

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee  
held on 1st November 2021 in Charvil Village Hall (meeting started at 8.15pm)**

**Present** Mike Heath, Pat Sutcliffe, and Narinder Ryatt (arrived at 8.30pm)

**Apologies**

**Absent**

**21/205 OPEN FORUM** – There were no residents present

**21/206 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

**21/207 The Minutes of the Meeting on 4th October 2021** were approved

**21/208 Highways**

The clerk reported that the speeds have increased since the humps were flattened. The clerk has been asked to see if the Borough Councillor could help get the humps re-instated properly and to see when the roundabout on Park Lane/Old Bath Road would be re-painted as there increasing numbers of near misses.

The recent update on the Speedwatch was noted. It was agreed to recommend the purchase of the Village's own Speedwatch kit and to encourage more people to come forward via Facebook etc once the machinery has been purchased in the hope of pulling in more of the Community. The recommended machine is around £160, and the road signs are up to around £100 each depending on size, but Council would need the consent of the Borough to put up the permanent signs.

**21/209 Environment**

**To hear an update on the Community Orchard**

Councillor Heath had met with some of the volunteers for a site visit and explained what was going to happen and what help would be needed. Councillor Heath also asked them if they were willing to help with the Platinum trees, which they were. The clerk and the clerk had met with some representatives of the charity Conserve Reading on Wednesdays (CRoW) and one member was very knowledgeable about community orchards and recommends putting down some old carpet to weaken the grass, and to dig up the holes a few days before. *Clerk's note: the clerk had met with two volunteers and has secured six sections of carpet at the recommended distance of around 12 feet in preparation of planting.*

**To hear an update on the Platinum Tree Project**

The Council now has permission from the University for planting new trees subject to undertaking a CAT survey of the ground in case of pipes/wires. The Council also needs a risk assessment for planting trees.

**To hear any response from Simon Bartlam regarding the new dog bins and the signs for the Country Park**

The Clerk had heard from Simon Bartlam that the new bins in the Country Park had been ordered.

**To consider any progress on the trees felled near Simmons Field**

Wokingham Borough Council's legal team are looking into it.

**To consider a request to ask the authorities to put up traffic calming signs to reduce the numbers of hedgehogs killed on our roads**

The clerk would ask the Borough Councillor for an update of what he is doing on this as there are some concerns about having more street furniture

**21/210**

**Planning**

**a)**

**There were no new applications to discuss**

**b)**

**Planning Applications Approved** - The following approvals were noted:

212818

Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey porch, erection of two storey front and rear extensions and a part single part two storey side extension following demolition of existing side sun lounge, demolition of existing front sun lounge, remodelling of the roof and removal of the chimneys to facilitate a loft conversion to create additional habitable accommodation with 2 no. pitched roof dormers to the rear elevation and 2 no. roof lights, plus changes to fenestration at Upton Cottage, Milestone Avenue

213031

Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 1 no. roof light, conversion of garage to create habitable space with existing flat roof to be replaced with a mono pitched roof and changes to fenestration at 53 St Patrick's Avenue

The meeting closed at 8.55pm