

Minutes of the Planning and Finance Committees of the Council held on 3rd August 2020 Via Zoom

Present Jim Gillett, Paul Mundy, Neil Jackson, Pat Sutcliffe, Roanna Collis, Claire Andersen and Jane Hartley.

Apologies for Absence

Absent

7474/20 Open Forum – Mike Heath attended as a member of the public

7475/20 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest

7476/20 Minutes of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee Meeting of the 6th July 2020 – These minutes were approved.

7477/20 Planning

The following Planning Applications were discussed

201429 Full application for the proposed extension of existing dropped kerb on Land adjacent to 111 Old Bath Road – no Parish Council comment

201494 Application to vary condition 2 of planning consent 161453 for the proposed erection of 1 no. dwelling (amendment to previous consent 152833). Condition 2 refers to the approved details/documents and the variation is to allow the change of the garage to a study/store, creation of habitable accommodation in the loft with 2 no. rooflights, and changes to fenestration. (Retrospective) at 1a Park View Drive South – no Parish Council comment

201525 Application for proposed erection of a detached double storey garage with 4no. roof lights and first floor habitable accommodation at Ashley View, Beggars Hill Road – no Parish Council comment

201633 Householder application for proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 82 Old Bath Road – no Parish Council comment

The following Planning Approvals were noted

201299 Application for the proposed erection of a detached ancillary outbuilding following demolition of existing shed at Ramblers, Beggars Hill Road

201466 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 1no roof light at Rowanlea, Old Acres Lane

The following Planning Refusal was noted

201314 Application for the proposed raising of roof to create additional first floor accommodation, with the erection of two storey front/side extensions and a part single storey, part two storey rear extension, following demolition of existing garage at 11, Old Bath Road

There was a brief discussion regarding Application 201833 for 57 retirement dwellings in Sonning, but because this was not on the agenda and Charvil is not a statutory consultee in this case, it was left that the clerk would write some comments, and Councillors could comment as they see fit as residents.

FINANCE

7478/20 Finance Reports – It was resolved to approve these which was done unanimously.

7479/20 Authorisation of Payments – It was resolved to approve the following payments which was done unanimously:

£61.94 to Aquacare

£1716.52 to Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd

£851.57 to Berkshire Pension Fund

£700 to Citizen's Advice Wokingham (grant donation)

£1831.20 to Heart Facilities Ltd

£500 to Keep Mobile (S137)

£336 to RES Systems

£102 to Wes Williams Boilers and Heating

£49.77 to Opus Energy Ltd

£2560.51 in Payroll

7480/20 To consider the revised quotes for the gates for East Park Farm and to approve one of them, up to a value of £3,500 – It was resolved to approve the quotation from CD Wall Gates and Automation for £2160, and if necessary, to pay half the cost at the time of placing the order which was approved unanimously.

7481/20 To consider the quotes for the water heater repairs and to approve one of them – it was resolved to approve the quotation from JJ Plumbing and Heating, which was done unanimously

7482/20 To hear an update on the preliminary work on the CIL project and to approve the costs for the initial drawings to start the process properly with the Borough Council

Cllr. Mundy explained that the Chair, the Clerk and he had met with Mark Redfearn of WBC onsite the previous week, and had discussed the various ideas that had been put forward in terms of sites, and also, the Parish Council's concerns regarding the current lease. Mark Redfearn explained that if the Parish could get some Borough Councillors to support them, then it should be possible to alter the lease from the standard model, and if the Parish can persuade the Borough that they have a coherent plan that would be supported by the residents and would improve the amenity of the village, then despite obvious hurdles like planning regulations etc., the possible problems should be surmountable. The first thing the Parish needs to do is to provide a site layout of what is currently there and what are our preferred options for siting a new facility, what size it would be and what facilities it would provide. This would need to be professionally done and Cllr. Mundy proposed using the company he is familiar with to undertake this initial work as they are already familiar with the concept and should be able to produce something reasonably quickly. It was agreed that Cllr. Mundy would find out the initial cost, and if it is not too high the work can be done with the Clerk's and Chairman's approval. *The cost should be somewhere in the region of £1800, which was satisfactory to the Clerk.*

7483/20 To consider a proposal put to the Parish by a tennis coach who would like to use the courts for coaching if the demand is there- Council would like to clarify a couple of points with the coach but were generally very positive to this approach. The Chairman was to collate the questions within the next week, which would be forwarded to the coach by the assistant clerk.

7484/20 To decide the maximum capacity for the pavilion to be compliant with Covid regulations – It was agreed that the maximum for the pavilion would be 20 seated, or 15 for groups like yoga.

7485/20 To consider the Code of Conduct consultation – Councillors need to include all interests for the sake of openness. Councillors also need to remember to update their forms as and when necessary.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.46