

BURGHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 26th February 2015 **Time:** 7.30p.m.

Place: Burghfield village hall committee room

Present: Mr C Greaves (Chair) Ms A Trueman
Mr P Lawrence Mr D Godwin
Miss M Cresser Mr D Godding
Dr R Longton

Attending: Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies:

1. **To receive written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interest dispensations from members**

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 22 January and the draft minutes from the 12th February having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the presiding Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising on the Minutes**

- i) The request for photographic evidence regarding parking restrictions being abused outside Tesco's, was forwarded to the local resident expressing their concerns.
- ii) The second wave of Community Speedwatch was undertaken in early January.
- iii) The installation of the LED street lights in Goodwood Close has been completed.

4. **Housing**

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

App. No:

Location and Proposal

1. **14/03289/COMIND**

Proposed Green Park Railway Station

Construction of a new railway station including 5-cae platforms, footbridge lift, concourse, disabled access provision, engineering works including diversion of existing drainage ditch to the west of the railway line and associated works, Part of the wider development of a new Railway station, bus interchange, multi-storey car park (park and ride facility), short stay car park, taxi drop off, disabled facilities, station access road from Longwater Avenue, landscaping and associated works at Green Park, Reading.

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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	14/03142/HOUSE	25 Chervil Way, Burghfield Common	GRANTED
No Objection	14/02944/COMIND	Garlands Junior School, Clayhill Road	GRANTED
No Objection	14/03122/PAD/56	Small Mead Bridge, Kirtons Farm Road, Pingewood	GRANTED
No Objection	14/03269/HOUSE	Coxwold, Bunces Lane, Burghfield Common	GRANTED
No Objection	14/03287/HOUSE	1 Burghfield Bridge, Burghfield	GRANTED
No Objection	14/03026/CERTP	Carrowreagh, Auclum Lane	LAWFUL
No Objection	14/03156/HOUSE	The Lilacs, School Lane	GRANTED
No Objection	14/03148/HOUSE	16 Goodwood Close, Burghfield Common	GRANTED
Objection	14/03001/OUTMAJ	Land at Mans Hill	REFUSED

- iii) To consider any changes in Planning legislation and its impact upon Burghfield
Members present discussed any potential impact the proposed submarine storage at Aldermaston, or Burghfield, AWE would have on the local community. No immediate concerns were raised by those present.
- iv) To determine the views of members in relation to the new draft version of the WBC Council Strategy 2015-2019
WBC is seeking the views on the new draft version of the Council Strategy 2015-2019 developed by elected members and council officers. It shows what WBC aim to prioritise and improve during the next four years and how they intend to achieve it. Feedback is requested, with a deadline date for comments set as 16th March 2015. Members are encouraged to consider the strategy and forward comments.

5. Transport

- i) To consider any Highway or Road Safety improvements for implementation within the parish
Members gave consideration to any potential improvements to ease traffic and parking issues at the May Fayre scheduled for Sunday 10th May. Liaison is to be held with Reading buses to request a diversion along Hawksworth Road instead of Clayhill Road to assist in easing traffic attending the May Fayre. The request is to be forwarded to the BRA for further action.
Members were reminded to identify the specific houses within the parish with overgrown hedges and garden foliage to enable a formal request for its clearance to be forwarded via West Berkshire Council.
- ii) To receive details relating to the public consultation on M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway Variable Mandatory Speed Limits
A consultation has been launched by the Highways Agency for junctions 3 to 12 of the M4 to have variable mandatory speed limits introduced.
- iii) To receive an update of the Community Speed watch campaign and determine future locations
The Community Speedwatch was deployed at the following locations during the 2nd round:
Reading Road (just after the Hatch public house), Reading Road (just past Methodist Church), Hermits Hill, Theale Road (by St. Mary's primary school), Reading Bakery (outside Bakery), Clayhill Road (just prior to Hawksworth Road). A full and detailed report will be presented upon analysis from WBC.
- iv) To give consideration to the proposal to extend the Common Recreation Ground Car park
Members present gave consideration to potentially extending the car parking area within the common recreation ground and introducing an entry and exit system to alleviate the parking issues currently being experienced on Recreation Road. Following a site visit, Highways expressed support for the initiative, advising that a dropped kerb would be required leading into the parking area. A meeting has been scheduled with Cellweb, a specialist root protection system company, to determine whether root protection would be necessary. A meeting has also been scheduled with the immediate neighbour to discuss the proposal in further detail. Members present expressed their support in principle for the proposal, instructing the clerk to obtain quotations to enable further discussions.
- v) To receive a report regarding the S106 projects for the coming financial year
An updated report was presented of current Section 106 monies held and outstanding projects.
The following suggestions were presented for future projects:
- 1) **Carriageway widening on the Reading side of Burghfield Canal Bridge** – HGVs regularly over-run the edge of the carriageway in this location and cause damage to the kerbs and verge. Widening the carriageway would prevent this. Estimated cost £10,000 or less.
 - 2) **Upgrade the traffic signals at Sheffield Bottom Swing Bridge** -Installing "MOVA" control system and traffic monitoring CCTV cameras. This would make the lights more responsive to traffic and allow the remote monitoring and operation of both the lights and bridge. Estimated costs of £50,000 but to be jointly funded by Section 106 allocated to Theale Parish, due to the canal being the boundary

between the two parishes.

A number of additional projects within the parish were identified by members for action. The item is to be discussed again in further detail at the next meeting.

6. Green issues

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

The PV panels are scheduled for installation week commencing 13th April 2015. An Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) is currently being sought for the village hall to determine the exact feed in tariff.

The village hall recently underwent an EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) check to determine its rating prior to the installation of the PV panels. It was noted that the current boiler would require replacement to an Air Source pump heater to reach the required D rating. A request is to be forwarded to the Community Committee to undertake further investigations.

7. Street Lighting

i) To receive an update re the LED street lighting and consider any points requiring action

3 street lights in Goodwood Close have now been replaced with LED lights. Consultation with the immediate residents of Goodwood Close will be undertaken after an initial three month period with the remaining 27 lights within the parish to be replaced on a 5 year rolling programme.

8. To receive an update in relation to the provision of Superfast Broadband

Superfast Berkshire has been working with BT Openreach over the last year to extend broadband provision in areas that the private sector deem to be "commercially unviable". Over the past six months, 5 cabinets have been upgraded to a fibre to the cabinet solution (FTTC) in your parish.

Burghfield Common Exchange – Cabinets P1, P4, P8, P9 and EO(6) - 1098 premises in total with more than 91.2% able to access superfast). BT are currently in procurement activity for phase 2. Further details can be found on the project website – www.superfastberkshire.org.uk.

9. To determine future agenda items for discussion – None

10. To receive items for information only - None

Conclusion: The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.52pm

Chairman: