

# Hurley Parish Council

## Minutes for Meeting 5 – 2009

Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting (AGM) of the

### HURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Burchetts Green School, Burchetts Green on Thursday 21st May 2009 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr John Addiscott (Chairman), Cllr Harry Sparrow (Vice Chairman)  
Cllrs: Sandra Baker, David Burfitt, Steve Harrington, Kim McLaren, Tom Pratt.

ALSO PRESENT: 12 members of public and Mrs Janet Wheeler (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Cllrs G. Hill; D. Jarvis and C. Westacott. RBWM Borough Cllr Maureen Hunt also apologised as she was attending the Parish Conference.

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** Cllr Burfitt proposed Cllr Harrington to stand as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Sparrow. There being no other nominations the vote unanimously approved this appointment. Cllr Harrington accepted the role and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:** Cllr Addiscott proposed Cllr Sparrow to continue as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Pratt and AGREED unanimously.

#### 4. **APPOINTMENTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES:**

- Berkshire Association of Local Councils (BALC) – Cllr Sandra Baker
  - District Association of Local Councils (DALC) – Cllrs Sandra Baker and David Burfitt.
  - FRAG – no longer operating.
  - Grundon Liaison – Cllrs Sandra Baker and Tom Pratt.
  - Hurley Riverside Project – no longer operates.
  - LAANC – Cllr Steve Harrington.
  - Local Access Forum – Cllr Chris Westacott.
  - Planning Stakeholders RBWM – Cllr Sandra Baker
  - Strategic Partnership RBWM – Clerk to find out what this is!
- x) White Waltham Airfield Consultative Committee – Cllr Chris Westacott.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to listen to members of the public speak at the Open Forum.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Mr John Gray spoke again on the performance of the Hurley bus and the failings of the current service. He spoke of the things that the Parish Council had outlined in their draft letter to Courtney Coaches and RBWM. Cllr McLaren showed Mr Gray her letter and he seemed quite happy with the draft.

Mr Philip Gray spoke of the dangers of the sand and gravel deposits on the 90 degree bend at the bottom of Honey Lane. He said that it was difficult to retain control without skidding in the loose sand and gravel. One post had already been knocked down which indicates that this could become a regular hazard. Mr Gray also said that the present location of the grit box, on the junction of the Henley Road, was no use for those who lived further up Honey Lane.

Mr Toby Skelton of East Arms Place spoke of the reasons why the residents have applied for planning permission to install gates at the opening of their development. He said that the over-riding factor was the safety of children and residents. The gates would be automatic opening operated by a loop in the road. Pedestrian access would be via a side gate. The intention was to nurture the safety for their children but not to exclude other residents. Mr Paul Delgado endorsed the safety aspect.

Mr Tony May spoke of road safety in Burchetts Green. He said that many parents were dropping their children at the village school and then using the triangular island at the top of Honey Lane to turn round. Through traffic, however, was increasing in speed having negotiated the last speed hump before the Honey Lane junction. Mr May and his supporters were keen to ask RBWM to extend the 20mph speed limit with two extra road humps either side of the junction at the top of Honey Lane. The idea had not yet been discussed with the Burchetts Green Village Association. Mr May said that Cllr Hunt had been told of these ideas.

Mr Johan Truter spoke in support of PIn Appn 09/00747 4 Goulders Cottages. He said that their seemed to be an issue on the design of a skylight with the neighbours. Mr Truter offered some other ideas to make the skylight more acceptable – such as dividing the expanse of glass into four. He was told that the Councillors could only discuss what was on the table at the meeting. Mr Gray left the meeting thanking the Parish Council for their efforts to sort out the Hurley bus.

The Chairman convened the meeting with thanks to Cllr John Addiscott for surviving a very challenging two years in the Chair.

**067/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Hill, Jarvis and Westacott. Cllr Hunt also sent her apologies due to being at the Parish Conference.

**068/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Cllr Addiscott declared a prejudicial interest in PIn Appn 09/00876. The rest of the Council declared a personal interest in this application.

#### **069/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED AND DISCUSSED:**

**Planning Ref:** Current Planning Applications  
09/00747

(20/04/09) Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Amendment to approved application 08/00853.  
**4 GOULDERS COTTAGES**, Upper Culham Road, Wargrave.  
Mr Duncan Templeton

**NO OBJECTION** – proposed by Cllr Burfitt, seconded by Cllr Sparrow.  
VOTE: IN FAVOUR = 4, AGAINST = 2, ABSTENTION = 1.  
09/00730

(15/04/09) Construction of a replacement detached dwellinghouse.  
**THE PADDOCKS (formerly La Pergola)**, Hurley Lane, Hurley.  
Mr and Mrs L. Green.

**NO OBJECTION** = Proposed by Cllr Addiscott, seconded by Cllr Burfitt.  
VOTE: IN FAVOUR = UNANIMOUS  
09/00786

(24/04/09) Erection of two timber entrance gates.  
**0 EAST ARMS PLACE**, Hurley.  
Hurley Gate Management Ltd.

**NO OBJECTION** on the condition that access will be unrestricted and there would be no exclusion of non-residents by use of a key pad. Proposed by Cllr McLaren, seconded by Cllr Burfitt.  
VOTE: IN FAVOUR = 4, AGAINST = 3.  
09/00876

(07/05/09)

Change of use of Barn to Granny Annex permitted by application 91/00454 without complying to Condition 2 of that permission relating to occupation.  
**CHANNERS**, High Street, Hurley.  
Mr John Addiscott

**NO OBJECTION** – Proposed by Cllr Burfitt, seconded by Cllr McLaren.  
VOTE: IN FAVOUR = UNANIMOUS  
09/00864

(08/05/09) To increase the ridge height of permitted planning application 08/01539, removal of flat roof portion to continuing roof line to apex.  
**THE MEERINGS**, Lutman's Haven, Knowl Hill.  
Mr Roger Frost

**NO OBJECTION** – Proposed by Cllr Addiscott, seconded by Cllr Pratt.  
VOTE: IN FAVOUR = UNANIMOUS.  
09/00780

(21/04/09) FOR INFORMATION ONLY.  
Certificate of Lawfulness to determine whether the proposed single storey side extension is lawful.  
**20 SHEPHERDS CLOSE**, Hurley.  
Maidenhead and District Housing Association  
09/00854

(14/05/09) Rebuilding of 1.7m high damaged wall and 2.0m high piers.  
**TEMPLE COURT**, High Street, Hurley.  
Mr Trevor Greenaway

**OBJECTION** – Proposed by Cllr Addiscott, seconded by Cllr Sparrow.  
Contrary to CA2 – neither enhances nor protects the Conservation Area and is out of keeping. Can be seen from the road.  
VOTE: IN FAVOUR = UNANIMOUS.

**Planning Ref** Current Appeals  
08/02884

Two storey rotunda extension.  
**FRENCH FARM**, Hurley Lane, Hurley.  
Mr R Cutler – Cutler Architects.  
Plns Ref: APP/TO355/A/09/2103143

To be decided on the basis of an exchange of **written statements**. Any submissions to be received by **10 June 2009**.

Hurley Parish Council does not agree with the refusal from RBWM. The Clerk was asked by write to the Inspectorate to state this view. This was proposed by Cllr Sparrow, seconded by Cllr Addiscott.  
VOTE: IN FAVOUR = 6, ABSTENTION = 1

Cllr Burfitt alerted the Parish Council to a possible enforcement issue at Goulders Cottages. The land adjacent to No 6 has been developed as a garden instead of being retained as agricultural land. The Clerk was asked to ask the Enforcement Officer at RBWM to have a look at this.

The Council looked through the Decisions listing from RBWM.

#### **070/09 CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Hurley Play Area** – The dog grid is now in place on the Shepherds Close entrance.

**Knowl Hill War Memorial** – Carving work complete – agd item for maintenance.

**Honey Lane/Prospect Park Traffic Calming** – No response to the earlier letters on using 106 monies for junction improvements. Clerk to contact the 106 team at RBWM to see whether any monies could be made available. Another grit bin further up the hill is also needed.

**Honey Lane – Drainage issues, gravel and hedges** - Response from S. Brown to the photos showing the road signs obscured by the hedges. The traffic team will cut back the hedge on this occasion but it is the responsibility of the land owner. No response to the email on the drainage problems. The gravel collecting at the bottom of Honey Lane has been mentioned by several residents and is a serious road safety issue. The road layout seems to give the private road priority over the public road.

**Nuisance in Ashley Hill Woods** – This item can now be removed from the list. The highway now has a post and rail fence being installed with the pathways being obstructed by logs and a huge trench to discourage motorcyclists. Concern was expressed about the gateway under construction that seems to imply that vehicle access is possible from the highway.

**Appeal** – Warreners Stable Block 07/03190 – Appeal in favour of owners but does not address the dangerous access. Graham Brewster Highways Dept was due to reply to the Parish Council.

**Hurley Bus Service** – Letter now drafted and on the agd.

**Grundons** – On the agenda for later in the evening.

**Hurley Play Area maintenance** – Results of ROSPA inspection on the agd.

**Parking on the A4** – Decision taken at last meeting not to install no parking signs.

**Car park at Bainhurst Cottages, Littlewick Green** – David Chandler is being chased to do the pot holes.

**East Arms Gates** – Agd item on Planning.

**Water flow down Honey Lane** – email to be sent to RBWM querying the drainage from the top of the road (a dip which fills with water) and down the bottom (right angle bend) where the gravel and slurry is a hazard.

