



Enborne Parish Council

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MINUTES

ENBORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9 MARCH 2020– 7.30pm in the Barn, adjacent to the Church.

Present: Cllr. Garrett (Chair)

Cllr. Leeson (Vice-Chair)

Cllr. Kendall

Cllr. Robinson (by conference phone during discussion on Oakdene planning application)

Clerk: Mrs K Lloyd

In attendance: 1 member of the public and District Cllr. Cole.

District Cllr. Bennyworth was in attendance later during the meeting.

Cllr. Leeson recorded the meeting. No objections were raised.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Ramah and District Cllr. Bennyworth sent their apologies, but Cllr. Bennyworth did arrive later. Regular resident attender David Tompkins had also submitted apologies.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Garrett declared a declaration of interest in the planning application ref. 19/00169/FULD, Oakdene.

Cllr. Robinson had not arrived. Following instructions of Cllr. Cole present in the meeting, the Clerk telephoned Cllr.

Robinson who agreed to a telephone conference with the members of council in attendance to consider

19/00169/FULD planning application. This made the parish council quorate to consider the planning observation.

(Cllr. Robinson confirmed his observation in an email to the Clerk)

3. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS- UN-MINUTED**

None

4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Four planning applications were considered.

20/00169/FULD -Oakdene, Andover Drove. Wash Water. Proposed new two storey pitched roof dwelling in the garden of Oakdene, Andover Drove. Demolition of existing garage and extension of existing driveway at Oakdene.

One member of the public attended the meeting to voice their objections. After consideration, the members of the Parish Council **OBJECT** on the following points,

- of the size of the existing garden,
- spacing between the existing properties,
- the proposed development will be in front of a built line of the neighbouring properties,
- dramatic impact on the immediate street scene,
- blocking of natural light from the neighbouring property,
- road access safety concerns,
- setting precedent for other builds,

- groundwork footings could damage neighbouring properties.

To read the full Parish Council's observation response, please click on the link <http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=20/00169/FULD>

During the Parish Council Meeting, it was brought to their attention that the oak tree and hedging on site had been removed, when previously the applicant was instructed by WBC not to remove the oak tree as it contributed significantly to the local street scene and was not diseased. To further note, this planning application is not significantly different to the previous application submitted in 1997 which was refused by WBC after objections raised then including by the current applicant

20/00317/HOUSE -2 Skinners Green Cottages, Skinners Green. Erection of two storey side extension to replace existing side extension. <http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=20/00317/HOUSE>

20/00356/LBC2 The Old Byre Enborne. Two number brick walls to rear of building to form screens to garden. <http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=20/00356/LBC2>

20/00423/HOUSE (Adjacent Parish) 1 Villiers Way, Newbury. Two storey extension to dwelling house and new entrance porch. <http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=20/00423/HOUSE>

The Members of the Council agreed to **No Objections** to the above three planning applications 20/00317/House, 20/00365/LBC2 and 20/00423/House.

Decision Notices

19/03034/FUL - Peregrine House - Alterations to the existing access arrangements to provide a second access to Peregrine House with associated hard and soft landscaping works. West Berkshire Council **GRANTS** planning application <http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=19/03034/FUL>

5. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Cllr. Leeson raised the question of the precept not being declared and recorded as a declaration of interest by the members in the last meeting. The declarations of interest in the precept question were made, and dispensation to make a decision was granted, and members then **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2020 also confirming the precept decision.

6. **FINANCE**

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED IN MEETING.

S/O	Newbury Self Store - FEB & MARCH	£148.64
Direct Debit	Data Protection Annual Registration (due. 31/03/2020)	£40.00
000178	Kim Lloyd-Clerk –FEBRUARY salary	£389.08
000179	Kim Lloyd-Clerk –MARCH salary (Separate cheque payable on 25 MARCH as per HMRC instructions)	£389.08
000180	HMRC –Clerk Income Tax for FEB & MARCH	£194.40 (97.20+97.20)
00181	Autela Payroll Qtr 4.	£49.75

BANK ACCOUNT ON 3rd JANUARY 2020

NATWEST	£30,161.95
NEWBURY BUILDING SOCIETY	£52,801.02

7. **NATWEST BANK ACCOUNT.**

After discussion it was agreed unanimously to make enquires to move the bank account from NatWest to the Nationwide Building Society due to the Clerks ongoing struggles with the NatWest mandate submission.

8. **FOOTPATH EXTENSION TO THE END OF SPRING GARDENS.**

Cllr. Leeson was pleased to report that the Wash Water footpath extension had now been completed. The further extension of the footpath which had been discussed towards the Newbury footpath is on-going. West Berkshire Council had said there is currently no funding available to construct the section of the footway from Ribasa to the A343.

