

Old Windsor Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE OLD CHAPEL MEETING ROOM, CHURCH ROAD,
ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllrs. I. A. Troughton (Vice-Chairman), J. N. Aufflick, R. C. Crawley,
P. D. Jacques, Mrs L. C. Jones, J. Lee, S. G. Winton
Mr. G. J. Leaver - Clerk to the Council
Mrs J. Freeland

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. M. V. Beer, C. R. Beever, Mrs P. A. D. Dingley, P. B. Goddard, A. T. Peach,
T. J. Tapping

Vice-Chairman in the Chair.

08.001 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised members that the Clerk would be away for the next Council meeting and Mrs Judith Freeland would attend in his absence.

08.002 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

No declarations were made.

08.003 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 21ST MAY 2008

Consequent upon comments provided by Cllr M.V. Beer prior to the meeting relating to the accuracy of the minutes, it was resolved these be deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

08.004 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST MAY 2008

The minutes were approved, subject to the following amendment, as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed that following clarification requested by M.V. Beer be recorded as part of the above minutes.

‘Cllr M.V. Beer had represented 28 residents apposed to the application by the BP petrol station in Straight Road for sale of intoxicating liquor (during current opening hours) and hot refreshments (night-time) at the Borough Licensing Panel. The first part of the application was permitted and the second part withdrawn.’

72/07 (21.05.08) Cllrs Questions and Comments

It was agreed that following clarification requested by M.V. Beer be recorded as part of the above minutes.

‘Cllr M. V. Beer referred to the ongoing publicity and events being arranged in connection with maintaining the pressure on the Government to oppose the proposed expansion of Heathrow Airport activities, and highlighted the “NO” Rally at Sipson on 31st May. He also referred to the National Air Traffic Service consultation which ends 19.05.08, because the proposals will have some effect upon Old Windsor. He hoped that members would support these actions.’

08.005 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON THE 28TH MAY 2008

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

08.006 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

In noting the report of the Borough Councillors which had been circulated to all members, the Chairman referred to the matter of the petitions which had been submitted to the Borough Council and asked for member’s views in this regard.

Cllr Mrs L. C. Jones asked if any member would be available to attend the meeting regarding the bus service and speak on behalf of the Parish Council and residents. Cllr I. A. Troughton put himself forward, and was asked to attend.

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

Cllr Mrs L. C. Jones had attended a meeting with representatives of Windsor Housing to view the current state of work at the Shaw Court development. She had noted with pleasure the layout of the building, that landscaping would shortly be undertaken and reported that the previous concerns regarding parking had been overcome.

Some details had been provided as to the assessment criteria for residents which would provide for them to be part of the local community.

It was hoped that arrangements would be made for an inspection of the new property by members prior to its opening.

08.008 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no new applications.

08.009 PLANNING DECISIONS

PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS. PERMITTED

08/00605 3 The Friary. Single storey rear extension.

08/01013 4 Manor Cottages, Ham Lane. Amendment to roof of approved scheme 07/02338 plus changes to roof pitch and boiler flue.

PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS. WITHDRAWN

08/00845 11 Pelling Hill. Construction of a 7 bedroom detached house following demolition of existing dwelling.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

TPO 2/2008 16 Orchard Road.

TPO 20/20086 Pelling Hill.

08.010 PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk referred to the following items, which were noted.

- a) RBWM – Consultation on the RBWM Sustainability Appraisal-Scoping Report for the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD.
- b) Bracknell Forest Borough Council-Amen Corner Area Action Plan. Issue and Options Report Consultation.

08.011 POLICY & RESOURCES

The Lead Member indicated that there were no substantial matters to report, that she would be working with the Clerk to complete the preparation of the necessary information to be provided to members in respect of the approved budget for the financial year 2008/2009 (01.04.08-31.03.09).

It was the intention to provide this information prior to the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 9th July 2008 at which the usual lists of expenditure and income, together with the bank reconciliations would be provided in the normal way.

08.012 ENVIRONMENT

In the absence of the Lead Member (Cllr A. T. Peach), the Clerk indicated that:

- a) More than 90% of allotment rents had been received to date.
- b) Grass cutting due to the current weather conditions was taking much of the available time spent by the grounds maintenance contractor, which had the inevitable knock on effect of delaying other works.

- c) Reference was made to the Old Windsor Carnival, and the impact this had had in the Recreation Ground for which remedial works would have to be carried out on the area occupied by the fair. It was noted following questions, that a copy of the protocol agreed between the Council and the Carnival Committee would be circulated to all members for information. It was however agreed that the event had been a success.

08.013 THE OLD WINDSOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman, in his capacity as Chairman of the Partnership, indicated that the planning for the installation of lights across the Recreation Ground was proceeding, there were some concerns about the details and an indicative cost in the order of £8,000. was currently the view of Borough Council Officers.

In response to comments made by the Clerk, it was noted that prior to the installation it would be necessary to carry out pruning of the trees either side of the central path across the Recreation Ground. Whilst this would be carried out normally every second year, on this occasion rather more work would need to be undertaken.

Cllr Troughton further reported that the proposed Village entrance signs would be erected at the Runnymede entrance to the Village and at some point on the gyratory system at the Northern end of Straight Road.

08.014 THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

The Chairman, in his capacity as Chairman of the group, indicated the considerable local concern at the 'abstraction rate' which was currently running at some 42% of the time of the local police officer, who due to current Thames Valley Police policy, was being used for other activities within East Berkshire.

It had been agreed that the Chairman would write to the local MP in this regard, and members were also of the view that the MP should be invited to a Parish Council meeting.

08.015 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Cllr I. A. Troughton

Briefed members as to the arrangements which were being made in the regard for the provision of a telephone with broadband facilities in the Youth Club, which would be funded by the Parish Council.

He further referred to the question of the attendance at Parish Council meetings by Borough Councillors, in particular Cllr E. E. Wiles, and asked that he be informed of the revised arrangements relating to Parish Council meetings and appropriate arrangements made for the provision of information relating to planning matters.

In connection with the notes provided by Cllr M. V. Beer, it was noted and agreed that Cllr Beer be requested to provide a draft response to the National Air Traffic Consultation regarding changes to flight paths in and out of Heathrow Airport.

At his request Cllr R. C. Crawley provided a brief update concerning the provision of CCTV in Old Windsor, which had continuing support from the probation service and the police.

Reported that he had attended a meeting with a Thames Valley Police representative concerning the re-development of the toilet block in St Luke's Road as a police point.

Cllrs Mrs L. C. Jones & J. Lee

Commented upon a meeting they had attended concerning the re-development of the Randall Court site, which it was understood would consist of 6 3-bedroomed houses and some flats which would be provided for key workers by way of shared ownership.

Cllr S. G. Winton

In noting the erection of the new notice board in St Luke's Road, indicated that it would be necessary for him and the Clerk to meeting with the owner of the Friary Stores to agree the re-location of the board on that site.

08.016 NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting will be held on 25th June 2008 at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel Meeting Room.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05P.M.

CHAIRMAN