4 no. non-illuminated lockable poster cases at 36, Park View Drive South (for information only).

b) Planning Application Approved - The following approvals were noted:

- 222704 Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear flat roof extension and a single storey side/rear flat roof extension, following demolition of existing garage at 11, Old Bath Road
- 222391 Application for the proposed garage conversion, removal of hip roof to form gable roof and loft conversion with rear dormer (Retrospective) at 2 Park Lane
- 222616 Application for the proposed single storey side extension, single storey rear extension, conversion of loft to create habitable accommodation, to include 2no. front dormers, 1no. rear dormer plus changes to fenestration at 11, Old Bath Road
- 222674 Application for the proposed garage conversion to create habitable space at 2, Foxes Walk

c) Planning Application Refused – the following refusal was noted

- 222989 Application for non-material amendment to planning consent 220673 to allow the addition of 1 no. rooflight and 1 no. Juliet balcony, plus changes to external materials and second floor fenestration at Iffleigh, Park Lane

d) Tree Works decided upon – the following decision were noted

- 222952 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO 1860/2022 (T1) T1, Lime tree (T1 on TPO) - Undertake a crown reduction by approximately 25% equivalent to 4m from height and 3m from side growth. Removal of major dead wood and hanging branches. Reasons for works: Tree has visual large cavities in main stems that will significantly reduce the trees structural strength at Margaret Gimblett Pavilion - Consent
- 222499 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO 1558/2016, GROUP 1 T1, Beech (part of G1) - Reduce lateral branches by up to 4m to give long term clearance over neighbouring property (no. 7 Old Bath Road). Reduce height by 2m at Wee Waif – Split Decision

e) Appeal notification – The following appeal was noted

- 212029 Full application for the proposed erection of 1no. 3 bed detached dwelling with associated parking and amenity space at 1a Milestone Crescent

The meeting closed at 8.50pm