



## Enborne Parish Council

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**The meeting began at 7.35 pm and there were no questions from the Public**

**PRESENT:** Mr Alan Croney, Chair

**In attendance:** Deborah Golsworthy (Clerk)

Enborne Councillors:

John Leeson, Paul Hart, Alix Robinson, Chris Garrett  
3 members of the public

- 1 Apologies for absence were received and approved, from Cllr Darley who was unable to attend due to work travel commitments.
- 2 There were no Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.
- 3 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018, omitted at last meeting and minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018, both approved and signed.
- 4 A4 printed copies of the Parish Plan have been distributed to all Enborne residents, with the quality and content well received.  
4.1 Cllr Croney advised that progress is being made with TVP coverage. The formal process is underway but complex, however the principle to adopt in practise has gone ahead.
- 5 In the past WBC have tried to devolve spending to the Parishes, however in line with BALC's guidance, they are not empowered to do so to fund Libraries. Cllr Croney is attending the WBC annual conference in November 2018, where "devolution" is a main item on the agenda and will provide feedback in this respect.
- 6 6.1 The Clerk's report noted a delay in the review of the policies and procedures, point 8 below, due to a recent house move.  
6.2 Thanks for the donation given by EPC were received from the Chief Officer of the Citizen's Advice Bureau.  
6.3 A note was made of a small Audit query which has been resolved and the Asset Registers of 2016/17 and 2017/18 submitted, as requested.  
6.4 Cllr Croney will be attending the WBC District Planning Conference that will include WBC Vision 2026. Cllr Croney has highlighted concerns that the legal gaps on devolution have been ignored by WBC and HMG.  
6.5 No further updates on Gigaclear and Vonage usage, however road maintenance issue raised by resident.

6.6 The annual VAT claim has been submitted by the Clerk.

6.7 A map of the Highway Winter Service plan detailing the Draft snow clearance network has been received from WBC but it was noted by Cllr Croney that there appears to be no planned snow clearance for the “urban areas” of Enborne Street, Enborne Road and Andover Drove, where around 55% of the population live, these suggestions for inclusion to be submitted to WBC. This includes extending main clearance to the east of the Wheatlands Lane / Church Lane by a few hundred yards to support access to the CofE Primary School.

- 7 There was no further feedback or updates on GP Services & NHS
- 8 The review of policies and procedure has been postponed for the next meeting.
- 9 Newbury Town Council have a Defibrillator located by the Tennis Courts at Victoria Park. It was suggested that a Defibrillator could be located at the Cricket Club and purchased jointly by EPC and the Cricket Club. Chris Garrett to liaise in this respect.
- 10 All important items of correspondence have already been emailed to Councillors.

#### **8.05pm WBC Cllr Cole joined the meeting.**

- 11 11.1 New Planning Applications below, supported by EPC.

**18/02226/HOUSE – 2 Enborne Lodge Lane, Newbury.**

Proposed single storey rear extension, porch extension and new detached garage to existing dwelling. Supported by EPC.

**18/02229/HOUSE – Endale, Enborne Row, Wash Water.**

Proposed rear garden room extension. Supported by EPC.

11.2 Notification of Planning Decisions from WBC as follows:

**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. – Awaiting decision.

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

Delegated decision – supported by EPC. - Approved

**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

**18/02097/NONMAT** Non material amendment to above ref: 18/00686/HOUSE. Amendment to change position of proposed garage to be closer to the road. – Refused as a non-material change. A fresh planning application needs to be submitted.

11.3 Actioned applications and outstanding planning issues, as noted below:

**17/02011/CERTP Outstanding matter with WBC – Legal challenge reference from EPC to WBC note.**

Stage 2 complaint response received from WBC to Cllr Croney. Cllr Croney's response was approved by all Councillors as follows:

Response suggested to WBC:

- 1.Thank you for your complaint response.
- 2.Please understand our "complaint" is not primarily about WBC timely response – it is about the actual decision "foul up".
- 3.We remain concerned that your complaint assessment does not cover the process via the Registration Team that failed to "spot" the incorrect officer level decision.
- 4.We understand the officer has a heavy workload but do not accept this as an explanation. The Registration Team at WBC should have spotted it and you do not seem to have looked at that aspect and suggested improvements! Your complaint assessment fails to assess the Registration Team actions and just blames the Planning Officer and we see this as an incomplete consideration. Why didn't the Registration Team spot the mistake? Why have you not looked at that?

5. We are also disappointed you have not suggested service / delivery improvement routes which we would support. The assessment is simple but what about improvements please?

Other non-planning issues

**2 Cocks Farmhouse – Noise issue update**

**Owner reports:**

The government of Argentina has approved funding and all the necessary import certificates to move 25 green-winged macaws from Two Cocks to a conservation area in Iberia, with the purpose of re-introducing them back into the wild. This is a fantastic opportunity for not on the individual birds, but also the conservation of the species in the wild. I'm sure that it will also help the noise issue too! The aim is to relocate these birds in October.

The WPT are continuing to find new locations and conservation projects to which we can relocate birds and I am continuing to work with the neighbours on any concerns that they have and hope to test some noise reduction strategies soon.

- 12 Authorisation of paid invoices including: CCB & Newbury Self Store.  
Cheques for payment authorised including: BALC £40 and Local Councils Update £100.  
Clerk's salary and HMRC payments authorised and paid.
- 13 The Chair invited WBC Cllr Cole to provide an update on WBC and any other matters. WBC no updates to report, all much the same.  
Cllr Croney raised the issue of the WBC conference and Devolution matters and how larger councils can take action but smaller ones cannot.  
And the closure of Enborne road without any communication. Cllr Cole to take this up with highways department.

**The Chair invited members of the public to ask any questions.**

A couple of issues were noted by residents with Thames Water.  
Cllr Garrett mentioned vandalism problems at the Cricket Club which Cllr Croney will raise at the Open Community meeting he is attending on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

- 14 Next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

**The meeting closed at 8.25pm**

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