

Old Windsor Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE OLD CHAPEL MEETING ROOM, CHURCH ROAD, ON WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllrs. A. T. Peach, M. V. Beer, C. R. Beever, Mrs J. K. Dawson, P. D. Jacques,
Cllr Mrs L. C. Jones (Part), Mrs J. G. Marsh, I. A. Troughton
Graham J. Leaver – Clerk to the Council
John Lee – Flood Warden

APOLOGIES: Cllrs J. N. Aufflick, P. B. Goddard
Note: Apologies for absence from a new member Mr C. R. Andrews were received after the meeting.

08.255 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr G. Wade and Mr C. Prout, as representatives of the Old Windsor Football Club, attended the meeting to raise with members the clubs concerns about the condition of the two football pitches in the Recreation Ground.

It was noted that there had been a significant deterioration in the playing surface in recent years and suggestions were put forward as to the causes of this unfortunate reduction in the quality of the areas used by the club.

The Clerk indicated actions which had been taken to date, which would result in proposals being put forward by specialist grounds maintenance contractors for remedial works to be carried out in the spring/early summer this year.

The Club should be reassured that the Council intended to carry out appropriate works for which funding already existed. Mr Wade assured the Council that the club would support whatever action was taken and much appreciated the facilities provided in the Recreation Ground and more recently at the rear of the Day Centre in Straight Road.

It was noted that the Clerk would liaise with the club in the coming weeks.

08.256 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 28TH JANUARY 2009

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

08.257 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

08.243 (28.01.09) & 08.224 (14.01.09)

The Clerk advised members that the seat previously installed in the Friary Stores area was to be removed for repairs and then re-installed.

08.258 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Members noted the report prepared by Cllr M. V. Beer which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

However, concern was expressed that action had been taken to arrange a meeting in conjunction with the Old Windsor Residents and Ratepayers Association rather than the Parish Council, in respect of highway proposals for the junction of Straight Road/Church Road and St Peters Road. Cllr Beer explained the circumstances relating to this matter which were noted.

He was also asked to raise with Borough Officers a) local concerns following the disruption of refuse collections during the recent bad weather, b) the present position regarding the proposed pedestrian crossing in a location at the southern end of Straight Road and c) the status of the real time bus indicator sign opposite the Friary Stores.

08.259 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr I. A. Troughton had attended the first meeting of the recently formed Area Police Board in his capacity as Chairman of the Old Windsor Neighbourhood Action Group. He also had attended a District Association of Local Councils pre-meeting regarding the forthcoming Parish Conference, which had also been attended by Cllr M. V. Beer.

Cllr Troughton also referred to arrangements for the provision of games software for the Youth Club and referred to a request from the Club for permission to erect a TV aerial on that part of the buildings in the Recreation Ground occupied by the Rifle and Pistol Club.

There were general concerns about the level of staffing provided for the Youth Club, about which Cllr Beer would liaise with Borough Council Officers. It was further agreed that reference be made on the Parish web site to the facilities provided by the Youth Club.

Mr J. Lee, the Flood Warden, together with the Clerk had attended the recent annual meeting arranged by the Borough Councils Emergency Planning Officer for Flood Wardens. He referred to his report which appeared on the Parish Council website. It was further noted that the new Draft Community Flood Plan would be put on the Borough Councils Website shortly.

08.260 PLANNING DECISIONS

There being no specific applications to consider, members noted the list of results issued by the Borough Council.

- 08/02231** 13 Pelling Hill. Construction of two detached houses. **PERMISSION**
- 08/02970** 38 Bears Rails Park. Loft conversion with rear roof lights and door with Juliet balcony to side. **PERMISSION**
- 08/02971** 38 Bears Rails Park. LBC - Loft conversion with rear roof lights and door with Juliet balcony to side. **GRANTED**
- 08/02977** Priory Cottage, Church Road. Cert of Lawfulness to determine whether the proposed use of the integral garage for habitable use is lawful. **LAWFUL**

08.261 POLICY & RESOURCES

In the absence of the Lead Member, the Clerk indicated on her behalf that there was nothing to report in this regard at this meeting.

