

Actions

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

Present – Mr J Spring (Chairman), Mr N Barnes, Mr M Jubb, Mr M Davis, Mrs S Anderson, Mr C Smith, District Councillor Law.

22/034 Preliminaries

- a. **Dispensations**
None.

22/035 Apologies

Mr M Robertson.

22/036 Open Forum

There were two members of the public present. Their names are appended to these minutes. Both members of the public were interested in the results of the residents' High Street traffic survey.

The first member of the public said that he was disappointed with the options provided in the survey. He felt that at least 3 were inappropriate and that other options should have been included for consideration.

The car park in the meadows would raise a lot of disquiet from residents, particularly those who contributed to the purchase.

High Street residents with no off-road parking require parking spaces for themselves, visitors, and tradespeople.

He believed that the traffic volumes were inevitable at peak times but were not unreasonable for most of the day.

He felt that the double yellow lines at the top of High Street should be extended in order to improve visibility of oncoming traffic.

The second member of the public said they had concerns about the impact on residents, house prices and the number of bays proposed, as most households have 2 cars.

Councillor Spring responded that:

- the meadows were not a reasonable option but had been included for completeness and to seek local views.
- the options included were those agreed by WBC Highways and were the only ones WBC were prepared to consider.
- neither the Parish Council nor WBC had any plans to remove all residents' parking.

The Open Forum closed at 20:06.

The first member of the public left at 20:40.

22/037 Minutes

- i. Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2022, having earlier been circulated, be agreed as the correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

Clerk

22/038 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 has taken over this

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- 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. 430 traffic survey letters (430) were delivered to all homes in Streatley (including Stitchens Green and Southridge) with responses to be received by 28th February. 222 forms (51.6%) were returned, which equated to 456 individual responses. All responses have been collated into a database and copies stored electronically.
- The Clerk read out the summary of responses. The favoured option was number 4 - daytime parking for residents only, followed in second place by number 3 - a reduction to 14/15 car parking spaces. Following discussion, it was agreed by the Council and District Councillor Law that the daytime parking for residents only should be the preferred option to be submitted to WBC. The Clerk was instructed to write to WBC Highways with this view and to seek their proposals for implementation. **Clerk**
- 19/141 xi. When plans are in place for Streatley High Street they will be discussed with Goring PC. **JS**
- c. 19/139 a ii. The application to list The Bull public house as an Asset of Community Value commenced in 2019 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. Subsequently 23 letters of support were received.
- All information has now been collected and the submission will be redrafted and submitted to WBC. **MJ**
- d. 20/040 f ii. Clerk to obtain name badges for Councillors Jubb, Smith, Davis, and Anderson plus the Clerk.
- The artwork is with WBC. Each card costs £4 and will come with holder and lanyard. **Clerk**
- e. 21/143 c. The remaining tree saplings to be planted around the Recreation Ground.
- One rowan, one maple and seven oaks planted around Recreation Ground and five maples along Vicarage Lane. **Action Completed**
- f. 21/159 b. The flowering cherry trees have been planted in the recreation Ground with protection against animals. It was agreed not to install further fencing at the moment.
- Councillor Spring has written an article for GGN. **Action Completed**
- g. 21/162 a. Clerk to investigate dog poo signs for Recreation Ground.

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- 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 Patrols have visited again and sprayed fouling, found along Thames Path. Notices have been stuck to car park bollard and to Public Footpath signposts in the area. **Action Completed**
- h. 22/023 f ii. It was reported to Council that the leaded light window in the entrance door to the Place Manor, a listed building, had been replaced with clear glass. This has now been rectified, **Action Completed**
- i. 22/025 a. It was agreed to hold a litter pick on Saturday 26 March. Clerk has confirmed booking of the Morrell Room and litter picking kits from WBC. **Action Completed**
Councillor Spring has arranged refreshments courtesy of The Swan.
- j. 22/025 b. It was agreed to hold this year's Parish Assembly on Thursday 19th May. Clerk has confirmed booking of the Morrell Room and has put together a list of invitees. **Clerk/NB**
Invitations have been sent out with 6 acceptances so far.
Councillor Barnes offered to arrange refreshments.
- k. 22/025 d. BALC has advertised training courses available for new Councillors. Clerk has distributed details to Councillors Smith, Anderson, and Davis. **Action Completed**
Councillor Davis wished to attend but unfortunately the course is full.
- l. 22/026 b. Councillor Barnes to set up accounts for email and WhatsApp for Councillor Davis. **Action Completed**

