

HURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HURLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 28th OCTOBER 2010 AT THE GILCHRIST THOMAS VILLAGE HALL, LITTLEWICK GREEN, BERKS

PRESENT: Cllr. Steve Harrington (Chairman),
Cllr. John Addiscott,
Cllr Mrs M Armson
Cllr Mrs Sandra Baker,
Cllr Harry Cottrell
Cllr David Burfitt,
Cllr David Jarvis,
Cllr Mrs K McLaren
Borough Cllr Mrs M Hunt
Mr Chris Parker – RBWM Community Warden
5 members of the public
The Clerk - Mrs C Woodley

133/10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Harrington opened the meeting and ensured that all attending were aware of fire exits from the hall. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Pratt and C Westacott.

134/10. MINUTES

The Clerk put forward an amendment to show that apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs K McLaren, Cllr J Addiscott proposed acceptance of this amendment, seconded by Cllr D Burfitt. Agreed. The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 30th September 2010 were then signed as a true record.

OPEN FORUM

The Chairman closed the meeting for a short duration, for members of the public to address the Parish Council. A presentation was made to members by Mr I Govier and Mr M Withers from Honda to highlight the company's proposals to refurbish the old garage site on the A4 in Littlewick Green. A model of proposals was tabled and discussed. Points made included:

The site will be properly fenced on three sides.

The facility will be manned 7 days a week during normal trading hours.

The forecourt will provide some customer parking and some display cars.

The proposed building is larger than the current footprint but includes the existing canopy.

Outside lighting was raised as a concern to nearby residences.

Mr Tony May, a resident in Littlewick Green, raised concerns over the increasing number of Events of clay pigeon shooting in the area. Borough Cllr Mrs M Hunt confirmed that it is lawful to organize up to 28 events in a year and promised to circulate the guidelines issued by the CLEH to assist residents. Cllr Mrs Hunt will contact the Berks College of Agriculture in order to establish when these events are likely to take place. Mr May also made mention of the noise nuisance made by bird scarers in the area which sound regularly between the hours of 7am and dusk.

Chris Parker reported on residents' concerns over the unoccupied units at Grasslands, Hurley being developed for housing and Cllr Mrs Armson commented that Mr M Shanley has approached Mr Ramsay of Hurley Village Association about this matter.

The members of the public left the meeting and Cllr Harrington re-opened the meeting at 8.10pm.

135/10.

PLANNING

TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM RBWM

Location	Planning No.	Applicant	Proposal	Parish Comments
MERLINS, High Street, Hurley	10/02157	Mr A Kang	Cert. Of Lawfulness to determine whether proposed single storey rear extension to create garden room is lawful	<i>AUTOMATIC GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSSION</i> 28.09.10 - noted
MERLINS, High Street, Hurley	10/02159	Mr A Kang	Single storey rear extension to create garden room.	<i>WITHDRAWN</i> - noted
ABBEY HOUSE, Mill Lane, Hurley	10/02257	Mr K James	To fell a Leylandii and crown reduce a copper beech in a Conservation Area	Cllr Addiscott reported that the tree had outgrown its normal life. It was agreed to Defer to Tree Officer
LARBERT COTTAGES, 4, Coronation Road, Littlewick Green	10/02262	Mr S Thirlby-Smith	Two storey side extension	<i>WITHDRAWN</i> - noted
QUELM PARK, Honey Lane, Hurley	10/02269	Mr M Shanly	Renewal of permission 08/00405 for the construction of a replacement guesthouse (approved under 02/39455)	Cllr Addiscott proposed that this be ACCEPTED subject to confirmation that the details of the application remain unchanged, seconded by Cllr Burfitt. Agreed. On a majority vote of 7 with 1 abstension.
NAGS HEAD COTTAGE, Gilchrist Way, Littlewick Green	10/02319	Mr and Mrs Richards	Demolition of existing and construction of a 4 bed detached house and garage	Cllr J Addiscott proposed SUPPORT seconded by Cllr Burfitt. Agreed with 2 abstensions
NAGS HEAD COTTAGE, Gilchrist Way, Littlewick Green	10/02320 Conservation Area	Mr and Mrs Richards	Consent to demolish an unlisted building in a Conservation Area	Cllr J Addiscott proposed SUPPORT seconded by Cllr Mrs McLaren. Agreed with 2 abstensions
LEE FARM HOUSE, High Street, Hurley	10/02341 Conservation Area	Mr A Ramsay	To pollard a horse chestnut, re-pollard a poplar, tip reduce mixed trees to clear	Cllr D Burfitt proposed Defer to Tree Officer, seconded by Cllr

			wires, reduce an ash, cypress, hawthorn and oak	Addiscott. Agreed unanimously.
LEE FARM HOUSE , High Street, Hurley	10/02342 Conservation Area	Mr A Ramsay	Tip reduce branches to clear driveway	Cllr D Burfitt proposed Defer to Tree Officer, seconded by Cllr Addiscott. Agreed unanimously.
THE STUDIO , Shepherds Lane, Hurley	10/02457	Mr J Hannan	To crown reduce large limbs overhanging house on one weeping willow	Cllr D Burfitt proposed Defer to Tree Officer, seconded by Cllr Mrs Armson. Agreed with 2 abstentions.
CULHAM COURT LODGE , Henley Road, Henley	10/02387	Culham Court Inc.	Consent to erect a single storey side and rear extension with underground link complex	NO OBJECTION to this development, provided that the proximity of the proposed building so close to the Henley Road is acceptable to Highways
CULHAM COURT LODGE , Henley Road, Henley	10/02388 LB Consent	Culham Court Inc.	Consent to erect a single storey side and rear extension with underground link complex	NO OBJECTION to this development, provided that the proximity of the proposed building so close to the Henley Road is acceptable to Highways

RBWM DECISIONS (no Pending Appeals)

Location	Planning No.	Proposal	Parish Meeting Date	PC's Comments	Decision
WICKHURST COTTAGES, 2 BATH ROAD , Littlewick Green	10/01519	Single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory	05.08.10	Concern was raised that the plans show more proposals (changes to the driveway and boundary wall) than are included in the application. REJECT and press for amended plans.	GRANTED 24.08.10
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HURLEY MANOR, HIGH STREET, Hurley	10/01626	To crown reduce 1 lime by 4m on large limb towards “the studio” and crown reduce up to 5.5m on central main limb and clean crown	05.08.10	Deferred to Tree Officer	NO OBJECTION 23.09.10
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136/10. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Borough Cllr Mrs M Hunt reported on the following:

License for The Olde Bell, Hurley. Cllr Hunt has spoken to the Licensing Officer RBWM to check on the plan indicating the outside bar area and nothing can now be done to alter it however she felt that an appeal could be made against the Licensing Sub-Panel’s decision and will find out about this.

FP 63 Work at Hurley Lock – an update was given.

Service Deliveries to New Road, Hurley – numerous complaints have been made that this location cannot be found by services. A new sign is needed but since the road is private, it is down to residents to erect it. Ditches in Hurley High Street – it is the responsibility of the land owners to clear these and this will be done when hedge work is carried out.

March of Honour

To take place from Reading to Braywick (between 5 and 6pm) and then on to Windsor and finally London on Wednesday 10th November on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Members of all armed services will be walking with backpacks. Cllr Mrs Hunt is urging that people line the route to show their support.

Planning Application for the Shire Horse Centre, Littlewick Green

Mrs Hunt reported that this application was raised at the meeting of White Waltham Parish Council last Tuesday with a proposal of 9 houses to replace the Village Life Craft Area. Comment was made that this was not considered to be viable and that it should be proven to be change of use from craft to retail use.

137/10. CLERK’S REPORT

Choseley Road Play Area

A letter has been sent to Richard Sewell of Wicksteeds over the matters that remain unresolved and he has acknowledged this with a promise to look into and come back to the Parish Council.

An order has been placed with Playground Facilities for the installation of a new fence and gates and it is expected that this will be carried out in the next two to three weeks. The Clerk will inform local residents of the commencement date of this work.

Cllr Cottrell made a request that the Parish Council considers work to a tree in the play area where the branches are now extending over a residents garden and the trunk where the bark is coming off is exposing sharp edges where the branches were originally cut off. It was agreed that the Clerk approaches Braywick Heath Nurseries to see if they would carry out this work and the chamfering of the logs. It was also agreed that Cllr Mrs Baker, Cottrell and Pratt meet on site to consider possible work to trees to prevent children climbing them

Hurley Play Area

The cable runway has now been repaired satisfactorily. The Clerk has been in touch with RBWM who is not prepared to install a gate into the Play Area since the adjoining recreation field is the responsibility of Hurley Village Association. However, there is around £1K of S.106 money earmarked for the recreation field which could be used to pay for a gate. The Clerk has contacted the Village Association over this matter. The Clerk was asked to seek quotes for these gates.

The Olde Bell, Hurley Village

The Enforcement section of RBWM has responded to the Clerk’s enquiry over the bund, that the hotel is trying to form a woodland walk in the grounds which is unlikely to require planning permission and that there is an issue that some soil was brought in to form banks or mounds which is unlikely to be an issue in planning terms. Cllr Addiscott has pointed out to Enforcement that they certainly have imported material

onto a site within the Flood Plain and have driven equipment (wheeled and tracked) along a public footpath, both activities being unlawful. Borough Cllr Mrs Hunt is arranging a meeting with both Enforcement Officers from the Borough and Parish Councillors.

Knowl Hill War Memorial (St. Peter's Churchyard)

Cllr Mrs Baker has approached a new stone carver Mr Peter Foster. The lettering on the memorial is too small to be reinstated so names will be taken from the memorial and put on a granite plaque either kept in the church or put on the back of the memorial. Cllr Mrs Baker is seeking a quote and plans to apply to the War Memorial Trust for half the cost. The remainder could be covered by the Parish Council or local donations.

The Hurley Parish Website

A meeting has yet to be held to discuss a new website.

Hurley village traffic survey

Mr N Walter RBWM has requested a meeting with all parties including the Parish Council in order to report and discuss the results of the recent survey. A date to be set shortly.

Applehill Nursing Home, Burchetts Green

The Clerk has received a response from the Borough over the age restriction of residents at the home as follows:

“Planning permission was granted on the basis that that there was a continuing need for residential care for elderly mentally infirm people as would be provided by extending the home at Apple Hill. The term ‘elderly’ is regarded as a qualitative rather than a quantitative one, so occupation is not restricted only to persons over 65.” The Clerk will seek definition of this term.

Outcome of the Meeting with RBWM on a Tree Planting Scheme in the Parish

The Clerk and six Councillors met Jane Crowther, a Tree officer from RBWM last Friday to find a suitable site in Honey Lane for the planting of either three small trees or one semi-mature tree (to the value of £1000). A site was agreed upon for the planting of one semi-mature oak tree. Ms Crowther is arranging to process the Parish's application. A suggestion was put forward to plant this tree as a memorial to Cllr Geoff Hill and arrange for a plaque to mark the tree. AGREED.

Parish Conference on 26th October 2010

Topics discussed included The Big Society initiative with suggestions that Parishes group to share resources and facilities in order to spread the cost. Examples quoted included waste and recycle facilities, grass cutting contracts, footpath maintenance and broadband connection in rural areas. A Parish could also start a “free school” in its Parish if the community felt a need for this. Policing powers could be acquired in liaison with the police. Planning was discussed the point was made that Parishes should only take this on provided they could work through the whole planning process (ie: to inquiry stage).

Feedback – a Map is being put together to be available on the Borough website soon, entitled “My Local Life” which enables residents to acquire feedback on issues in their area.

Community Payback - A presentation was given on the scheme which creates work in the community for offenders. Types of work include painting and decorating, gardening, ground clearance and maintenance. Groups of either two or between 6-8 people work supervised in one area. Parishes employing these people would have to provide access to toilet facilities and drinking water, provision of tools and materials and make arrangements to clear rubbish. No charge is made for the service which is available in the Maidenhead area at the weekend and in the Windsor area all week. The Clerk has contact details to arrange this. After discussion it was agreed that enquiries be made to clear the wood out of the pond in Honey Lane, Hurley, whilst it remains dry.

RBWM arrangements for supply of grit bins

RBWM has confirmed that the grit bins are due to be delivered to their depot. The Borough contractor will be contacting the Clerk shortly to inform her when the bins will be delivered to our requested locations and to arrange the handing over of the keys for the bins for the Parish Council to manage. Cllr Harrington proposed that a bin should be installed outside Burchetts Green Primary School and the Clerk will look into this. After discussion it was agreed that the bins should remain unlocked for the duration of the winter.

Resident's concern over post going astray in Warren Row

Comment was made that services are also experiencing difficulty in finding houses in this area.

Pension request from The Clerk

This matter was raised in Pt 11 at the last meeting and further discussion took place in **Pt 11 at this meeting.**

The Parish Calendar

The Clerk asked Councillors to consider this document and give their comments at the next meeting.

138/10. FINANCE

To authorise Payments as listed in the Financial Report

Cllr Addiscott proposed acceptance and payment of all accounts detailed in the Finance Report at Appendix A, seconded by Cllr Burfitt. AGREED.

139/10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COUNCILLORS' FORUM

RBWM – Developers' Contributions Supplementary Planning Document with effect from 1 October 2010.

RBWM – LDF – Maidenhead Town Centre Action Plan Submission Document.

Ranger Autumn/Winter Programme at Braywick Nature Centre 2010.

BALC – Invitation to attend the AGM on Saturday 6th November 2010, with corresponding papers.

Invitation to the Police Crime and Disorder Overview Panel Meeting on 1st November 2010 at 5.30pm in White Waltham. Cllr Mrs Baker and the Clerk are planning to attend.

RBWM – Annual LTP Roads and Footways Programme – a request to highlight road surface problems in the Parish. Councillors had been asked in advance of the meeting to consider this request and the following problem areas were proposed:

Rose Lane – potholes and parts of the surface were missed after recent re-surfacing.

Hurley High Street – 26 potholes

Burchetts Green Lane – potholes.

A4 between Westacott Roundabout and Burchetts Green Roundabout needs re-surfacing.

Star Lane, Knowl Hill – the road linings need to be repaired owing to lorry movements.

Road repair towards Warren Row is uneven.

Change of priority at bottom of Honey Lane and junction with Prospect Park. A site meeting was due to take place between Cllr C Rayner and Stephen Brown from Highways.

The Clerk will pass this list to the Borough.

Borough Flood Forum

Cllr Burfitt reported that the RBWM Flood Forum is arranging a meeting with the National Association of Insurers since some households cant get flood insurance cover. A representative is coming to talk at a meeting on 9th December. There is going to be an “Exercise Watermark” in March 2011 which will be a good opportunity for Parishes to test their Flood Plans. Cllr Burfitt and Addisc ott will be attending a Flood Wardens' Meeting once the date is known.

140/10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

BALC AGM – Saturday 6th November 2010, Grazeley Village Hall.

Next Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 25th November 2010 at 7.30pm in Knowl Hill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.45pm.