

Enborne Parish Council

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MINUTES of the Meeting of Enborne Parish Council 4th March 2024 The Falklands Cricket Club, Enborne Street, Enborne

Present:

Cllr. Chris Garrett (Chair)

Cllr. Val Bolan (Vice Chair)

Cllr. Peter Tompkins

Cllr. Natasha Kendall

Clerk: Mrs Kim Lloyd

12 members of the public.

District Cllr. Dennis Benneyworth

Note: The meeting was recorded for the sole purpose of producing the minutes of this meeting. The recording will be deleted once the minutes have been agreed.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr. Dibas.

District Cllrs. Tony Vickers and Denise Gaines.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS AND DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST FORMS

Cllr. Kendall declared an interest on 24/00065/House Bridge House, Enborne Row.

3 PUBLIC PARTICPATION

Several residents raised concerns regarding the activities at old Thames Water compound adjacent to the reservoir in Wash Common. Cllr. Tompkins was able to provide an explanation.

4 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29 January 2024 was approved to be a correct representation of the meeting.

5 PLANNING SCHEDULE (Appendix 1)

Planning application to consider:

- [24/00065/House](#) Bridge House, Enborne Row, Wash Water, Newbury RG20 0LX
First floor extension above existing garage with internal alterations.
The Parish Council had no objections.
- [24/00363/HOUSE](#) Round Oaks, Enborne Row, Wash Water, Newbury RG20 0LX
Single storey kitchen extension

The Parish Council had no objections.

WBC Planning Decisions

- [23/02884/CERTE](#) Vanners Farm Vanners Lane Enborne Newbury.
External alteration works to house.
WBC determined this application to be Lawful.
- [23/02641/HOUSE](#) Ashenberry, Enborne Street, Enborne, Newbury RG20 0JP. SECTION 73 - Vary condition 2 (approved plans) of approved application 23/00366/HOUSE: Erection of new garage via existing access
WBC granted this application.

6 FINANCE

The Parish Council approved the March Income and Payments to date., see Appendix 1.
The 2023-2024 Budget vs Expenditure to date was noted.

7 PLANNING APPLICATION [23/02596/FULMAJ](#) Longcopse Farm, Wheatlands Lane.

During the Neighbourhood Planning Consultation several residents had mentioned this site regarding a proposal for siting of up to 24 travelling show persons plots. From this Parish Council agreed to do an extra parish consultation as it was clear not everyone knew about it because the orange planning notice was not published in good time by WBC. It was also clear that this application will impact the Parish significantly. A leaflet was circulated through doors by the Neighbourhood Planning /Parish Council members. 25 extra responses of objection were received. The main consensus was that they were not aware of it. EPC had already made an objected representation in their January meeting, but then wrote again to WBC planners with the extra objections received asking to meet. The Parish Council are still waiting to hear and will pursue. Cllr. Dennis Benneyworth, who was in the meeting said if 10 or more residents object to the application by writing to WBC planners, the application will automatically be 'called-in' meaning it would then go to an extra committee for deliberation with further planning advisers. Public representation is also invited to have a chance to have their say.

It was felt by Parish Council that because this is in the WBC Local Plan that is currently being reviewed, it will probably go ahead. A concern is in the future if the site was granted permission that it should be pertained for the use it is granted for, there is no mechanism to ensure it stays in that use. A travelling community site in close proximity was also noted that WBC planners' enforcement haven't been able to control it under the current planning controls.

8 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

No further action had been carried out as such following the public consultation, apart from a grant for £1,150 being awarded following an application by the team for consultation advice. The NP Team had met and agreed that they wanted to know what the outcome would be from agenda item 7 Longcopse Farm before moving any further with the plan. They felt they wanted to get past this as there were so many issues that had come to mind around this item being.

- Do we have an effective enforcement from WBC?
- Do we have a democratic policy in what we are doing?

The NP Team feel hopeful to move on with the plan once Longcopse Farm is resolved. It is important that local people support the Neighbourhood Development Plan and that the team would not want any involvement in Longcopse Farm being a part of their plans if this should be granted.

9 WATERMILL BRIDGE

The Parish Council reported that Bewley Homes won the appeal against Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council (B&D) The Enborne River Valley Preservation Society (ERVPS) attended the appeal hearing and made a representation of objection. The ERVPS then wrote to the Inspector again to try and reinforce their concerns following its approval.

Since, it is reported that B&D intends to fund a Judicial Review of the appeal process and decision. This item will be on the next agenda to provide an update. Please see [ERVPS website](#) for up to date information.

10 CLERK REPORT

Nothing further to report.

11 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Parish Report, Cllr Tony Vickers (circulated: 22/12/2023) – It was requested if District Cllrs reports could be added to the Parish Council website. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr. Benneyworth reported that WBC had their budget meeting and that times were tough, a 4.99% increase mainly due to extra Adult and Social Care funding.

12 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr. Kendall said that she is adding information to 'Next Door' on social media, if anyone would like to be added please email the Clerk who will forward details onto Cllr. Kendall.

13 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- Watermill Bridge update

14 DATE OF THE FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

On Mondays at 7.30pm

May 20 th	Cricket Club
July 15 th	The Barn, Enborne Church
September 23 rd	The Barn, Enborne Church
November 4 th	Cricket Club

Statement of Accounts
Accounts for Payment to March 2024

Expenditure brought forward 23-24 £12,502.01

Payments

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
DD *	Newbury Self Store	Storage - February 2024	£ 77.91
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BACS	Kim Lloyd	Clerk Salary - February 2024	
BACS	Berkshire Pension	Clerk Pension - February 2024	<i>to be advised from Payroll</i>
BACS	SME Accounting Services	Payroll - February 2024 -2116	£ 12.00

PAID *

NB PAYE Employee, Employers and NI contributions are accrued and paid quarterly

Receipts

BACS	Groundwork	NDP Grant	£ <u>1,150.00</u>
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