22/039 Report of the West Berkshire District Councillor

District Councillor Law reported:

- i. The WBC budget meeting was held on 3rd March. There would be an increase in council tax of 1% plus 3% for Adult Social Care.
- ii. The Swan have requested a copy of the traffic flow data from WBC. This has been agreed but the Swan will be charged for it.
- iii. It is the 3rd anniversary of the WBC lottery which has raised over £200m. £17,000 has been allocated to charities, communities, and other good causes.
- iv. There is a new members' bids programme in place, offering communities grants for capital expenditure. Submissions must be made by the end of May. The maximum amount for a bid is £5,000 and the funding must be matched by other means. Councillor Jubb suggested a fixed barrier to replace the chain at the entrance to the Recreation Ground car park.
- v. Platinum Jubilee Party. There is a meeting of the Gap Festival organising committee on 15 March in the Canterbury Room. They are looking for volunteers.

22/040 Planning

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

None.

b. Applications for planning permission

i. 22/00320/HOUSE 15 Hill Gardens.

Removal of existing flat roofed porch and bay window roof and formation of new pitched roof to porch and bay window, with no change to the existing footprint.

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

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

None.

d. Decisions by WBC

i. 21/03019 CERTP The Beeches, Lewendon Hill.

Replacement of a wooden building attached to the garage with a smaller, more robust structure, to be used as a summer house/gym.

Streatley Parish Council was not informed of this application.
Refused 25 February.

ii. 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.

Streatley Parish Council did not object to this application but had concerns about the imposition of noise from the heat pump compressor on the neighbour located on the west side of the building and requested a condition to be added that the compressor unit must not impose more than 42 decibels at the nearest neighbouring property boundary.

Amended plans received 25 February.
Approved 11 March.

iii. 20/02780/HOUSE 3 Coombe Cottages, The Coombe.

Non-Material amendment to planning permission for replacement of existing rotting wood porch with new brick and glazed porch. Amendment: Installation of free-standing heat pump to the front and associated pipework, as well as electric vehicle charging point on front wall house.

Streatley Parish Council was not informed of this amendment.
Refused 11 March.

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.

ii. 22/00075/HOUSE 2 Underwood Cottages, The Coombe.

Demolition of existing double garage and erection of replacement home office.

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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 made good.
- iii. 22/00138/FUL2 Linden Cottage, Reading Road.
Retrospective regularisation of mixed agricultural hardstanding/engineering works.
Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application.
- iv. 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.
Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application.
- v. 22/00286/HOUSE 4 White Hard Yard, High Street.
Rationalisation of entrance. Attic level link roof with accommodation.
Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application. However, following concerns from a neighbour, Streatley Parish Council has requested that the access is always kept clear.

f. Other planning (and licensing) matters

- i. 21/03091 CERTP The Old Golf House Rectory Road.
Location of caravan in the garden whilst the dwelling is demolished and rebuilt.

Streatley Parish Council was not informed of this application.
- ii. APP/W0340/W/21/3286654 Planning Appeal in relation to 21/01179/FULD at land to rear of Sunfield.

Streatley Parish Council objected to the application on the grounds that it presents an increase in scale to the property and the street scene in relation to the approved application 17/01476/FULD where the garage was a wooden structure to the rear of the property. Following the rejection/withdrawal of several applications to build a larger property on this plot, including a failed appeal to the planning inspectorate, this variation appears to be an attempt by stealth to build a larger building than approved.

