

BURGHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 24th September 2015 **Time:** 7.30pm

Place: Burghfield village hall committee room

Present: Mr C Greaves (Chair) Mr D Godwin
Mr P Lawrence Ms A Trueman
Miss M Cresser Mr P Wilkins

Attending: Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies: Dr R Longton Mr J Sayer
Mr D Godding Mr R Hannington

1. To receive written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interest dispensations from members and verbal notification of any personal interests members present may have on any items on the agenda

There were no items upon the agenda that necessitated a member to present a written request for dispensations of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee

The minutes of the last meeting of the Planning Committee held on 30 July and the draft minutes from the 10 September having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the presiding Chairman.

Request from local parishioner for permission to speak

A local resident presented a request to speak in relation to the planning application submitted for the land at the junction of Clayhill Road and Sulhamstead Road. The presiding chairman granted permission to the parishioner to speak on behalf of the local residents expressing concerns in relation to the application and its overall impact within the local area. A detailed paper had been prepared and distributed to members present for their perusal. The chairman thanked the resident for taking the time to speak to the committee.

3. Matters Arising on the Minutes

- i) Letters were circulated to residents of Recreation Road regarding the possibility of extending the car park at the common recreation ground. Feedback received will be discussed at the relevant point in the agenda.
- ii) Mortimer Neighbourhood Development group have been invited to the October meeting to present to the committee an overview of the process involved in the production of a neighbourhood plan.
- iii) A request for speed checks and additional signage outside St. Mary's School was forwarded to WBC. The response is to be presented at the relevant point in the agenda.

4. Neighbourhood Plan

- i) To give consideration to the questions prepared for presentation to Mortimer NDP at the November meeting

Members present gave consideration to the questions prepared for presentation to Mortimer at the November meeting for their comments. The questions are to be forwarded prior to the meeting to enable Mortimer time to prepare relevant answers and any accompanying information.

5. Housing

- i) To submit observations on Planning Applications currently before the Committee

<u>App. No:</u>	<u>Location and Proposal</u>
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| 1. 15/02082/FULC | Reading Quarry, Berry's Lane
Erection of recycled offices for J Mould (Reading) |
| <i>Parish Council</i> | <i>No objection</i> |
| 2. 15/02325/OUTMAJ | Land at junction with Clayhill Road and Sulhamstead Road |

Outline application for erection of 40 dwellings including 16 affordable homes. Matters to be considered. Layout and scale.

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Objection

3. **15/02178/FULEXT**

Land at Hunters Hill

Section 73: Variation of condition 2: approved plans and 3: details of materials, of planning permission reference 14/03422/FULEXT (Erection of 26 dwellings (8 one bed flats, 12 two bed houses and 6 three bed houses) with associated parking and amenity space.

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No objection

- ii) To receive and note any Planning Application Decisions received and deal with any other planning related matters

<u>PC Decision</u>	<u>Application no.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>WBC Decision</u>
No Objection	15/01700/HOUSE	Bickerton, Reading Road	GRANTED
No Objection	15/01457/FULD	Red Kite House, Reading Road	GRANTED
No objection	15/01225/HOUSE	3 Moatlands Close, Mill Road	GRANTED
No objection	15/01686/CERTP	8 Kennet Place	LAWFUL
No objection	15/01614/HOUSE	Somerton, Reading Road	GRANTED
No objection	15/01809/NONMAT	Land North of Pingewood Road South	APPROVED
No objection	15/01419/HOUSE	8 Council Bungalows, Auclum Lane	GRANTED

Details were forwarded from WBC relating to Holybrook Farm, Burghfield Bridge where prior approval for the change of use from agricultural (sui generis) to storage and distribution (B8) class use.

WBC forwarded the information relating to prior approval for 3 Post Office Lane, Burghfield for a rear garden room.

- iii) To consider any changes in Planning legislation and its impact upon Burghfield

The extension timetable and procedure information relating to the application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the proposed M4 junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway was received from The Planning Inspectorate for information.

