



CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of Charlbury Town Council held on Wednesday 24th October 2012 at 7.30pm in the Corner House.

Members Present: Mr R N Potter (Chairman), Mr W Hackmann, Mr P Kenrick, Mrs V Pakenham-Walsh, Mrs K Broughton, Mr A Merry, Mr R Fairhurst, Mr J Holah, Mr R Robson, M/s L Reason and Mr R James

Apologies: Mrs S Finch

Mrs Lethbridge addressed members in respect of the community connect scheme sponsored by OCC and the CAB. This provides help for the elderly and she is one of three volunteers for Charlbury. The scheme is being piloted in West Oxon and Cherwell district and seeks to divert existing resources to help those in need. Mrs Lethbridge was thanked for her presentation.

Prior to opening the meeting the Chairman referred to a problem caused by Council papers being left in a public house and reiterated the need for care to be taken with information, which though in the public domain could be taken out of context. This had happened with a contractor being quizzed over his charges. Each Councillor to apply for a copy of the electoral register if required. Finance committee of 14th November, date to be rearranged (2 members unable to attend).

1. To receive the minutes of the last meeting.

Subject to minor corrections due to typographical error on page 3 the minutes were approved on a proposal from Mr Robson seconded Mr Fairhurst and carried.

2. To deal with matters arising.

Area Steward meeting. The Clerk outlined the meeting and the issues raised with Ian Clarke.

Meeting re Wilderness. Lord and Lady Rotherwick hosted a meeting at Cornbury where the Chairman, Clerk and District Councillors met Eloise Markwell Butler and Dave MacCalmont from the Festival organisation. No other parishes had any issues to discuss

The noise issues were thoroughly considered and organisers undertook to seek to resolve the problem at the next Festival. A tour of the Festival will be available for Members if required in 2013.

Lord and Lady Rotherwick to be invited to January meeting to discuss events planned at Cornbury for 2013.

APM. Date change to April 5th 2013 due to issues of clashing events.

Cotswold Broad Band. Some members had attended a useful presentation. Good for local companies but subject to the availability of fibre optics being laid.

Surgery. Mr Merry and Mr Kenrick attended. Issues raised dealt with by the Clerk. Surgery for 1st December Mr Robson and M/s Reason to attend.

3. Declaration of Interest

Plans 12/1441 Mr Kenrick and Mr Merry took no part in the discussion and left the room.
12/1465 Mrs Pakenham-Walsh declared an interest and left the meeting.
12/1468 The Clerk declared an interest and left the meeting

4. To sign orders for payment/receive report

The Clerk explained the accounts due for payment together with a brief financial report

Mr Hackmann proposed that the accounts be paid, this being seconded by Mrs Broughton and agreed. Accordingly cheques were signed by three Councillors.

5. To receive a report from the Planning Committee.

At the planning meeting on 22nd October Ian Cox provided those present with an update on matters relating to the Thomas Gifford Charity. The annual public meeting will be held on 6th December 2012.

The following plans were considered

12/1441 Non compliance with condition 2 of consent 11/1771 to allow the omission of the footpath at land adjacent to Little Lees.

1. This Council has consistently considered the footpath to be unnecessary.
2. We have no objection to the removal of this condition and support the assertion by residents that the path is unnecessary and that an entirely satisfactory alternative path exists on the current development. A new footpath could damage the tree and hedge roots on the line of the hedge to be retained.

12/1447 Erect detached car port at the Old Post Office Market Street.

1. We have no objection

12/1462 Erect bungalow with new vehicular access at Land adjacent 2 Nine Acres Close.

1. We have no objection but ask that existing hedge, or a replacement be retained to provide screening in perpetuity.

12/1465 Alterations and two storey extensions with glyed canopy at 8 Hill Close

1. We have no objection

12/1465
1466 Erect new dwelling with parking and detached garage. Demolish existing building at The Orchard Market Street.

1. We have no objection

12/1469 Non compliance with condition 5 of consent 07/1862 to allow the retention of the old Pavilion for 5 years at Charlbury Cricket Club, Dyers Hill.

1. We have no objection but would ask that its use be restricted to storage only.

12/ 1498 Erect two storey side extension, erect fence and gates (part retrospective) at Talbot Barn Thames Street.

1. This is considered to be a gross over development of a small but important site within the curtilage of a listed building.
2. This proposal would remove the majority of the amenity space for both Talbot Farm and Talbot Barn to an unacceptable degree due to the need to provide parking space for two dwellings.
3. We therefore object to the proposal

Planning Results

12/1196 Single and two storey extensions to enlarge dwelling at Little Egypt Crawborough

Permitted

12/1280 Replace bay window to front elevation with canopy roof over porch at 27 The Green.

Permitted

12/1330 Install solar panels, remove shed erect studio at Greenbank, Dyers Hill

Permitted

12/1354 Erect replacement stables (retrospective) at The Old Rectory Church Lane.

Permitted

6. To deal with Correspondence.

WODC Police and Crime Commissioner elections – Notices posted.

OCC Confirmation of modification orders byway open to all traffic No 43 and footpath No 44 (Spelsbury) with restricted byway No 30

Berwin, Leighton Paisner. Solicitors for Thames Water, Wigwell lease transfer. Pass to Nick Mottram for action by Wychwood Project.

NHS Determination of Rurality – noted

Steve Andrews Planning application for extension to Memorial Hall on behalf of Town Council (half fee). Mr Hackmann proposed that this should proceed seconded Mrs Broughton and agreed.

Mr Oddy Meet in December

Anna Walsh Meet to discuss fence at Mill Field

Coop Licence Copy letter to WODC. Council still objects.

R Brushfield Allotment registration noted.

Wychwood Project AGM 14th Nov. Noted

7. To consider Affordable Housing

Progress good at Little Lees. Clerk to speak to SOHA re opening of site / visit etc. Standing agenda item.

8. To consider Neighbourhood Planning

Perhaps change to a Community led plan. Standing agenda item

9. To consider matters arising from the reflective meeting

Notes prepared by the Chairman had been circulated. Following some further discussion it was agreed that Mr Robson would convene a meeting with serving Councillors to progress a community led plan building on the 1996 appraisal and report back to the Council in due course.

The next reflective meeting is on 20th March 2013. Agenda to be considered in February 2013.

10. To consider the Beacon Project

Response from Mr Parker with Mr Westermans reply had been circulated.

There was discussion centering on the support of the Town Council for the scheme as proposed at Rushy Bank

It was agreed that the support was in principle for such a Scheme but not necessarily a specific site. The Beacon Project to be encouraged to submit a planning application and to consider the emerging local plan.

11. To consider a street lighting committee meeting (7th November)

This was considered to be unnecessary.

12. To receive reports

a. Cemetery All well. Some mole activity. Wall repairs in hand

b. Corner House and Memorial Hall. Need for a TC representative. Next Agenda, AGM 5th November 2012.

c. Mill Field, Watery Lane and Bridges. Sluice mechanism greased. Steps at Jubilee Bridge end not a problem. Some bank repair needed

d. Nine Acres Report circulated

e. Quarry Lane and Ticknell Report circulated.

f. Wigwell Report circulated.

g. Station New car park in use.

Disabled parking bays seldom used
Fence near corner collapsing alongside entrance road.

h. General. Report circulated. Xmas tree to be put up on 1st December
Remembrance Parade 11th November at 2-30, All welcome at this civic
event.
Mrs Broughton to lay the wreath for Council

i School Governor Mr Hackmann gave a comprehensive update. Some concerns re
academy issues and local children not being found places.

j. Transport Report circulated

k. Neighbourhood Action Group Report circulated.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm