



CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of Charlbury Town Council held on Wednesday 25th September 2013 at 7.30pm in the Corner House.

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

Apologies: Mrs S Finch, Mr R Robson, M/s L Reason, and County Councillor Mr R Rose

Prior to the meeting opening Mrs A Lloyd a resident in Church Street spoke to the Council concerning the need for a general improvement in the appearance of the streets in Charlbury. She went on to say that she believed that Woodstock and Burford employed a street cleaner and this was reflected in the respective towns appearance. She asked that an agenda item be discussed prior to the setting of the precept to consider such provision in Charlbury. The recent weeding programme had made a difference but had not solved the problem.

1. To receive the minutes of the last meeting.

Mr Kenrick proposed that the minutes be signed subject to the following corrections, para 4 Mrs Pakenham-Walsh and para 10 Clerk's. This being seconded by Mrs Broughton and agreed.

2. To deal with matters arising.

Mr Merry reported that the Walkers are Welcome inaugural walk in Cornbury attracted 32 walkers and went well.

Resilience Plan Clerk still working on this.

Street Fair Mr Kenrick reported that the event was successful and that lots of positive comments had been received. A number of issues had arisen which are being dealt with. Mr Kenrick was thanked for his efforts. Clerk to write to secretary.

Nine Acres Play Equipment Build started

Cap on post in Mill Lane missing.

Wigwell fencing Issues of quality is to be addressed by Thames Water

Wychwood Project trees on Wigwell – report with Chairman

Station - garden on new platform has been completed.

3. Declaration of Interest

There were none

4. To sign orders for payment / receive report.

The accounts due for payment were circulated and explained by the Clerk. Mr Hackmann proposed that the accounts be paid this being seconded by Dr Merry and agreed. Accordingly cheques were signed by three Councillors.

5. To receive a report from the Planning Committee.

The Clerk reported on a brief meeting with Mr Westerman of WODC. He is leaving the Council and the Clerk was asked to write a letter to wish him well in his new position. A winter maintenance leaflet from OCC was given to all present.

The following plan was considered:-

13/1173 Remove existing garage, erect two storey side extension and new porch to front elevation at 69 The Green

1. We would prefer to see the front elevation of the extension set back from the line of the existing property (a stepped appearance)
2. The extension roof could be levelled to avoid the appearance of a terrace
3. We would like to see the additional parking space made a condition of any approval.

13/1174 Extensions at Mill Bank Dyers Hill

1. We have no objection

13/1261
1262 Extensions and alterations at The Old Farmhouse, The Playing Close

1. We have no objection

13/1272
1273 Extensions and adaptations at Tollgate Cottage Enstone Road

1. We consider this an improvement
2. No objection

13/1300 Single and two storey extension at 8 Enstone Road

1. We have no objection

13/1329 Remove outbuildings erect garage etc. at Markstone, Browns Lane

1. We have no objection

Planning Results

13/0991/P/FP Erect timber gate and fence (retrospective) at Talbot Barn, Thames Garden.
Permitted

- 13/1050** Alterations and extensions at Brae Rise Crawborough
Permitted
- 13/1076** Alterations and extensions at Broadstone Farm, Ditchley Road
Permitted
- 13/1084** Extensions at 1 Foresters Villas, Crawborough
Permitted
- 13/1100** Convert garage to studio, enclose gazebo at Stonewall Sturt Road
Permitted

6. To deal with Correspondence.

OCC Emergency Planning Meeting at Bodicote 7th November. Mr Holah to attend

OCC Review of bus services. Circulated. Seek to save the Taxi bus. Mr Fairhurst to contact Clerk re a response

Mr Kenrick Wigwell issues (fencing) noted

Allotment report Sites looking well. Clerk to deal with issues noted

Mr James Disabled Ramped access to Nine Acres off Nine Acres Lane. Price to be sought for precept consideration for potential scheme, drawn up by Mr James subject to agreement.

Mrs Short Boundary Walk date for 2014 – will be 25th May

R B Legion Wreath laying invitation. Mr Kenrick will represent Council.

7. To receive reports with reference to Charlbury

a The County Councillor A written report was circulated. Chairman to attend financial meeting at Witney on 24th October.

b. District Councillors Liz Leffman reported as follows:

40 defibrillators are to be purchased via an anonymous donation. One will be allocated to Charlbury. Tuition in use and siting will be arranged. Lib Dem group have got agreement at WODC to pursue doubling of rail track/line capacity for government capital programme. Greystones recycling centre. Cabinet looking at alternatives sites.

Hywel Davies reported as follows

Line doubling may be a long term matter (after) 2019. Extra capacity more likely with additional carriages not being capital expenditure but leased. Waste/recycling calendar for households no longer to be issued. WODC will supply a copy on request

8. To consider surgeries

October 5th. Mr Kenrick and Mrs Broughton to attend. Next surgery 7th December

9. To consider an agenda for a working group

The meeting will be on 23rd October at 8.00pm in the Corner House. OCC and WODC Councillors for Charlbury to be invited to participate. The session will be dealing with traffic and parking issues. Mr Holah to send Clerk a list of issues raised in the CLP consultations.

10. To consider affordable Housing

SoHA are now minded to open the site officially in early 2014

11. To consider a community led plan

Mr Holah reported on progress and had circulated relevant papers to all. The event held at the Street Fair was successful and there will be open events on 8th October at Bowls Club and 10th October at Fire Station to attract as wide cross section of views as possible. The workshop event is to be 12th October and the Council will be represented by Mrs Broughton and Mr James. A position statement from the Council was agreed on a proposal from Mrs Broughton seconded Dr Merry and this will form the basis of the Town Council response.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.