



CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of Charlbury Town Council held on Wednesday 16th December 2009 at 7.30pm in the Corner House.

Members Present: Mr R N Potter (Chairman), Mr R Prew, Mr J Harrison, Mrs V Pakenham-Walsh, Mr W Hackmann, Mrs H Bessemer-Clark, Mrs N Lethbridge, Mrs S Finch and M/s L Reason

Apologies: Mr I Cox, Mr G Miller and Mr R James

Prior to opening the meeting the Chairman said that the Clerk had circulated a further copy of the 2010 meeting dates, a waste collection timetable and an application for each member to obtain a register of electors.

Kath Cochrane and Liz Reason were in attendance to give a brief presentation on Sustainable Charlburys bid for funding from the Government.

A copy of various slides presented was made available. The bid was to be made for £500k as a second mover (i.e. second round) which gives a better lead time to enable preparation for the bid and ideas. The process is competitive with some 450 expressions of interest. An integrated plan for the community which demonstrates benefits and impact is required. Sus Cha is eligible to lead the project. The Chairman thanked M/s Reason and Cochrane for the presentation and said that the matter would be considered fully at item 9 on the agenda. He then opened the meeting.

1. To receive the minutes of the last meeting.

Mr Hackmann proposed that the minutes be signed as a correct record this being seconded by Mr Prew and carried.

2. To deal with matters arising.

Reflective meeting March 10th. Room to be booked

3. Declaration of Interest

Mr Harrison declared an interest in agenda item 4 as a cheque recipient .

4. To sign orders for payment / receive report

The accounts due for payment were circulated and explained. Mr Hackmann proposed that the accounts be paid this being seconded by Mr Prew and carried. Accordingly cheques were signed by three Councillors.

5. To receive a report from the Planning Committee.

The following plans were considered:-

- 09/1489** Erect two storey extension and insert two new windows. Erect detached car port with store and greenhouse at Nutfield House Market St.
1. We have no objection
- 09/1513** Erect two dwellings with parking and amenity space land adjacent to 40 Ticknell Piece Rd.
1. We have no objection
- 09/1515** Formation of vehicle access, gate and turning area at Stratford Cottage Pound Hill.
1. We have no objection
- 09/1532**
1533 Remove outbuilding erect single storey rear extension at 12 Park St.
1. We have no objection
- 09/1548** Alterations and single storey rear extension at 2 Nine Acre Close.
1. We have no objection

Planning Results

- 09/1302** Insert two dormer windows to front elevation at 7 Woodstock Road
Permitted
- 09/1315** Erect garden shed (retrospective) at 12 Park Street
Permitted

Appeal

- 09/1318** Breach of planning control New Barn Farm, Enstone Road

Without planning permission, change of use of land from agriculture to a mixed use of agriculture and residential use by the siting and residential occupation of a mobile home on the land.

Appeal to be heard at Council Officers, Woodgreen on 23rd March at 10.00am.

6. To deal with Correspondence.

Routine correspondence was dealt with at the Planning and Correspondence meeting on 14th December with the Clerk instructed accordingly. The following was brought forward.

- D Fowler Long Hedge and Ticknell Charity. A request for the confirmation of the Town Councils trustee was made.
Mr Hackmann proposed Mr R N Potter and this was seconded by Mrs Bessemer-Clark and agreed nem con.
- Mrs Cook Letter of thanks re Cemetery improvements noted.

Request for Zebra Crossing at the Primary School and Enstone Rd near Coop.

The Clerk reported that this had been forwarded to County Highways for consideration. Reply awaited.

Stiles Slippery when wet. Consider if an action is possible and appropriate.

Street Lighting proposals for limited switch off The response to questions raised with OCC on this issue was read to Members and considered. The Clerks report with a number of options to be considered was referred to by the Chairman.

There was considerable discussion on the matter and concern was expressed that OCC were not taking a sufficiently positive view and seeking to enforce a switch off county wide rather than the current policy of allowing a choice.

The following proposals were made:-

1. That the lights remain on proposed by Mr Prew seconded Mrs Lethbridge.

For 5 Mr Potter, Mrs Lethbridge, Mr Prew Mr Harrison Mrs Finch
Against 2 M/s Reason Mrs Pakenham-Walsh
Abst. 2 Mrs Bessemer-Clark Mr Hackmann

2. That key routes and locations only remain lit at all times with other lights off for specified periods proposed by M/s Reason seconded Mrs Pakenham-Walsh

F3 A4 motion falls

3. That every other light be switched off for the defined period (subject to fine tuning needs) proposed Mrs Finch seconded Mrs Bessemer-Clark

F2 A1 Abst 5

The request for a named vote was made on a proposition from Mrs Lethbridge seconded Mr Potter and carried.

The agreed action is therefore to retain the status-quo at present. OCC to be informed.

7. To consider the recommended precept for 2010-11

The precept process had been carefully considered by the finance committee and at a special meeting on December 9th.

Mrs Finch proposed a precept of £77,634 this being seconded by Mrs Lethbridge and agreed unanimously. Form to be returned to WODC.

8. To consider affordable housing

Nothing to report at present

9. To consider Sustainable Charlbury bid for funding from the Government.

Further discussion took place on the subject following the presentation.

There was an expression of some concerns at the management process of funding (yet to be finalised and subject to grant receipts). Mrs Pakenham-Walsh proposed that the Town Council support the bid and send an appropriate letter to Sus Cha for inclusion with other expressions of support this being seconded by Mr Hackmann F8 Abst1.

Letter of support to be sent together with a request for details of constitution and membership of Sus Cha. Request also that the Corner House and Memorial Hall be considered as a building in need of energy conservation measures.

10. To receive reports

- a. Cemetery** In good order. Need to keep headstones under review where leaning and slippery stile.
- b. Corner House and Memorial Hall.** Fire alarm has been fitted. New carpet proposed for garden room. Valuation to be obtained. 5% increase in fees (Jan 2010).
- c. Mill Field, Watery Lane and Bridges.** Very wet. Seek solution to slippery bridge if possible. Tree boughs in Watery Lane to be cut by Mr Woolley.
- d. Nineacres** Work on HSPA resurfacing has started. Mr Prew remains concerned that a dog proof fence should be provided around play equipment.
- e. Quarry Lane and Ticknell** No report.
- f. Wigwell.** Permissive paths to be closed on Jan. 6th 2010
- g. Station** New timetable operating. Some weekend vandalism, culprits caught. Ticket office will be open fewer hours. Ticket M/c needs lighting.
- h. General.** See report. Road signs require cleaning.
- i School Governor Report** School performing well. Concern at parked cars on the Slade.
- j. Transport** Taxi bus well used. Electric display boards may be useful for real time information at bus stops.
- k. Neighbourhood Action Group** Public engagement survey completed. New parking wardens expected in January.

There being no further business the Chairman wished those present a Happy Christmas. The meeting closed at 9.40pm.