

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STREATLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD Actions
IN THE MORRELL ROOM, STREATLEY ON 14 FEBRUARY 2022 (start 7.50pm)**

Present – Mr J Spring (Chairman), Mr N Barnes, Mr M Jubb, Mr M Davis, District Councillor Law.

22/017 Preliminaries

a. **Co-option of Councillor**

Council resolved that Mr Mark Davis be co-opted as a Councillor (proposed Councillor Spring, seconded Councillor Barnes). Councillor Davis executed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Chairman welcomed Councillor Davis to the Council.

b. **Dispensations**

- i. Councillor Jubb declared an interest in item 22/023 b ii - Planning Application 22/00138/FUL2 Linden Cottage, Reading Road.
- ii. Councillor Davis declared an interest in item 22/023 c ii – Planning Application 22/00286/HOUSE 4 White Hard Yard, High Street.

22/018 Apologies

Mr C Smith, Mr M Robertson, Mrs S Anderson.

22/019 Open Forum

There were no members of the public present, therefore no Open Forum.

22/020 Minutes

- i. Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022, having earlier been circulated, be agreed as the correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

Clerk

22/021 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- a. 19/026 iii. The Primary School Eco group is looking for projects. Following the resignation of Councillor Coyle, Councillor Anderson has agreed to perform the role of liaison with the school and will take over this action. She will email the school to inform them of the change of contact and ask about their current plans. **SA**

- b. 19/074 i. High Street traffic. WBC conducted a survey of High Street in October 2019. A further survey, including a weekend, was carried out in Spring 2020. The data volumes were comparable with the private survey carried out (for the Limeswell planning application) in November 2018. One point that came out was that when traffic travelling from Goring was held at the bottom of High Street, due to oncoming traffic, this affected the traffic detection loop and caused a shorter cycle at the lights for the traffic from the Goring direction. The lights can be changed to take this into account, but this may not make a great difference to traffic flows. A further video survey was conducted from Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th October 2020.

19/141 xi. When plans are in place for Streatley High Street they will be discussed with Goring PC. **JS**

District Councillor Law met with WBC officers on 5th May to discuss the data followed by a zoom meeting on 21st July between WBC, District Councillor Alan Law, and representatives of the Parish Council to consider the findings and potential solutions before consultation with residents.

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The Traffic Survey letters (430) have been delivered to all homes in Streatley (including Stitchens Green and Southridge). Responses are due by 28th February. 125 responses have been received so far. These are being collated into a database and all copies stored electronically.

Clerk to tweet reminders for responses to be returned by 28 February.

Clerk

- c. 19/139 a ii. The process for listing The Bull public house as an Asset of Community Value is under way and Councillor Jubb sent the completed form to WBC.

The panel determined that The Bull did not meet the criteria for listing as the letting rooms brought it into the hotel category and most of the income is from the hotel business. There was also a comment that the submission did not include backing from individual members of the public.

District Councillor Law recommended that Council pursues the matter further and would like to be informed when the Council is ready to reapply.

23 letters of support have now been received. Councillor Spring has written a thank you letter to GGN and has received useful information from CAMRA. All have now been passed to Councillor Jubb to work on the resubmission process.

Councillor Jubb to speak with a local village that has been through this process and then consult with District Councillor Law before resubmitting the application. Ongoing.

MJ

Councillor Jubb asked District Councillor Law if there was any involvement of Marstons in the decision to reject SPC's previous application. District Councillor Law to investigate and respond by 21 February.

The freehold of The Bull is owned by the Wellington Pub Group.

- d. 20/040 f ii. Clerk to obtain name badges for Councillors Jubb, Smith, Davis, and Anderson plus the Clerk. WBC can provide these.

Clerk

- e. 21/143 c. The remaining tree saplings to be planted around the Recreation Ground. Councillor Barnes and the Clerk to do this before end of February.

NB/Clerk

Councillor Davis may assist.

