

# Old Windsor Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE OLD WINDSOR DAY CENTRE,**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011 AT 7.30 P.M**

PRESENT: Cllrs. I. A. Troughton (Chairman), C. R. Andrews, M. V. Beer, Miss W. Chan,  
Mrs J. K. Dawson, P. D. Jacques, Mrs L. C. Jones, Mrs J. Mynott  
Graham Leaver – Clerk to the Council  
John Lee – Trainee Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllrs R. Green, Mrs C. Sampson

There were 297 members of the public and 3 members of the press present.

With the approval of the Council the Chairman indicated that the first matter to be dealt with would be planning application number 11/00074 in respect of Land adjacent Newtonside Orchard, Burfield Road.

## **09.523 PLANNING APPLICATION – 11/00074**

In light of the significant interest from parishioners (in excess of 250 people present) the Chairman outlined the background to and details of this application which related to a site on the south western edge of the settlement of Old Windsor.

The site was current designated for recreational purposes, situated in the Green Belt and subject to flooding.

He was particularly interested to receive comments from parishioners as to the overall reaction to this proposed change of use to that of a gypsy accommodation site consisting of 2 permanent plots and 3 transitional plots.

During the course of the debate with parishioners it was clear that there was overwhelming opposition to the proposal on many grounds not least of which the fact that there was no significant reasons to change the status of this land which had been used for recreation by the residents of the adjoining mobile home site for many years.

Comments made ranged from opposition to increased vehicle movements in what was an already busy area, increased pressures on schools, medical facilities and commercial activities, together with concerns that the site would generate in appropriate activities and related problems throughout the village.

After a considerable period of discussion the Chairman thanked those present and opened the formal part of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs L. C. Jones, seconded by Cllr P. D. Jacques and unanimously resolved that the Parish Council response should be as set out below.

Note: Cllr M. V. Beer abstained from voting in light of his position as a Borough Councillor and a member of the Windsor Development Control Panel.

The Parish Council has **STRONG OBJECTIONS** to this application with particular emphasis being placed on the proposed change of use on the following grounds;

- a) Loss of Green Belt with no overriding justifications for change.
- b) Inappropriate use of land liable to flood from the Burfield Ditch situated adjacent to the western boundary of the application site.
- c) Loss of recreational space related to the adjoining mobile home site.
- d) Concerns as to access and egress problems due to the narrow Burfield Road and the difficult movements required to gain access and exit from the site.
- e) Concerns as to the potential impact on local services particularly schools and medical facilities. The potential for commercial activities on site is also cause of concern, together with potential increased loading of utility services.

**09.524 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Clerk indicated that he had received a formal letter of resignation from Cllr A. C. Brown which was noted, together with confirmation by the Chairman that he had received a similar letter from Cllr Mrs J. G. Marsh.

**09.525 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

Cllr M.V. Beer declared a personal interest in relation to all the applications to be considered at this meeting, as a member of the Windsor Development Control Panel of the Borough Council, and declared that he would not vote or make a final decision on any of them at this meeting.

**09.526 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Parish/Ward:** Old Windsor Parish  
**Appn. Date:** 12th January 2011 **Appn No.:** 11/00074  
**Type:** Full  
**Proposal:** Change of use to gypsy and travellers accommodation  
**Location:** **Land Adj Newtonside Orchard Burfield Road Old Windsor Windsor SL4 2RE**  
**Applicant:** Mr F Sines - Sines Parks LLP c/o **Agent:** Mr C Watts - Maze Planning Ltd 1 Rooks Close Welwyn Garden City Hertfordshire AL8 6JJ  
**Determination Date:** 9 March 2011  
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**09.527 BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS**

**10/02630 St Davids, The Friary.** Double detached car port, entrance gates & piers and alterations to front elevation changing existing hipped roof to a gable. **PERMITTED**

**10/02726 Co-Op Welcome, 36 St Lukes Road.** Installation of a plant equipment on the rear roof. **PERMITTED.**

**10/02785 Rosemary Cottage, 102 St Lukes Road.** Listed Building Consent. Consent to make internal alterations to include removal of a partition wall and formation of a doorway. **PERMITTED.**

**10/02852 37 Walpole Road.** Single storey rear extension. **PERMITTED.**

**09.528 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011**

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**09.529 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairman referred to a letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire relating to the forthcoming marriage of Miss Catherine Middleton to Prince William which proposed that all local authorities within the County contribute to an appropriate wedding present.

Members, whilst appreciative of traditional arrangements, were however of the view that a contribution should not be made on the grounds of a) the current financial situation and b) the long standing Parish Council policy of only contributing to organisations and individuals either based or resident within the Parish boundaries.

**09.530 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr M. V. Beer provided members with a comprehensive update of his activities which were noted.

**09.531 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS/STAFF WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr M. V. Beer had also provided details of the attendance of the Chairman and himself at the recent District Association of Local Councils meeting.

**09.532 PREPARATION OF AND PROPOSALS FOR APPROVAL OF THE REVISED BUDGET FOR 2010/2011 AND THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2011/2012**

The Lead Member referred to her report which had been circulated to all members setting out her final comments in relation to the draft revised budget and proposed budget referred to above.

It was her view, having reviewed all of the figures in detail, that the budget sheets circulated to all members could, with the minor amendments now referred to, be recommended for approval.

Members approved the revised budget 2010/2011 and proposed budget for 2011/2012.

**09.533 PRECEPT FOR 2011/2012**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J. K. Dawson, seconded by Cllr P. D. Jacques and unanimously approved that the precept in respect of the financial year 2011/2012 be set at £123,640 (One Hundred and Twenty Three Thousand, six hundred and forty pounds).

**09.534 TO AUTHORISE THE CLERK TO ADVISE THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE LEVEL OF PRECEPT FOR 2011/2012**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs L.C. Jones, seconded by Cllr C. R. Andrews and unanimously approved that the Clerk be authorised to formally advise the Borough Council of the level of precept indicated in minute 09.533.

**09.535 NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Council will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel Meeting Room.

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**CHAIRMAN**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25PM