

**Wokingham Without Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held on Monday 4th February 2019**

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

Commencing 7:30pm and concluding at 9:30pm

Present: Councillors L Foxwell, B Gough, K Newland, A Plume, R Fenny, J Rogers.
Katy Hughes - Clerk, Sharon Way – Assistant Clerk. Borough Councillor A Ross.

Apologies: Councillors P Sturgess, D Dye, J Shill, S Turtle, C Lancaster. Borough Councillors D Sleight, P Helliar-Symons.

18/861 WELCOME

Cllr Newland welcomed everyone to the meeting.

18/862 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Sturgess, Dye, Shill, Turtle and Lancaster and Borough Councillors Sleight and Helliar-Symons.

18/863 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

18/864 TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th January 2019.

The Chairman invited comments from the floor. None were received.

RESOLVED: Minutes of the 14th January 2019 were AGREED and signed.

18/865 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 14th January 2019

The Clerk wrote to WBC regarding the works at Hanworth roundabout. Response has been circulated to members.

A flyer was circulated to residents for the SDL event to be held on 7th February at the Morgan centre.

Following an invitation from the Clerk, the CEO of Wokingham Citizens Advice will speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

18/866 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following planning matters were brought forward:

Members of the public present: S Green, C Green, K Kundel, M Kundel, T Truscott, L Truscott and N Martin.

Planning application at 10 Grange Avenue

Residents raised the following concerns with regard to this planning application:

- Overbearing
- Loss of privacy
- Loss of light
- Out of keeping with street scene.

Cllr Newland clarified that since WBC has accepted the previous application, the objection could only be against the new application as it extends the dwelling further than the previous application. Cllr Newland advised that Borough Cllr Sleight has requested to the planning officers that this application is addressed by the Wokingham planning committee, at which one person can speak for up to 3 minutes to express objections to an application. The applicant will also have an opportunity to speak for 3 minutes in support of the application. The Planning Committee Chair will seek comments and clarifications, following which the committee will vote for or against the application.

Cllr Rogers noted that WWPC had raised several comments to the first application, which still appear to be valid. The Parish council would review the officer's report to note any responses by WBC to WWPC's comments. Cllr Plume noted that a comparison should be carried out between this application and the application that had been granted.

Action: Assistant Clerk to establish comments made to the earlier application and WBC responses, for review and further consideration by members.

Honey Hill

A statement was made by a member of the public. It has been noticed that recently there has been a significant increase in the volume and speed of traffic on Honey Hill Lane. It is expected that proposed changes to roads in the area will send more traffic down this road. The road is narrow, has sharp bends and is without pavements. It is used by horse riders and pedestrians and it is feared that a serious accident may occur soon. WWPC are encouraged to push for a speed limit on Honey Hill Lane, and it is considered that 40 miles per hour is not unreasonable. Representations to this effect have been made in other forums and it appears that these have been ignored.

Cllr Newland noted that concerns had been raised at the first public SDL meeting on the impact of traffic on Honey Hill. He strongly urged that the issue be further raised at the public SDL meeting to be held on 7th February.

A discussion followed on plans for the SDL and its effect on local roads. Cllr Fenny noted that the response from WBC on highways questions in relation to the South Wokingham development has to date been inadequate.

S Green, C Green, K Kundel, M Kundel, T Truscott, L Truscott and N Martin left the meeting at 8:02 pm.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (Planning application No. 190101. Land at Oak Apples)

Please note that the Borough Councillors Briefing preceded Questions From the Public (Planning application No. 190101. Land at Oak Apples), however for the purpose of the Minutes the agenda order has been followed.

S Shafran, J Shafran and J Sewell joined meeting at 8:15 pm.

Cllr Rogers presented slides and described the proposed development and its context in terms of green space and woodland. Members identified several issues of concern with the proposed development. A particular issue identified is the loss of the woodland and the resulting fragmentation of the green space in this area of Wokingham Without.

A resident commented that their property backs onto the woodland. When the property was purchased they were informed that the woodland was protected. A resident noted that the woodland was protect by tree preservation orders.

The Tree Protection Order (TPO) currently applied to the woodland was discussed.

A member of the public noted that there was very strong feeling against this development, as evidenced for example on social media. Cllr Plume encouraged residents to submit comments directly to WBC citing material planning considerations where possible.

The Clerk clarified that a TPO is not a guarantee that the tree will remain, but consent is required from WBC to do work on or near the tree.

Action: Clerk to summarise comment on behalf of WWPC.

S Shafran, J Shafran and J Sewell left the meeting at 8:42 pm.

18/867 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS BRIEFING

Borough Councillor Ross provided a briefing.

Cllr Ross expects to attend the public SDL meeting on 7th February but due to a prior engagement will have to leave early.

With respect to neighbourhood plans, Wellington College hold a local meeting attended by Borough members from Crowthorne and Wokingham Without wards and Parish Councillors from Sandhurst and Crowthorne. Cllr Ross can provide a link if WWPC were interested in these meetings.

The rebuild of the Crowthorne fire station will begin at Easter at which time the fire engines will move to Wellington College for about a year while the fire station is rebuilt, to maintain local fire service cover.

WBC Budget meeting will be held on 21st February.

The litter pick will be held on 23/24 March, Cllr Ross asked members to advise him which day WWPC will take part.

Interest has been expressed by many people including Borough Councillors as to whether there will be a review of the speed limit on the Old Wokingham Road by the Bucklers Park development. The authorities do not currently appear keen to consider it. Cllr Ross is seeking WWPC views on this matter.

18/868 CLERKS REPORT

The Neighbourhood Plan workshop was held on 21st January. The Clerk is currently waiting for the report from O'Neil Homer which will then be circulated to members with notes on the next steps.

Draft pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan for CPC has been circulated and will be an agenda item for the next meeting, comments invited.

Internal Audit was carried out and the Clerk is awaiting the Auditor's report.

There has been an issue with the power supply to the workshop. Richard has arranged the installation of a more reliable power supply. Due to the urgent nature of the work the Clerk authorised this under the powers accorded to the Clerk, as the cost should be within the permitted spend.

The Homes for the Future consultation deadline for comment is in two weeks' time. Please provide any comments to the Parish Office by Friday 8 February.

Information has been circulated regarding the Borough elections meeting, which is being held on the 18th March and will therefore clash with the Annual Parish Meeting. Information from the Elections meeting will be provided to the Clerk.

18/869 VERBAL REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Cllr Rogers noted attendance at the TRL Community Hub meeting. Concerns still being expressed as to the visual appearance of the building. There is the potential for WWPC to provide CIL funding, but require a business case from CPC.

Cllr Rogers also attended a Neighbourhood Plan meeting, and was informed that there cannot be a strategic gap policy within the plan.

18/870 PARISH OFFICE EXTENSION

Copies of papers describing the proposed extension were included in the agenda pack to members. Cllr Newland provided an overview. As previously minuted, the pre-application advice identified some issues in relation to the original design. The Working Group has therefore developed revised proposals and the layout is considered to be as close to the optimal as possible given the site constraints. It is therefore now proposed to make a full planning application, which members briefly discussed. Further consideration of the layout within the footprint, and whether to undertake an extension or full rebuild, will be undertaken in parallel with the Planning Application.

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

RESOLVED: The proposal to submit a full planning application was AGREED.

18/871 PINWOOD GYMNASTICS CLUB EXTENSION

Pinewood Gymnastics Club requires a track for tumblers this is currently accommodated by a telescopic 'tunnel' which is reaching the end of its serviceable life. The club are seeking approval in principle from WWPC to build a permanent extension to the front of the gymnastics hall to accommodate the track. This is needed before the gymnastics club spend funds on detailed plans and on obtaining planning approval from WBC.

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

RESOLVED: Approval in principle for a double-width front extension with pitched roof and clad to match the existing exterior of the Pinewood Gym was AGREED.

18/872 ANNUAL LITTER PICK

The Clerk stated that the Weekend of the Wokingham Borough's annual litter pick will be the 23/24th March. WWPC will hold the litter pick on Sunday 24th March. Approval is requested for a budget of £100 for light refreshments.