08.262 ENVIRONMENT

The Chairman referred to the fact that as a result of the recent bad weather little activity had taken place in regard to open spaces. He reported that there were concerns regarding the level of rabbit or other animal damage to trees and shrubs at Crimp Hill Cemetery, and the fact that the ground was particularly badly water logged due to recent weather conditions.

The Clerks comments that the Council should consider a drainage scheme for the northern and eastern boundaries at Crimp Hill Cemetery was noted and it was agreed that investigations in this regard should take place.

The Flood Warden and Cllr M. V. Beer referred to the recent flooding in the Burfield Road/ Kingsbury Drive areas of the Village, and explained the circumstances surrounding this event and the actions which had been taken. The Flood Warden and two Parish Councillors had also been heavily involved in the situation and had liaised with Borough Council Emergency Officers during recent days.

08.263 ACTION LIST

The Chairman and the Clerk referred to the addition of the outstanding action list dated the 11.02.09, which had been circulated to members.

Amendments were made to the items contained in the list which would be amended and circulated to members prior to the next meeting of the Council.

Cllr Peach referred to discussions which had taken place with the Carnival Committee Chairman, following which the previously agreed decision to include reference to the Carnival on the Parish Council website would proceed.

It was noted that arrangements were being changed whereby the power supply for Carnival activities would be changed this year and that at this time the Parish Council would not agree to making a financial contribution in this regard.

Cllr Peach also referred to the approach which had been made to the Council regarding financial support to the Tennis Club in respect of the replacement of their hut adjacent to the tennis courts in the Recreation Ground. Members agreed to the Clerks suggestion that representatives of the Tennis Club should attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.

08.264 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk submitted the following items, which were noted.

- a) Bracknell Forest Borough Council – Amen Corner Area Action Plan. Noted. The Clerk was authorised to advise that Council that due to the distance between the sites referred to and Old Windsor members were of the view that they could make no useful comment and would suggest that no further submissions be made to Old Windsor in this regard.
- b) Members were reminded of the Borough Councils invitation to Parish Councils for nominations in respect of the vacancies on the Borough Councils Standards Committee. The Clerk indicated that Cllr H. Clasper, a member of Datchet Parish Council, sought the support of this Council and it was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Beer sign the nomination paper.
- c) South East Water – Planning Future Water Supplies – Stakeholder Update. Noted.

08.265 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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| Cllr Mrs J. Marsh | Raised concerns regarding the sale of alcohol to children and enquired as to what action might be taken by the Parish Council, but was advised that this was a matter for the Borough Council to deal with. |
| Cllr M. V. Beer | Noted that the telephone box on the corner of St Lukes Road/Albany Road had been removed and was advised that this had been carried out by British Telecom. It was assumed that this was part of that organisations programme for the removal of under used kiosks. |
| Cllr Mrs J. Dawson | As a new member, enquired as to what activities the Parish Council undertook to make contact with Parishioners. Cllr Mrs Jones indicated that it was the intention to provide a leaflet dealing with the Councils activities with particular reference to the levels of Council Tax for the 2009/2010 financial year. This information would also be displayed on the Parish Councils website. |
| Mr J. Lee | Advised members that he understood that there was interest in the provision of a new retail unit in the Village, which it was understood would be on the site of the now closed garage area in Straight Road. |
| Cllr Mrs L. C. Jones | Referred to information which had become available concerning the proposals for the redevelopment of the Randall Court site in Lynwood Drive. Cllr M. V. Beer agreed that he was aware of this situation as also Mr Lee, who lived in Lynwood Drive. Mrs Jones would continue to monitor the situation. |

08.266 NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting will be held on 25th February 2009 at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel Meeting Room.

CHAIRMAN

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.03PM