

**Wokingham Without Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held on Monday 2nd September 2019**

In the Howard Palmer Room, St Sebastian's Memorial Hall, Nine Mile Ride

Commencing 8:04pm and concluding at 9:56 pm

Present: Councillors D Dye, L Foxwell, B Gough, N Martin, K Newland, J Rogers and P Stephens.
Katy Hughes - Clerk, Sharon Way – Assistant Clerk. Borough Councillors C Bowring and A Ross.

Apologies: Councillors R Fenny, C Lancaster, D Latimer, A Plume and S Turtle.
Borough Councillor P Helliard-Symons.

19/88 WELCOME

Cllr Newland welcomed everyone to the meeting.

19/89 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Fenny, Lancaster, Latimer, Plume and Turtle.
Borough Councillor Helliard-Symons.

19/90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

19/91 TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th August 2019.

Cllr Newland invited comments from the floor. Following a proposal from Cllr Stephens and seconded by Cllr Rogers it was:

RESOLVED: Minutes of the 5th August 2019 were AGREED and signed.

19/92 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 5th August 2019.

None.

19/93 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

19/94 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS BRIEFING

Cllr Ross noted that the works at Oaklands Lane has finished. Queries have been received from the public which have been satisfactorily responded to by the Rights of Way officer.

There is no council funding for the proposed footway between Star Lane Crossing and Holme Grange school so this work will not proceed until its possible inclusion in the SDL / SDR developments.

At 10.00 am on 14th September the Friends of Heathlake have organised a foray at Heathlake by the local fungus group (Mike Waterman).

A triangle forum will be held on 3rd October at 7.00pm at the Morgan Centre. Cllr Ross has circulated an interim agenda and welcomed suggestions for additional items.

The proposed community hub is currently being considered by a council process insight committee and if it gets the go ahead the Borough and Parish Councillors will be informed.

Cllr Bowring advised that a new bus service is being established, servicing Crowthorne railway station.

Cllr Dye noted that the bus stop in the direction of Reading hospital along the Nine Mile Ride is inconveniently located, and that this could be eased if the Courtney bus stop near Johnson and Johnson could be used as a request stop.

Cllr Ross suggested that the Clerk might consider circulating the Clerks report prior to the meeting. Cllr Newland noted that in order to be as up-to-date as possible this report was under preparation up to the day of the meeting.

Cllr Stephens requested that the draft triangle forum agenda could be circulated in order for possible agenda points to be added by Parish Councillors. Cllr Ross will forward the agenda to the Clerk, who will circulate it to members.

19/95 CLERKS REPORT

A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting was held on Thursday 8th August. Minutes have been circulated and a further meeting is planned for later this month.

The application for the Quality Council Award has been submitted.

Quarterly accounts checks have been carried out by Cllr Foxwell.

The Clerk thanked members who had attended the two additional planning meetings.

The Clerk and Cllr Foxwell met with Borough Councillors and WBC officers to discuss CIL. It is proposed that a 'catch-up' meeting will be held with Borough Councillors in alternate months, the first meeting being held on 17th October. Cllr Newland suggested that this meeting should facilitate proposals and debate of possible CIL projects in the community.

The Clerk will be attending a Clerks' Workshop at Wokingham Borough with the new Chief Executive, to look at partnership working between the Borough, Town and Parish Councils. Members were asked for comments and questions they would like to be raised at this workshop.

The Community Litter Pick will be held on Sunday 13th October, 10.00am to 12.00pm. A paper will be submitted at the next meeting covering budget for refreshments etc.

The Clerk emailed members regarding a trip to Re3, this comprises a trip to the anaerobic digester at Severn Trent at Wallingford and a trip to Smallmead. If members are interested please contact the Clerk.

A Greener Wokingham Live meeting will be held on 25th September at 7.00-9.30 pm in the Town Hall, to look at ways in which the borough can be more environmentally friendly, and ways in which residents can become involved. The Clerk will distribute the agenda when published. Members wishing to attend should notify the Clerk who will also attend and report back

The car park topographical work has been undertaken and a survey of car park users sent out. A good response has been received so far.

The planning application for the Parish Office has not been determined. The Clerk will follow this

up with the responsible planning officer.

The completed AGAR (Annual Governance & Accountability Return) has not yet been received.

The Wokingham Citizens Advice Bureau AGM will be held on 27th September, and as part of the 80 year celebration the Princess Royal will be attending. If members would like to attend please notify the Clerk by 6th September.

19/96 VERBAL REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

None.

