



Enborne Parish Council

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MINUTES of the Meeting of Enborne Parish Council

24th June 2024, 7.30pm

At The Barn, adjacent to Enborne Church, RG20 0HD

Present:

Cllr. Val Bolan (Chair)

Cllr. Peter Tompkins (Vice-Chair)

Cllr. Natasha Kendall

Clerk: Mrs Kim Lloyd

Public: 11

1. Cllr. Whitefield, Cllr Garrett and Cllr. Dibas sent apologies.
2. No declaration of interests raised on agenda items.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was brought to Councils attention that the Mins of 20 May needed clarification on item 16 Biodiversity Enborne Bee Project. The Minutes will be amended to consider approval in the next meeting, the Clerk will speak to Cllr. Dibas regarding the minute reference for clarification.

Several parishioners were present in relation to Item 6 and 10.

4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 May 2024 were agreed to consider approval in the next meeting following a proposed amendment to item 16 as raised under Public Participation.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

5.1 No new planning applications to consider.

5.2 The following planning decision was taken by WBC

- [23/01361/FULMAJ](#) Land North of Spring Gardens, Andover Drove, Wash Water, Newbury. The installation and operation of a solar farm with ancillary equipment including inverter and substation house, security cameras, deer fence, new highway access and landscaping scheme.
WBC approved.

6. WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN 2022-39, POLICY RSA25

REF: RSA25 - [23/02596/FULMAJ](#) Longcopse Farm, Vanners Lane, Enborne, Newbury.

Use of land for the siting of up to 24 travelling show persons plots.

West Berkshire Council proposes to allocate 10 acres of land to site 24 Travelling Snowperson's plots.

On 11/6 Cllr. Tompkins spoke at a public hearing by a planning inspector examining the draft revised Local Plan. It was agreed by EPC for Cllr. Tompkins to speak on the Parish Councils behalf. Cllr. Tompkins raised concerns in relation to the potential harm associated with this development on the local environment. He also expressed that this proposal is based on the idea that there is a need for 24 plots for travelling show people in WB. This is not supported by any evidence. In 2019 and 2021 reports concluded there was no need for this kind of development in the district. EPC are concerned that this policy is not sound and it was felt that the Parish needs to challenge WB council on this policy.

EPC did make concerns known through Enborne's District Councillors, and Cllr. Vickers did make concerns known to WBC Planning Officers. EPC resolved to propose to seek a judicial review of any approval of the current planning application / adoption of policy RSA25 on the site. They would need to initially approve expenditure to obtain legal opinion, this was estimated to be around £2-3,000. Crowdfunding could be carried out for the rest. It was resolved by all to allocate funds to start the first stage of the legal review.

Public members in attendance asked the Clerk for the Enborne Ward Members contact details.

A vote of Thanks was given to Cllr. Tompkins for his efforts, time and knowledge on this matter.

7. [22/01899/FUL LAND WEST OF PUMPING STATION PLANNING APPLICATION](#)

Cllr. Garrett attended the Western Area Planning Committee Meeting on 19/6 to speak of EPC objection - since EPC had received that the planning permission was unfortunately granted by WBC.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

The NDP is on hold until agenda item 6, RSA25 - [23/02596/FULMAJ](#) Longcopse Farm, was resolved. It was felt that the NDP cannot be pursued until a sound policy system is understood.

9. WATERMILL BRIDGE

No further update reported regarding the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council proposed Judicial Review of the appeal process and decisions.

10. ENFORCEMENT CASE REF. 23/00525/15UNAU, THE PADDOCKS COTTAGE, ENBORNE

The complaint to enforcement was:

- change of use to a scrap yard business
- damage to protective trees
- Harm to the amenities of the neighbouring properties
- Noise pollution
- Environment issues

This application was refused by WBC, it then went to appeal, the inspector dismissed it. EPC agreed this is not lawful, no enforcement has been carried out. Another case where the enforcement team

has been given serious breaches of planning. If no planning enforcement is in place, it undermines the whole planning process, and this is not a sustainable way to carry on.

EPC propose that the Parish Council again seek legal opinion on West Berkshire Council fulfilling their duty in relation to planning enforcement, to uphold the law and protect the interests of Enborne parishioners. Again, EPC would need to fund the initial opinion and as appropriate raise funds for the rest of whatever action is recommended.

The Parish Council resolved to seek legal opinion.

11. CCBs RURAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING SERVICE

The Parish Council received Information about Connecting Communities in Berkshires Rural Affordable Housing Service. Cllr. Tompkins said it is good to be more positive of planning and this information will become valuable when pursuing with the Neighbourhood Development Plan once the issues of item 6 is resolved.

12. FINANCE

Income and Expenditure

Payments were resolved to approve as shown in Appendix 1.

The Bank Reconciliation to 1st June 2024 was approved.

13. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTING RETURN (AGAR) 2023-2024

13.1 The Certificate of Exemption 2023-2024 was resolved to approve

13.2 The Annual Internal Audit Report 2023-2024 was resolved to approve

13.3 The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) 2023-2024 was resolved to approve

13.4 Annual Accounting Statement (Section 2) 2023-2024 was resolved to approve

The above AGAR is published on the [Enborne Website](#).

14. ENBO/12/1 – AND OTHER PROW

A Public Right of Way WBC officer said he would meet with a Councillor on site, Cllr. Garrett did agree to meet. The Clerk didn't think this had happened yet. This item will be deferred to the next meeting for further discussion on how EPC can support PROWS in the Parish.

15. CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing further to report.

16. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

16.1 No reports from Ward Members were received, no ward members were in attendance.

16.2 Reports from Councillors,

- Cllr. Bolan had attended the Newbury Southwest Community Forum, and the Mins 13/06 was received. Cllr. Bolan reported that the Police had been very helpful and proactive. It was again emphasised to report all crime to the Police.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new future agenda items were raised.

18. DATES OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS (all at 7.30pm)

A meeting may be needed before September depending on the outcome of Item 6 and 10. This will be arranged through email and advertised on the website if a meeting is to be held, or email clerk@enborne.org.uk for more information.

Next scheduled meetings are September 23rd in the Barn, Enborne Church and November 4th in the Falklands Cricket Club.

APPENDIX 1

Payments to approve

Jun-24

Invoice No /Ref	Details	Name of Payee	Amount
31.05.2024	Clerk Salary, May	Kim Lloyd	
31.05.2024	Employee/er Tax & NI for May	HMRC	£ 132.00
31.05.2024	Clerk Pension for May	Berkshire Pension	£ 208.00
31.05.2024	Clerk Payroll, May	SME Accounting Services	£ 12.00
30.06.2024	Clerk Salary, June	Kim Lloyd	
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30.06.2024	Clerk Pension for June	Berkshire Pension	£ 208.00
31.06.2024	Clerk Payroll, June, 2186	SME Accounting Services	£ 12.00
31.06.2024	Storage, May (DD)	Newbury Storage	£ 79.41

Receipts

	Nil		£ -
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