- f. 21/144 h. Clerk to write to ask how traffic flow and car parking will be managed during the works to repair the footpath at the top of the High Street early in 2022.

Action Completed

Work scheduled for 12-16 February between 09:30 and 15:30. There will be temporary 4-way traffic lights and parking restrictions in place. Further details may be available after WBC meeting with contractors.

- g. 21/158 d v. Clerk to submit precept request once forms are received. Precept request submitted 11 January.

Action Completed

- h. 21/159 b. Clerk to seek quotes for planting of flowering cherry trees once position is agreed. It was agreed to plant them in the Recreation Ground.

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- The trees have been planted with protection against animals. Decision to be taken what, if any, fencing may be required. **All**
- Councillor Spring to write an article for GGN. **JS**
- k. 21/162 a. Clerk to investigate dog poo signs for recreation Ground. 'Dog Poo Free Zone' banners are in use in Hampstead Norreys. Their Clerk will investigate who supplied them. There are also stickers around Streatley School provided by WBC Public Protection Partnership. Clerk to investigate.
- WBC PPP wardens came along and sprayed to highlight fouling in the Recreation Ground and along the Thames Path, where they found copious amounts.
- WBC PPP will investigate production of a banner like those outside schools. **Clerk**
- l. 21/162 c. on 24 January Councillors Jubb and Smith visited The Swan to discuss plans for their car park, on behalf of the Parish Council. **Action Completed**
- m. 22/001. Clerk to post vacancy notice on Notice Board and web site, inform WBC and place advertisement in January GGN. **Action Completed**
- n. 22/010. Councillor Barnes to set Councillor Coyle's emails to read only. **Action Completed**

22/022 Report of the West Berkshire District Councillor

District Councillor Law reported:

- i. WBC are in the final throes of determining the budget for 2022/23 and advised that there would be an increase in Council Tax, but the amount was still to be finalised.
- ii. The draft Local Plan has had to be revised due to changes in guidelines. The changes only affect areas where large settlements are proposed and a 30 year vision is required. This only applies to Newbury and North-East Thatcham. There will be further consultations with these areas only and a target of May 2023 for finalising the plan.
- iii. The WBC planning department is being reorganised. There will be a new Executive Director appointed for Planning and Regulation, a new lead planning officer and new members of the planning and enforcement teams. This may take some time to put in place.
- iv. Review of Settlement Boundary. There is a proposal to correct an anomaly in the settlement boundary to the north-east of The Swan. District Councillor Law to find out more information on 17 February.

22/023 Planning

b. Decisions made in between meetings (papers previously circulated)

- i. 22/00093/HOUSE Mulberry Cottage, The Coombe.
First floor side/front extension, ground floor single storey rear extension, single storey garage/store extension, single storey summerhouse, hard landscaping and improvements to frontage, new swimming pool, and addition of sustainable features.

The Clerk, in consultation with Councillors Robertson, Smith, Spring, Jubb, Anderson and Barnes, determined that Council do not object to this application but have concerns on the imposition of noise from the heat pump compressor on the neighbour located on the west

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side of the building and request a condition be added that the compressor unit must not impose more than 42 decibels at the nearest neighbouring property boundary.

Council resolved to ratify this decision.

c. Applications for planning permission

- i. 22/00075/HOUSE 2 Underwood Cottages, The Coombe.
Demolition of existing double garage and erection of replacement home office.

Following discussion, it was resolved that Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application but would request the following conditions are added to any approval:

1. The building is only to be used by the residents of the property as a home office or studio and not to be used for business or letting purposes.
2. The owners to ensure that the shared access to the garages at the rear of Underwood Cottages is kept clear at all times during the building period and any damage caused to this access in the course of construction is to be made good.

Councillor Jubb left the room.

- ii. 22/00138/FUL2 Linden Cottage, Reading Road.
Retrospective regularisation of mixed agricultural hardstanding/engineering works.

Following discussion, it was resolved that Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application.

Councillor Jubb returned to the meeting.

c. Planning matters received since the agenda was circulated (papers circulated prior to the meeting)

- i. 22/00198/HOUSE & 22/00200/LBC2 4 Icknield Cottages, High Street.
Rear first floor extension, internal alterations, alterations to rear out building and construction of new brick & flint garden wall.

Following discussion, it was resolved that Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application.

Councillor Davis left the room.

- ii. 22/00286/HOUSE 4 White Hard Yard, High Street.
Rationalisation of entrance. Attic level link roof with accommodation.

Following discussion, it was resolved that Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application.

Councillor Davis returned to the meeting.

d. Decisions by WBC

- i. 21/02877/HOUSE Chaddleworth, road to Cleeve Court.
Proposed extension to create a studio in the roof space above the garage.
Streatley Parish Council did not object to this application but requested conditions that "only to be used by the resident of the property as a home office or studio and not to be used for business or letting purposes".

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Approved 12 January.

- ii. 21/02670/LBC2 4 Icknield Cottages, High Street.
Replacement of the two existing windows and front door to the front elevation with like-for-like double glazed replacements.
Streatley Parish Council did not object to this application but noted that the issue which led to the previous refusal had not been addressed.
Approved 12 January.
 - iii. 21/02908/HOUSE Warren Cottage, Rectory Road.
Proposed detached summer room & bike store; front canopy; first floor dormer window; changes to fenestrations and roof tiles.
Streatley Parish Council did not object to this application but requested that the summerhouse is not used as a separate dwelling.
Approved 13 January.
 - iv. 21/02486/FUL Linden Cottage, Reading Road.
Erection of agricultural barn and two general purpose field shelters.
Streatley Parish Council did not object to this application.
Approved 20 January.
 - v. 21/03048/HOUSE 2 St Christopher's Cottages. The Coombe.
Single storey side and rear extension.
Streatley Parish Council did not object to this application.
Approved 26 January.
 - vi. 21/02952/HOUSE Pensylva, The Coombe.
Extend existing bungalow with part one and a half storey and part one storey. Renew approval 19/00652/HOUSE.
Streatley Parish Council did not object to this application.
Approved 2 February.
- e. Applications debated at previous meetings still pending WBC consideration.**
- i. 21/03097/FULD Waterford House, Vicarage Lane.
Erection of a new dwelling with associated parking and access.

Streatley Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is an additional, not replacement, building outside the settlement boundary.
- f. Other planning (and licensing) matters**
- i. 20/03083/FULMAJ West Lodge Reading Road (out of Parish)
Approved by WBC 28 January.
 - ii. Place Manor
It had been reported to Council that the leaded light window in the entrance door to the property, a listed building, had been replaced with clear glass. Clerk to write to owners asking them to confirm that this will be restored to the original detail when available. **Clerk**

22/024 Finance Matters

a. Payments made between meetings.

- i. £35.00. Information Commissioners office. Registration renewal (Paid by direct debit).

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Council ratified payment of the above invoice.

b. Payment of Accounts received by Council

- i. £28.99. Hazel Preston-Barnes. Reimbursement for post box for survey responses.
- ii. £15.00. Friends of the Ridgeway, annual subscription.
- iii. £226.50. I J Fencing. Replacement gate post for enclosed play area.
- iv. £180.00. Goring Press. Traffic survey printing.
- v. £427.82. Enerveo. Streetlight replacement - Vicarage Lane.
- vi. £88.72. SSE. Street lighting energy January (paid by direct debit).

Council resolved that the above invoices be approved for payment.

Clerk

c. Receipts

None.

d. Other Finance Matters

- i. Council approved the bank reconciliation as of 31st January 2022 (previously circulated).
- ii. Council acknowledged payment of the Clerk's salary on 1st February.
- iii. Council approved the updated Risk Register.
- iv. Council approved the updated Asset Register.