19/97 CIL SPENDING

- (a) The Clerk and Cllr Foxwell summarised the discussion at the recent CIL meeting held with Wokingham Borough. It was noted that if Wokingham sought support from WWPC CIL funds then detailed information would be required to allow it to be assessed alongside WWPC initiated projects.
- (b) Members reviewed a paper prepared by Cllr Stephens requesting CIL allocation of £15k plus installation and testing costs to enhance the Pinewood Centre playground adjacent to Pinewood hall by providing additional equipment and seating. Cllr Newland suggested that £15k was unlikely to be sufficient for these proposals. Cllr Rogers considered this to be a good idea for CIL funding, however an annual budget allocation was already assigned to improving the playground areas. Council took the decision to defer item pending further investigation into equipment and costs.
- (c) To review CIL allocation requests from WBC. The first request concerned improvements to byway 28 by Honey Hill – construction of a bund and surface improvements. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would seek further liaison with WBC to establish more detailed information. The second request concerned Footpath 10 improvements requested by Loddon Valley Ramblers. Several Councillors were aware of the issues with this footpath and this work was considered to be an effective use of CIL funds. The Clerk agreed to discuss this further with Ray Sharpe. The third request concerned the creation of a surfaced cycle track along the centre section of Oaklands Lane. Photographs of the works recently carried out at Oaklands lane were viewed and discussed. The Clerk noted that Andrew Fletcher would soon be carrying out a site visit. The Clerk will contact him and suggest a meeting following the site visit.

Following a proposal from Cllr Rogers and seconded by Cllr Martin it was:

RESOLVED: Expenditure of £2500 from CIL funds for improvements to footpath 10 was AGREED.

19/98 PLANNING COMMENTS

- (a) To review and approve comments for submission to WBC for the SDL planning application. Following a short discussion Cllr Newland suggested that minor changes were required to the wording concerning the bridges at the western end of the SDR, and he would forward comments to the Clerk.

Following a proposal from Cllr Foxwell and seconded by Cllr Rogers it was:

RESOLVED: That, subject to the minor modifications by Cllr Newland, the proposed comment paper was AGREED.

- (b) To review and approve comments for submission to WBC for the Ravenswood application. There was a short discussion and following a proposal from Cllr Foxwell and seconded by Cllr Stephens it was:

RESOLVED: That the proposed comment paper was AGREED.

19/99 INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLOR NICHOLAS MARTIN ON 5G TECHNOLOGY

Cllr Martin explained that wireless devices emit levels of radiation which are hazardous to public health, and read out a statement from a 1970s US Department of Defence report in support of this. Cllr Martin also stated that Public Health England were aware 2 years ago that LED lights were dangerous to eye health. Cllr Newland proposed that the Clerk arrange a meeting with WBC to discuss pollution in the parish at which this matter could be raised.

19/100 FINANCIAL INFORMATION - papers circulated prior to meeting

- a) Report on outstanding balances was received and noted.
- b) Cheques for signature and payments both made and still to be made were approved and signed. No queries were raised.
- c) A detailed income and expenditure report and financial performance against budget report was received and noted.
- d) A report of total salary expenditure to date for the year was received and noted.
- e) The completion of the quarterly accounts check, carried out by Cllr Foxwell on 14th August 2019 was noted.

19/101 PLANNING/LICENCE APPLICATIONS

The following responses were **AGREED**:

No	Site	Comments
192159	28 Elgar Avenue Crowthorne RG45 6QP	No comment.
192063	39 Merryman Drive Crowthorne RG45 6TW	No comment.
191195	The Old Farmhouse Easthampstead Road Wokingham RG45 3BS	Wokingham Without Parish Council object to this change of use to residential curtilage on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The land is countryside and the proposal is contrary to policy CP11 of the Core Strategy. 2) The requirement for use for parties a few times a year does not justify the scale of the change of use and harm. WWPC is of the opinion should this application be successful, all permitted development rights to erect outbuildings or other structures which apply to curtilages be removed.
192173	17 Frensham Road Crowthorne RG45 6QJ	Members expressed concern that the extension would not appear subservient to the host property.
192196	1 Heathermount Drive Crowthorne RG45 6HJ	Wokingham Without Parish Council have no objections to this application provided the finishing materials used are in keeping with the street scene.
192198	1 Heathermount Drive Crowthorne RG45 6HJ	No comment.
191847	4 Badgers Sett Crowthorne RG45 6EY	No comment.

191757	19 Belmont Road Crowthorne RG45 6SA	Wokingham Without Parish Council do not object to this application provided the planning officer assigned is satisfied the extension will not overshadow the property to the rear of the development, however, due to the close proximity of the neighbouring properties would request that standard construction hours are conditioned as part of the consent.
191802	3 Charity Way Crowthorne RG45 6GU	No comment.
192024	54 Ellis Road Crowthorne RG45 6PT	Wokingham Without Parish Council is of the opinion that the erection of the detached garage to the front of the existing dwelling would have a detrimental impact on the street scene, and is out of character.
192241	10 Lyneham Road Crowthorne RG45 6NJ	No comment.

19/102 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Cllr Newland reported on the progress with his house sale but noted he will continue to support the parish until the leases are signed.

19/103 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS:

Cllr Gough raised the amount of time that Bewley Homes are taking to complete the cycle track on the Old Wokingham Road.

19/104 MEETING CLOSED AT 21.30 PM

Date of next meeting – Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm in the Howard Palmer Room on Monday 7th October 2019.

Signed:

Date: 7th October 2019