A discussion on who to contact to cut back the overgrown hedge from the road edge between the end of the present Spring Gardens footpath on Washwater and "Woodlands" on Enborne Row was discussed. Pedestrians are currently forced out into the road to pass this stretch. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Bennyworth who offered to contact West Berkshire Council on our behalf requesting them to contact the landowner (believed to be David Wilson Homes) to clear that section. *Note: after the meeting it was agreed EPC would write to the landowner in the first instance.*

ACTION: Clerk.

9. **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT (HELAA).**

Correspondence was received from West Berkshire Council requesting the parishes position with respect to the sites identified in the HELAA for a change of land use.

Two sites had been identified for Enborne.

Site ENB-1 located between the River Enborne and Wash Water Road just to the west of the Thames Water ground water extraction borehole. The Parish Council are opposed to any change of land use at this site as it directly borders the River Enborne and flooding issues would be a major concern along with added traffic through Enborne Row.

Site ENB 2-It is not clear what is being proposed for this site. 24 temporary caravans in 2015 were granted temporary planning permission. The meeting noted that many of the conditions imposed on the previous temporary permission have not been complied with.

A full response will be drafted and emailed to West Berkshire Council before the deadline 27th March 2020.

ACTION: Clerk.

Cllr. Garrett raised questions to the Basingstoke Local Plan development's identified site EW008 which encroached on the West Berkshire border of Wash Water. Cllr. Garrett said he would contact East Woodhay Parish Council (Hampshire County Council) to discuss the identified site.

ACTION: Cllr. Garrett.

If anyone would like to view the full local plan response from the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk, a copy can be emailed to you.

10. **WILDFLOWERS ON ROAD VERGES UPDATE.**

No further update.

11. **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS (Reduction of CO2 Emissions in the Parish).**

Cllr. Garrett reported that the Craven Arms public house were not able to install an electric charger due to not having enough electric power, it would be costly to install new cables to achieve this. The Cricket Club would be interested in the future but are currently undergoing interior electric work. The members of the Parish Council agreed to remove the £5,000 from the designated reserves for one of the electric chargers but would leave the remaining £5,000 allocated for the other.

12. **EPC WEBSITE.**

The Clerk had previously emailed the new website layout to the members of the Parish Council. All agreed to go live. The Clerk will talk with the developer to find out the next steps.

13. **ENBORNE FACEBOOK PAGE.**

Cllr. Kendall reported the Facebook page was nearly updated. The Facebook page was called Wash Water and Enborne Community.

14. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.**

Consensus in the meeting was that trying to arrange a meeting in 2020 was not practical and potentially unsafe given the advice emerging about public meetings and Covid-19. It was agreed to make arrangement to host an Annual Parish Meeting in 2021.

15. **COUNCILLOR AND CLERK REPORTS.**

Cllr. Leeson reported a resident had raised concerns of a fire in Long Copse Farm which was assumed to be burning waste. The Clerk was asked to report this to West Berkshire Council to monitor.

The Clerk received an email from a resident asking the Parish Council to contact the head of planning to give support for the large oak tree standing just to the west of Wash Common Farm. The Clerk was asked to write to the head of planning.

The Clerk received 2 letters of Thanks to the Parish Council, one from the Friends of Wash Common Library for the donation of £250. The other from Enborne and Hampstead Marshall Garden Society for the donation of £350.

To note: Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation - Newbury Town Centre

Take part in the consultation at www.westberks.gov.uk/psponewbury deadline. 6/04/2020.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of Monday 11th May 2020 at 8pm was confirmed to be the next Annual Parish Council Meeting with the Annual Poor's Allotment Charity meeting taking place at 7.30pm before.

Since this meeting, we are all experiencing disturbing times to the Covid-19 outbreak. Following the government guidelines, all future meetings will be postponed and announced when we know more. The Parish Council's business will carry on as normal through email communication and telephone.

Please contact the Clerk if you would like to contact the Parish Council.

The Parish Council wishes everyone well and safe through these difficult times.

Please visit the Enborne website and Facebook page for updates.

SECTION 2.

POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY MEETING.

To note; It was agreed to add the following Items as actions are required before the next planned Poor's Allotment Charity Meeting being on the 11th May 2020.

1. POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY STATEMENT

The accounts for year ending 31 March 2019 was approved by Cllr. Leeson.

2. POORS ALLOTMENT ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL.

The members approved the insurance renewal. Cllr. Leeson signed the Newbury Building Society cheque request slip for payment. Renewal due 3 April 2020.

(Meeting closed)