22/025 Specific Matters for Discussion/Decision:

a. Litter Pick

It was agreed to hold a litter pick on Saturday 26 March. Clerk to confirm booking of the Morrell Room and litter picking kits from WBC. Councillor Spring to arrange refreshments.

Clerk/JS

b. Parish Assembly

It was agreed to hold this year's Parish Assembly on Thursday 19th May. Clerk to confirm booking of the Morrell Room and put together a list of invitees.

Clerk

c. Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Changes

Council noted the proposal which would mean Streatley moving into a new parliamentary constituency.

d. Councillor Training.

BALC has advertised training courses available for new Councillors. Clerk to distribute details to Councillors Smith, Anderson, and Davis.

Clerk

22/026 Reports on:

a. Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust

Councillor Barnes reported the next meeting was to be held on 15th February.

b. Website/IT

Councillor Barnes had nothing to report.

Councillor Barnes to set up accounts for email and WhatsApp for Councillor Davis.

NB

c. Allotment Society.

Nothing to report from Councillor Robertson.

d. Recreation Ground

- i. FoSRG reported that the mole activity had returned.

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- ii. The annual RoSPA inspection will take place in April.
- iii. Maintenance and repairs of the AstroTurf will start on 3 March.

e. Neighbourhood Action Group

Councillor Spring reported that NAG meetings will now be held every 4 months with the next meeting scheduled for 18 May.

Over the last 3 months there has been one report of a burglary and one of theft of a caravan in the Streatley area.

f. St. Mary's Church

Councillor Spring reported that the annual boiler service had been carried out and a water leak had been repaired.

The overgrown graves within the graveyard are being cleared in preparation for the survey for digitally recording all C of E graves.

g. Traffic and Highways

Councillor Jubb had nothing to report.

22/027 Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda)

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- i. 11th January. North Wessex Downs AONB. Annual Review for 2020/21.
- ii. 13th January. The Friends of the Ridgeway - Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize and Ridgeway Friends Day 2022.
- iii. 13th January. CCB. Action for All E-Bulletin.
- iv. 16th January. Going Forward Buses. 5th Anniversary and Service update.
- v. 17th January. SCAS. Appointment of new Chair and Non-Executive Director.
- vi. 18th January. WBC. Statutory Consultation for Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme.
- vii. 18th January. WBC. Budget Briefing.
- viii. 19th January. WBC. Libraries Review.
- ix. 21st January. RBFRS Automatic Fire Alarm Consultation.
- x. 24th January. WBC Press Release. WBC announces 2021 Community Champions.
- xi. 24th January. WBC Press Release. Introducing Changes to Your Recycling and Rubbish Bin Collection Day to Serve You Better.
- xii. 26th January. WBC Press Release. Charities awarded £17,000 from WBC Fund.
- xiii. 26th January. The Chilterns Classic 18 June 2022. Event Plan.
- xiv. 27th January. Open Spaces Society. January 2022 News.
- xv. 31st January. Friends of the Ridgeway. Newsletter.
- xvi. 6th February. West Berkshire Heritage Forum. AGM 23rd February 2022.
- xvii. 10th February. WBC. Invitation to join our West Berkshire Parish Climate Forum.
- xviii. 11th February. WBC. Adoption of the Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- xix. 11th February. WBC. WBC Grounds Maintenance Contract.
- xx. 12th February. GLEAM. Government consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review – an opportunity to stop 'off-roading' in the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- xxi. 12th February. Hampstead Norreys Greenfest. Invitation.

22/028 Items Raised by Councillors

- i. Councillor Spring reported the intention of the Goring Gap festival committee to arrange a jubilee beacon on St Thomas's Church.

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- ii. Councillor Spring mentioned the passing of Ian Judd and recorded condolences to his family and friends from Streatley Parish Council.

22/029 Open Forum

None.

22/030 End of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 14th March 2022 in the Morrell Room at 7:50pm. The meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Future meetings: 2nd Monday of the month except August when there are no meetings.