Renewables Unlimited forwarded details relating to a proposal for two wind turbines at Reading West Service Station. A Planning application is being submitted for the proposal in due course.

Members were advised that WBC had issued a challenge on the 13th August 2015 in the High Court of Justice to quash the decision of the Planning Inspectorate in the granting of planning permission for a development of 90 houses at Firlands Farm, Hollybush Lane.

6. **Transport**

- i) To consider any Highway or Road Safety improvements for implementation within the parish

Following correspondence having been received from a local resident expressing their concerns regarding the speed of traffic and parking outside and within the immediate vicinity of St. Mary's Primary School, WBC were asked to install a speed indicator box during September to ascertain the traffic speeds outside the school. A request was also to be presented for flashing alert lights during school pick up and drop off times to alert road users and slow traffic down. WBC advised that data collected during June 2012 showed an average speed of 31.6mph with traffic speeds not predicted to having changed since then. A flashing alert sign is already in place at the school, alerting drivers between the hours of 08.15 – 09.00am and again at 15.00 – 16.15pm. WBC are to liaise further with the school to determine whether any specific awareness initiatives, such as Park & Stride or a walking bus, could be introduced to alleviate the parking issues at the school. Members present requested the issue be raised at the next NAG meeting by the representatives from the parish council.

Correspondence was received during the summer period from a local resident regarding the condition of the road surface in Granby End. Patch repairs have been carried out to address the immediate safety concerns. The road surface is

scheduled to be resurfaced during 2016/2017.

- ii) To receive information from WBC regarding a mirror on Reading Road to assist pedestrians crossing

At the request of a local parishioner, highways were asked to investigate the possibility of installing a mirror to assist people crossing the road near to the Guide Dogs Centre on the Reading Road. Advice from the Department of Transport to all highway authorities regarding mirrors is to say no as mirrors cause drivers to misjudge images seen in the mirrors as a result of condensation. Distortion effects the accurate estimation of distances and the misjudgement of the speed of approaching traffic. Members requested that a further question be presented to WBC for consideration to be given to a crossing point to be installed to address pedestrian safety concerns. Following a site visit, WBC suggested a possible improvement might be for the footway on the North side to be extended by approximately 20 metres. This could bring the crossing point to where the sign for the speed limit change sign is located. This would provide approximately 50 metres of visibility to the right instead of the current 20 metres for pedestrians stood on the south side. Further investigations are being made into the feasibility of the suggestion and potential funding for the project. An update will be provided at the next scheduled meeting.

- iii) To receive an update in relation to the proposal to extend the Common Recreation Ground Car park

A letter was sent to the immediate residents of Recreation Road requesting feedback in relation to the proposal to extend the Common Rec Car Park. Feedback had been very low, with very limited number of residents expressing concern in the loss of green open space.

A request is to be presented to the Community committee to give consideration to the full public use of the village hall and the addition of appropriate signage at the common rec car park advising people to park at village hall. The situation is to be monitored accordingly with members suggesting the proposal is considered again in 3 months time to ascertain if the project should progress any further.

7.

Green issues

- i) To give consideration to any green issues within the parish requiring action

No items

- ii) To receive an update regarding the West Berks Cycle Working Group

Further details have been received from WBC Cycle Working Group who is working hard to improve cycling for commuting and utility purposes across the District. A cycle route from Burghfield Common through to the Kennet & Avon Canal and between Burghfield Common and Mortimer to assist Willink students is to be presented for consideration by the cycle forum group.

8.

Street Lighting update

WBC provided a full and detailed list of the street lights within Burghfield included within the LED Street light upgrade programme. It is anticipated that by mid-2016 all of the WBC owned street lights within Burghfield will have LED lanterns.

An order has been placed for the next phase of the Burghfield PC owned street lights to go ahead. A further 5 are to be replaced accordingly following the positive feedback from residents of Goodwood Close.

9.

To determine future agenda items for discussion

10.

To receive items for information only

Conclusion: The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.57pm

Chairman: