



Enborne Parish Council

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MINUTES FOR PARISH MEETING – 13th August 2018, 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mr Alan Croney, Chair

In attendance: Deborah Golsworthy (Clerk)

Enborne Councillors:

John Leeson, Mark Darley, Paul Hart, Alix Robinson
And Chris Garrett

Approximately 5 members of the public

West Berkshire Councillors:

James Cole

7.00 pm Public Question Time

There were no questions asked.

- 1 Co-Option of Councillor
The Chair nominated Chris Garrett, who was seconded by Paul Hart and co-opted. Chris Garrett as new councillor, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed and signed the Declaration of Interests Form
- 2 Declaration of Interest Forms have been sent to all Councillors for updating and returned. There is just one update outstanding.
- 3 There were no apologies for absence
- 4 It was stated by the clerk that any Declarations of Interest and Dispensations must be noted during the meeting.
- 5 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting of 21st May 2018 were approved and signed. In addition, minutes agreed at the Poors AGM on 21st May 2018, omitted by the clerk, were signed.
- 6 The Clerk advised she will be moving house to Kintbury from mid September and will now have unlimited internet, therefore no longer requiring internet support payments. She noted various ongoing matters including an historical PAYE query, VAT return and implementation of the new web site and email addresses. Suggested improvements made by the Chair regarding the Barn have been passed on the Churchwardens of Enborne PCC. The Clerk has sent an email to BALC to enrol on the CiLCA training course, which will take place if sufficient numbers are obtained.

- 7 Problems regarding NHS GP issues being experienced by Enborne residents were discussed, primarily with issues being highlighted at the Falkland Surgery where there are difficulties in contacting the surgery and prolonged delays in seeing your own GP. Councillor James Cole also commented there were long delays to see your own GP but less of a wait to see another GP and also noted that there is a genuine shortage of GP's. Strawberry Hill and Kintbury/Woolton Hill surgeries appear to be less of a problem. The item will remain on the Agenda for the council's next meeting for ongoing feedback.
- 8 Reviewed "policies and procedures" were produced by the previous Clerk and will be finalised, approved at the next meeting then uploaded to the web site to replace the previous 2016 edition.
- 8.1 The Code of Conduct was reviewed and approved, to be uploaded to the web site to replace the previous 2016 edition.
- 8.2 The revised Standing Orders have been reviewed and approved. To be uploaded to the web site.
- 8.3 Not all information is on file to collate a separate - Information Management Document. Details are to be put together over the next couple of months by the Clerk.
- 9 Information regarding the support Community Council for Berkshire (CCB) can provide Enborne Parish Council and its residents was provided to the Councillors and Chair of the Pools Charity.

7.20pm The Chair opened the floor to the public and Councillors for any questions.

Councillor Hart suggested EPC should have some Defibrillators and it was discussed where these should be located as the population is so spread out. Suggestions included around Wash Common, Enborne Row and adjoining Newbury, where the majority of residents are located. The Clerk is to liaise with Newbury Town Council in this respect to ascertain where their Defibrillators are currently located. The use of the defibrillators is clearly explained, so training would not be necessary. To be followed up at the next Council meeting.

- 10 Dates of meetings for the Year 2018-19 have been confirmed and do not coincide with Hamstead Marshall meetings, enabling WBC councillors to attend both meetings. However a question was raised by Kintbury parish regarding a New Ward which Councillor Cole explained would amalgamate several parishes, resulting in the reduction of a councillor. At the next 3 parish meetings, Enborne, Hamstead Marshall and Kintbury, this topic is to be discussed.
- 11 All important items of correspondence have already been emailed to Councillors.
- 12 Planning Applications
- 12.1 To receive and comment on New applications received. To include:
1st Wash Common Scout Group – Pre-application details requested for EPC to comment.
- A detailed email from the Scout Group was provided for discussion. Councillor Garrett declared an interest as a member of the Falkland Cricket Club (on the committee until recently). Falkland are in the process of raising money for a new pavilion and an important part of that funding will be realised by selling some land to the Wash Common Scouts on which to build a new Scout hut. As an FCC member Councillor Garrett has an interest in seeing the new pavilion built.

Enborne Parish Council see no problems and agree with this in principle but encourage the 1st Wash Common Scout Group to talk to the residents of Wheatlands Lane prior to submitting an application, to obtain their feedback. EPC look forward to seeing the full application.

18/01601/FULMAJ – Proposed variation of conditions 2 and 12 from application 15/03067/FULMAJ (The Paddocks, Enborne Street) for partial retention and alterations to former dwelling for use as ancillary garage building to new dwelling on site – currently being built. - For discussion by EPC.

The applicant was present at the meeting to answer questions relating to the application. EPC agreed to support the application with retention of the existing outbuilding, construction of the garage from the back of the bungalow and occupation during construction.

7.40pm Above member of the public left the meeting.

18/01565/HOUSE & 18/01566/LBC2 – Retention of 6 no. CCTV cameras at Crockham Heath Farm.

Enborne Parish Council supports this application, subject to the resolution of the dispute with the neighbours.

18/01427/FUL Zippos – Temporary change of use of land for the stationing of caravans at Long Copse Farm, Enborne. – For discussion by EPC.

A full and detailed response has been submitted to WBC planning department. Enborne Parish Council objected to the original proposal for travelling showpeople in the West Berkshire Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) as noted in our submission to the hearing at Calcot which took place on 7th July 2016 and in earlier submissions during the DPD process. At the time of the Calcot hearing we were informed permission to allow expansion of the accommodation at Long Copse Farm was urgent due to impending termination of the temporary lease at the circus site in London. We note the outcome as documented in the DPD in its policy TS2 and also note that, over two years later, the circus continues to occupy the London site as the lease was apparently extended after the hearing had concluded. Over the last two years there has been ample time to prepare a planning application at least to meet the conditions contained in Policy TS2 but to our knowledge nothing has been done despite the presumably expected lease termination. Bearing in mind the objections raised by EPC in 2016 which are only partially answered in Policy TS2 and then only if a planning application had been made and any conditions imposed implemented, we see no reason to grant a temporary planning permission to enable occupancy by caravans and supporting vehicles as proposed without at least attention to the minimal conditions specified in Policy TS2. To grant a temporary permission as requested seems to us to be a recipe for later permission extension requests and indefinite delay to the measures required to enable a tolerably civilised habitable environment for the families moved in and for existing residents in the locality although we don't expect the latter to be satisfied only with compliance with Policy TS2. EPC therefore objects to the temporary change of use request.

Should our objection not be upheld and the application goes ahead, we would wish the following conditions to be implemented:

Full compliance with the conditions contained in DPD Policy TS2 in a reasonable time not exceeding those imposed on similar conditions contained in the Appeal Decision 04/02311 dated 18 October 2001.

Also that traffic access for HGV's and Large Vehicles is restricted to the existing access as the widened access opposite Boames Lane is even less satisfactory than that existing at the main entrance.

18/01306/HOUSE The Dirhams, Grange Gardens - Single storey rear extension.

Delegated decision – supported by EPC.

18/01261/FUL – New Barn at 2 Cocks Farm

Withdrawn. Separate noise issue followed up below in next section.

18/01149/HOUSE & 18/01150/LBC2 Single storey extension to party barn within cartilage of Grade 2 listed farmhouse. Church Farm, Enborne.

Applicant – Please note this application is made by a EPC Councillor

The Councillor left the meeting during this discussion. Both EPC and Councillor Cole support this application although it was noted that there were some conservation issues. WBC Decision is still outstanding.

12.2 To receive notification of Planning Decisions from WBC.

To include:

18/00960/FUL Construction of a storage unit for equipment, chemicals and product for the Vineyard, Church Farmhouse, Enborne.

Applicant – Please note this application is made by a Councillor Mark Darley. – Granted

18/00687/FUL The Barn at Crockham Heath Farm Section 73A: Variation of Condition 5: No open storage of approved application 10/02814/FUL - Change of Use of agricultural land to equestrian use and construction of stable block.

- Awaiting decision

18/00686/HOUSE Step up Cottage Alterations to ancillary building to form granny annexe. New garage block for vehicles, stores, workshop and gym.

– Please note the applicant is a Councillor and another Councillor is a neighbour so no EPC comment was possible. - Approved

18/00368/FUL The Barn, Crockham Heath Farm Mobile isolation box, hay shed and lean-to tractor shed

– Awaiting decision

18/00203/FULD Hill Farm, Boames Lane

– Objection sent by EPC – Refused.

12.3 To note actioned applications and outstanding planning issues.
To include:

15/02727/FULD - Appeal for The White Hart Inn at Hamstead Marshall
– Change of use refused.

15/02783/FULMAJ – Demolition of 2 steel framed barns and 2 cottages. Conversion and new builds to create 10 residential dwellings Wash Common Farm, Enborne Street
- Approved

16/00455 No 9, Church Lane – breach of use of extension to 3rd party occupation concerns.
– Now resolved.

17/02011/CERTP Outstanding matter with WBC – Legal challenge reference from EPC to WBC note.
– Still outstanding. Councillor Cole and EPC Chair to follow up with WBC CEO Nick Carter. (Subsequent note from Chair – WBC have confirmed this has been escalated to a Stage 2 complaint under the WBC Complaints Process).

17/03016/FUL – Enborne Lakes
– Appeal successful

18/00395/AGRIC 2 Cocks Farmhouse – agricultural barn
– Refused

Other non-planning issues
2 Cocks Farmhouse – Noise issue

It was mentioned at the meeting, that Joe Davenport, owner of 2 Cocks Farmhouse, has taken on board as established that there is a noise problem perceived by some neighbours and that he has engaged a sound engineer who has visited the farm and is evaluating options with the aim of reducing the noise leaking from the site. He has committed to seeking a reduction and that is a higher priority than a new barn.

As to the appearance of the aviary, James Cole explained that WBC had removed their condition to install a green finish instead of white not because they thought it undesirable but because Joe had said it wasn't an available option, although the Vice Chair, John Leeson of EPC thought this otherwise.

With regards to the "expansion of the facility talked about by the WPT" it is talk of which the Vice Chair is unaware. He is aware that the WPT wishes to use the existing aviary as a temporary staging post for a number of parrots from elsewhere (not macaws as far as he is aware, so a less noisy species) but that doesn't constitute expansion. The overall numbers are expected to decline as planned with 25 scheduled to be returned to Argentina soon.

The details of the discussion at the meeting have been reported back to Joe by the Vice Chair.

The matter will be reviewed again at our next meeting.

- 13 Parish Plan
 - 13.1 The Chair has been following up on the engagement with Thames Valley Police
 - 13.2 A4 Parish Plan to be printed in August and distributed to all homes in September.

- 14 GDPR – Privacy Policy now on web site.
 - 14.1 Self storage unit actioned with access for Chair and Clerk
 - 14.2 Appointment of a Data Protection Officer via BALC implemented – invoice now received to be paid at next meeting.
 - 14.3 Chairman’s memo discussed regarding communication and Clerk to follow up on new web site and email addresses in this respect.

- 15 15.1 Scheme of delegation re town planning signed and approved.

- 16 Finance
 - 16.1 Cheques issued for donations to
 - 16.1.1 Enborne Parochial Church Council for £750
 - 16.1.2 WB Citizen Advice Bureau for £200
 - 16.1.3 Wash Common Library – It was noted that there was no donation, as it will now be a community Library

 - 16.2 Cheques paid for:
Printing of promotional flags £475.20; and Printing of A4 Parish plan £383; Distribution of Parish plan £195; Membership of CCB £30; Membership of SLCC £100; Clerk’s expenses for Stationery & sundry items £18.90;
The Barn should be provided free of charge for Parish meetings. Cheque and invoice cancelled for £90 to Enborne PCC.
 - 16.3 Chair’s Allowance paid of £150.
 - 16.4 Previous Clerk’s final payment, existing Clerk and HMRC payments authorised and paid.

- 17 17.1 Public session – no questions from the public.

- 18 No other items noted by the Chair as urgent information or from the Parish Councillors for referral to future meetings, or Clerk to action, other than those items already noted above.

- 19 19.1 Next Parish Council Meeting and Poor Charity Meeting confirmed as Monday 24th September 2018.

All documents are available in large print if required. Please ask the Clerk in advance of the meeting.