**Rose Lane** – RBWM officer erected a flimsy barrier using cones and tape. Needs something more substantial.

**Temple Court** – on planning agd.

**LDF Consultation/SHLAA** – email sent to Alison Knight on behalf of Bisham, Hurley, Cookham and White Waltham Parish Councils – no response so far.

**Playbuilder Project – Choseley Road Site** – On agd.

**071/09 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Cllr Maureen Hunt was attending the Parish Conference this evening.

**072/09 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd April 2009 were circulated to all Councillors before the meeting. On the proposal of Cllr Addiscott, seconded by Cllr Baker, the Minutes were approved with no amendments.

**073/09 FINANCE:** The Financial Report as at 23/05/2009 was presented to the Council along with Payments, Transfers and Bank Reconciliation Statements. On the proposal of Cllr Burfitt, seconded by Cllr Addiscott it was AGREED to approve and sign this Financial Report, the cheques and transfer.

**074/09 DRAFT LETTER TO COURTNEY COACHES AND RBWM:** The Clerk had drafted a letter summarising most of the comments from Mr Gray over the last few meetings. Some other changes were made such as the section on the use of passengers travelling to Henley. The letter was approved to be sent with these amendments incorporated.

**075/09 PLAYBUILDER PROGRAMME:** The Clerk handed out a list of actions to Councillors. This was as a result of the meeting held the previous Monday at Knowl Hill Village Hall. The questionnaires had been completed and should be printed by Friday (tomorrow). Cllrs Baker, McLaren, Harrington, Sparrow and Pratt volunteered to help with the delivering during the half term week. The Service Level Agreement had been amended by Cllr Addiscott and all were agreed to send this to Callum at RBWM. The Contract was also discussed and the liability if the project was not complete by the end of March. Cllr Sparrow felt that we should operate on a finish date four months ahead of March to allow time for any hold-ups. The Council could also put a clause in the final contract. It was agreed to consider this when drafting the tender documents.

**076/09 REMOVAL OF JAPANESE KNOTWEED AT CHOSELEY ROAD SITE:** This was noticed during a site meeting to discuss the proposed play area. Cllr Baker had found some good advice on the web site of the Environment Agency. The plant is very invasive with deep roots. Once an infestation is established it takes years to rid the plant. Cllr Addiscott had made discreet queries with the land owner and it was AGREED to review this problem if no action is taken.

**077/09 ROSPA REPORT ON THE TWO PLAY AREAS:** The report highlighted one urgent action on the Junior Swings at Hurley. The bolts were loose and needed tightening. There were a host of medium to low risk actions which the Clerk was asked to invite Philip Holdford to quote for. The red risk should be done as soon as possible.

**078/09 REVIEW OF THE LTP CAPITAL PROGRAMME OF ROAD REPAIRS:** The Council agrees that most of the roads earmarked for attention were not in the parish of Hurley. Cllr Rayner's letter inviting suggestions for road and paths would receive another copy of the roads and paths suggested last year. One new addition was the the footpath from Dairy Cottage to the Riverside – FP 59.

**079/09 APPROVAL OF BRAYWICK NURSERIES CONTRACT:** The contract had been circulated with the agenda. On the proposal of Cllr Addiscott, seconded by Cllr Burfitt it was AGREED to renew this contract for the maintenance of the Knowl Hill Play area.

**080/09 MAINTENANCE OF KNOWL HILL WAR MEMORIAL:** On completion of the carving, Cllr Baker and Cllr Addiscott had put together a maintenance programme to help keep the war memorial looking good. The Council approved this programme. Cllr McLaren asked for a vote of thanks to be minuted to Cllr Baker for all her hard work on this project. The Clerk was asked to reclaim the monies on this project from Grundon and the Wolfson Foundation.

**081/09 LATE CORRESPONDENCE:** It was AGREED that the Honey Lane junction at Burchetts Green would not be a high priority with RBWM for further ramps as fewer houses were affected. Cllr Pratt commented that the emergency services were not keen on road humps. Cllr Harrington spoke of the data from the SID machine which would be able to record current car speeds. It was AGREED that the Council should wait to see what the Burchetts Green Village Association want. Cllr Burfitt suggested that if humps were not possible, the use of rumble strips would be an alternative. A comment was made on the fact that the Parish Conference clashed with the Hurley Council Meeting. The date of the next meeting at the end of October also clashed. Cllr Baker would ask Cllr Bateson to consider rotating the days of the week to hold the Parish Conference.

#### **082/09 FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Council Meeting 11th June 2009 Knowl Hill Village Hall  
Council Meeting 9th July 2009 Burchetts Green School

The meeting closed at 10.36pm.

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