It was agreed that Council would further endorse their objection to the planning application.
Clerk to draft a letter for review by Cllrs Spring and Jubb. **Clerk**

22/041 Finance Matters

a. Payments made between meetings.

None.

b. Payment of Accounts received by Council

- i. £488.00. T. Joslyn. Planting of 3 cherry trees.
- ii. £88.72. SSE. Street lighting energy February (paid by direct debit).

Council resolved that the above invoices be approved for payment.

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c. Receipts

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d. Other Finance Matters

- i. Council approved the bank reconciliation as of 31st February 2022 (previously circulated).
- ii. Council acknowledged payment of the Clerk's salary on 1st March.
- iii. Council agreed an increase of 5% to the Clerk's salary (to £7,875pa) from April 2022.
- iv. Council was updated on the progress of the review and update to bank signatories.
Information required from Cllrs Jubb and Davis. **Clerk**

22/042 Specific Matters for Discussion/Decision:

None.

22/043 Reports on:

a. Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust

Councillor Barnes reported that a new trustee, with a financial background, has been appointed and the trustees are looking for another with an educational background.

The stems of the ivy on the inside of the wall have been chopped to allow it to degrade.

b. Website/IT

Councillor Barnes reported that the link to the SERG information had now been removed.

A photograph and bio for Councillor Davis have been added to the SPC website.

c. Allotment Society.

Nothing to report from Councillor Robertson.

d. Recreation Ground

- i. No report was received from FoSRG.
- ii. Maintenance and repairs of the AstroTurf were carried out on 10 March.

e. Neighbourhood Action Group

Councillor Spring had nothing to report.

f. St. Mary's Church

Councillor Spring reported that routine maintenance on the gutters and other ongoing repairs have been carried out.

There was no major damage from recent storms.

g. Traffic and Highways

Councillor Jubb had nothing to report.

22/044 Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda)

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- i. 17th February. CCB. Action for All E-Bulletin.
- ii. 22nd February. Royal Berkshire Fire Authority (RBFA). Consultation on Draft Members' Code of Conduct.
- iii. 24th February. WBC Transport Services Team. Statutory Consultation for Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme.

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- iv. 24th February. John Boler. North Wessex Downs AONB walking festival - June 2022 Request.
- v. 1st March. Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Diversity consultation.
- vi. 1st March. WBC. Information on our new Co-production Steering group for Environmental services.
- vii. 2nd March. Thames Valley PCC. PCC Victims Survey.
- viii. 9th March. WBC Press Release. The Household Support Fund Scheme is ending soon.
- ix. 10th March. WBC Press Release. Newbury Pride - West Berkshire Museum.
- x. 10th March. WBC. aDoddle! The new community mapping tool.
- xi. 10th March. West Berkshire Countryside Society. Upstream – Spring issue.

22/045 Items Raised by Councillors

- i. Councillor Anderson has been contacted regarding cars emerging from Streatley Hill on a red light when they have been delayed from progressing due to large vehicles turning or the High Street being blocked. This is particularly dangerous during school journey times. She will bring this to the attention of the school in the first instance as they may wish to raise their concerns with WBC. **SA**
- ii. Councillor Barnes enquired whether the Parish Council should take a table at the Jubilee street party. It was agreed that this would be a good idea. Clerk to book. **Clerk**
- iii. Councillor Spring reminded Councillors of his intention to step down as Chairman at the May meeting and consideration should be given as to who might replace him.
- iv. Councillors Smith and Jubb recently met with 2 members of The Swan team regarding an application to be submitted for a car park extension. The application has not changed from their previous submission, and they were looking for support from the Parish Council. It was made clear that the Parish Council was not able to comment until such time as the application was submitted and SPC was notified by WBC Planning Dept.

The reasons for the refusal of the previous application were discussed and The Swan will attempt to make a more robust submission this time, with factual data to support their application and how they would address the reasons for refusal.

22/046 Open Forum

None.

District Councillor Law and the second member of the public left at 09:45pm.

22/047 End of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 11th April 2022 in the Morrell Room at 7:50pm. The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

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