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

RESOLVED: The proposal to hold the WWPC litter pick on 24th March with a budget of £100 for light refreshments was AGREED.

Following a discussion it was also AGREED that the WWPC Autumn litter pick would be held on Sunday 13th October.

Cllr Fenny will inform CROW.

18/873 WORKING GROUPS

To resolve to establish a working group to consider, review and make proposals to council regarding improvements to the Pinewood car park. Cllr Foxwell nominated her husband Richard Foxwell to join the working group as he has previous involvement in discussions over the car park; this was AGREED. Cllr Plume and Cllr Newland were also appointed.

To resolve to establish a working group to produce a spring newsletter. Cllrs Fenny, Rogers and the Clerk were appointed.

To resolve to establish a working group to review and suggest updates to the council's policies. Cllrs Newland and Foxwell were appointed.

18/874 FINANCIAL INFORMATION - papers circulated prior to meeting

- a) Report on outstanding balances was received and noted.
- b) Cheques for signature and payments 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.

There were no questions regarding finances.

18/875 PLANNING/LICENCE APPLICATIONS

The following responses were **AGREED**:

No	Site	Comments
190192	88 Ellis Road Crowthorne RG45 6PN	No comments or objections.
190003	39 Hinton Close Crowthorne RG45 6LA	Members raised concern over the lack of parking provision, as there is already parking issues along this street.

183294	10 Grange Avenue Crowthorne RG45 6QG	The council is of the opinion that this is a reiteration of a previous (refused) application which resulted in a number of concerns from local residents, and that this application is of equal concern to those residents. The applicant already has planning permission from a subsequent application (182017) to make significant alterations to his home. The Council agrees with Councillor David Sleight's comments that this piecemeal approach to planning is against the spirit of the process and object to this application on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too large for the plot, the extension does not appear subservient to the main dwelling • Members object to the detrimental impact on the street scene, of the terracing effect of the side extension and loft extension • Concern over loss of light and loss of privacy with respect to the overlooking windows.
190029	16 Wiltshire Avenue Crowthorne RG45 6NG	No comments or objections.
183342	2 Bramblegate Crowthorne RG45 6JA	No comments or objections.
183015	56 Hatch Ride Crowthorne RG45 6LB	No comments or objections.
190101	Land at Oak Apples Oaklands Lane Crowthorne RG45 6JX	Please see appendix 18/872
190129	Enchanted Barn Redlake Lane Wokingham RG40 3BF	No comments or objections.
APPEAL 182792/182427	Pinecopse Nine Mile Ride Wokingham RG40 3ND	This is a matter of law and the onus will be on the applicant to demonstrate that the use has been reasonably continuous for a period of 10 years. It is also the case following a recent change in the law that an applicant must not knowingly undertake development with a view to later establishing lawful use or development. This is a matter for the Council. However, members expressed concern that such a large enterprise has been apparently able to subsist without the Council being aware of the activity.

18/876 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Cllr Newland hosted a walk around Pinewood with Borough Councillor Ross and Borough Cllr Julian McGhee-Sumner, Leader of WBC, and joined by the Clerk and Cllr Foxwell.

Sport England have rejected the break clause in the proposed lease for the boxing club, who are now working with England Boxing on a revised application to submit back to Sport England. WBC have agreed to propose a 'lift and shift' clause as an alternative to removing the Break Clause. The break clause is also preventing the Guides from locating Guiding for the East Berkshire Area to Pinewood.

Cllr McGhee-Sumner has agreed to look at how policy might be changed to allow the break clause to be removed or delayed without breaking the policy.

18/877 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS:

Cllr Gough asked whether there was a byelaw to enforce a requirement for Newsagents to ensure that adequate bicycle lights and reflective clothing are provided for newspaper delivery children, as he had witnessed several instances of inadequate provision recently.

Action: The Clerk to follow up.

CLlr Newland noted that the Heath Hill Road surgery has been absorbed into a much larger complex at Birch Hill.

18/878 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 4th March 2019.

Signed:

Date: 4th March 2019