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Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18th July 2022 at 8pm in Charvil Village Hall

Present Jane Hartley, Pat Sutlieff, David Oppong, Mike Heath, Isabelle Bray,
Matt Walker, and Rob Jones

Apologies for Absence Narinder Ryatt

Absent Hilary Jones

22/7895 Open Forum

There were no residents present

22/7896 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

22/7897 Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 20th of June were approved

Finance

22/7898 Finance Reports

It was resolved to recommend approval of the reports which was done unanimously.

22/7899 Authorisation of Payments

It was resolved to recommend approval of the payments of invoices, which was carried unanimously.

£205.55 to the Assistant Clerk

£81 to Aquacare

£34.85 to Bowak Ltd

£6.23 to the Village Warden

£1087.13 to Berkshire Pension Fund

£42 to CCB

£105 to Annual Buildings Advice Membership

£65.02 to Everflow

£38.24 to British Gas Services Ltd

£101.51 to Grundon

£1413.19 to HMRC

£191.31 to the Clerk

£19.54 to Opus Energy Ltd

£119.64 to Royal Mail Group Ltd

£158.93 to Smartest Energy

£30.33 to Scottish & Southern Energy

£1081.64 to Sunshine Commercial Services

£116.98 to Tivoli Group Ltd

£3101.38 in Payroll

22/7900 To consider the following grant applications

It was resolved to award the following which was passed unanimously:

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

£150 to Keep Mobile (S137)

£350 to Me 2 (S137)

22/7901 Any other Finance business

The Clerk informed the Council that the energy for Streetlighting will be doubling from August in line with the general energy picture – she had looked around, but due to the small supply, there were no better offers.

22/7902 Planning, Environment and Highways Committee (PEH) – The Minutes of a Meeting on 4th July 2022 were noted.

To consider the consultations on the Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan and the amended route from Woodley to Palmer Park

It was agreed that the suggestions for Charvil should be broadly welcomed, but that some of the proposals were vague, and that there were also some notable omissions, such as improving the facilities from Charvil to the Piggott School. The proposed cycle track from Charvil to Twyford Station is particularly welcome, but there are concerns there may be conflicts with dog walkers given the route of the proposed path goes through the Country Park. Give that the main area of concern for residents in the Neighbourhood Plan Survey was traffic and transport, it would be useful to speak to the team behind this at Wokingham, so that, as far as possible, our policies and plans align with theirs. The clerk has written to them to see if this conversation is possible but is awaiting a reply. As far as the Woodley plan is concerned, it is welcomed if it ties in with a safe route from Charvil to Woodley. *Clerk's note: the clerk will put together some suggested comments and will send them in before the 19th of August deadline.*

22/7903 Amenities Committee - Minutes of a meeting held on 11th July were noted.

It was agreed that from September, Matt Walker would join the Amenities Committee and Isabelle Bray would join the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee.

22/7904 Report from the Borough Councillor

The Borough Councillor could not attend but gave a short report that included the fact that he is organising a wildlife walk in Charvil Meadows on 30th July; that he is supporting Charvil Piggott in their quest to achieve plastic free status; that he has requested for the A4 between Park View Drive South and the Wee Waif roundabout be resurfaced as it is full of potholes; that he is liaising with police regarding vans being parked dangerously on Milestone Avenue; and that he requested sign to be passed to the parish regarding control of dogs. *Clerk's note: the Clerk had already been in touch with the Dog Warden regarding these signs and they are now in place. The police have reported that they have visited Milestone Avenue, and all vehicles were parked safely and responsibly, but they will continue to monitor the situation.*

Items for Consideration

22/7905 To hear an update on the Neighbourhood Plan Progress

Councillor Rob Jones updated the Council on the progress of the working groups – the flooding group is having a catch-up meeting before the Traffic and Transport group have their first meeting later in the week. The housing group is to meet on 3rd August. Councillor Rob Jones had attended a meeting on transport for new homes, which had been illuminating, and had provided him with ideas of what the Council should include. The final survey results should be out soon and hopefully these can be promoted at the fete. The steering group think that it might be a good idea to

commission its own report on flooding, and there is also progress on trying to find suitable consultants to write our policies and plans.

22/7906 To hear an update on the Pavilion Project

The Working group had met before the first meeting with the focus group. Three people attended and it was a very useful discussion – the wish list is long, and the cost is increasing under the current economic climate so there are funding issues, and the next step is to get some basic plans of the whole building to inform further discussions – if these come through in time, there will be more meetings on 29th July. There are also issues around the lease as all the personnel on both sides who had discussed this previously are no longer available. *Clerk's note: the plans were received just in time for these meetings.*

22/7907 To discuss the new access to the BALC members' area

The clerk explained that there is a new BALC members area, and that it is open to all staff and Councillors – there is quite a lot of training available, but this should be booked through the clerk, and all Councillors should use their Charvil e-mail addresses for Freedom of Information reasons. The clerk is to share the login details.

22/7908 To note and approve the letters to be sent to Wokingham Borough Council from the Piggott Governors and Charvil Parish Council regarding safety issues on the A4, and the lack of response to the concerns raised so far

These were noted, and Council approved the sending of them.

22/7909 To consider what issues may need publicising this month

The topics to be advertised included the award of grants, the footpath walk on 25th July, the pavilion redevelopment, the Neighbourhood Plan and the focus groups, the Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan and the letters regarding the A4. Councillor Heath was to finalise the flyer regarding the Queen's Green Canopy project.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman's Signature