

BURGHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting

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

Place: Burghfield village hall committee room

Present: Mr P Lawrence Ms A Trueman
Miss M Cresser Mr D Godwin
Dr R Longton Mr D Godding

Attending: Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies: Mr C Greaves (Chair) Mr P Wilkins

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 liaison to be held with Reading Buses regarding a possible route diversion during the May Fayre was forwarded to the BRA

4. Housing

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

App. No:

Location and Proposal

1. 1/00338/HOUSE

6 Essex Cottages, Reading Road, Burghfield Common

Single storey rear extension

Parish Council

No Objection

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

PC Decision

Application no.

Description

WBC Decision

No Objection

14/03295/MINMAJ

Moore's Farm, Pingewood, Reading

GRANTED

No Objection

14/03072/FUL

Compound rear of James Farm, James Lane, Grazeley Green

GRANTED

No Objection

15/00064/CERTP

2 Clayhill Road, Burghfield Common

LAWFUL

No Objection

14/03418/FULD

67 Omers Rise, Burghfield Common

REFUSED

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

Members present were advised the outcome of the recent appeal for the potential development at Mans Hill as having been dismissed.

WBC forwarded an update relating to the recent developments in the preparation of the West Berkshire Local Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan Officer at WBC, Elizabeth Alexander, is to be contacted and asked if she would attend the June Infrastructure committee meeting to discuss the merits in Burghfield considering a Neighbourhood Plan.

5. Transport

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

WBC are to reinstate the missing bus stop on the Reading Road, Southbound, close to the Roselawn Hotel. A small hardstanding area within the highway boundary to the north of Roselawn Hotel car park, in between the hedge line and the carriageway, is also to be installed.

WBC has alerted the council that following last year's resurfacing works on Reading Road, areas of the surfacing has failed to meet their quality standard and therefore requires replacement. The corrective works are to be undertaken as soon as possible. The council will receive the normal notifications once a date has been specified.

A request for the white lines on the corner of School Lane and Recreation Road to be repainted is to be forwarded to WBC for action.

- ii) To give consideration to correspondence received regarding the strengthening works to Kirtons Farm Lane railway bridge

Concerns regarding the strengthening works scheduled for Kirtons Farm lane railway bridge have been expressed by a local resident, specifically in relation to the removal of the HGV weight limit, the safety of users of the road and the impact on the immediate environment. Further details are to be obtained from WBC regarding the need for the strengthening works. Members present expressed a preference for a weight limit to remain on the bridge. **Resolved** unanimously to present the views of members to WBC for their consideration.

- iii) To receive an update of the Community Speed watch campaign and determine future locations

Following the success of the previous deployments, the Community Speedwatch is to be obtained again during June for deployment at the following locations:

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) and Clayhill Road (just prior to Hawksworth Road).

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

A meeting was held with Cellweb, a specialist root protection system company, who determined that their root protection system would be necessary to ensure the full preservation of the two larger trees. A quotation has been requested with a meeting arranged with an approved contractor to advise on layouts and surfaces for the extension area. A meeting was held with the immediate neighbour to discuss the proposal in further detail who expressed their support in principle of the proposal. A letter is to be forwarded to the residents of Recreation Road requesting their feedback. A progress report is to be presented at the next meeting.

- 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 from WBC were presented as possible 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. Members **resolved** unanimously to suggest to WBC that the white lining be amended to the north of the bridge to enable only 1 car to wait at the lights instead of the current 3, with a view to allowing the passage of more vehicles during the light change.

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. Members **resolved** unanimously that the project was not a current priority. The suggestion is to be revisited during financial year 2016/2017.

WBC advised that white line carriageway markings are to be installed outside The Six Bells in Burghfield village during the summer period, upon completion of the scheduled resurfacing works at this location.

A request was presented to members for the pathway running around the corner of Reading Road, in front of the Hatch Gate pub, to be widened. Members are to visit the site to determine the extent of the problem. The item will be discussed again in further detail at the next scheduled meeting.

Members requested the suggestion of a section of tarmac from the footpath leading from St. Mary's Way along Mans Hill up to Reading Road be presented to WBC for consideration as a future project eligible for Section 106 funding.

A request is to be presented for developer's contributions to be obtained for improvement works to the footpath running between Springwood Lane and Bunces

Lane.

Details are to be obtained regarding ownership of the footpath running between Reading Road and St. Mary's Church. Upon clarification of details, members are to determine the remedial works required to improve access.

Handrails are to be requested on the steep section of the footpath running between Clayhill Road and Pine Ridge Road to aid passage for the elderly within the parish.

Flooding continues to be a problem on the by-way between Pine Ridge Road and School Lane. WBC is to be asked to review the area and suggest any improvement works that could be implemented to address the flooding issues.

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.

Quotes are being pursued for a replacement boiler at the village hall.

7. Street Lighting

- i) To receive an update following the installation of the LED street lighting in Goodwood Close

Positive feedback has been received from a resident of Goodwood Close following the installation of the LED street lights. A letter is to be sent to the other residents requesting their feedback to ascertain the success of the installation.

8. To determine future agenda items for discussion – None

9. To receive items for information only – CPRE Green belt land earmarked for housing development.

Conclusion: The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.59pm

Chairman: