



# CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting of Charlbury Town Council held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 7.30pm in the Corner House.

**Members Present:** Mr R N Potter (Chairman), Mr R Prew, Mr J Harrison, Mr I Cox, Mr G Miller, Mrs V Pakenham-Walsh, Mrs H Bessemer-Clark, Mr W Hackmann, Mr R James, Mrs Lethbridge and M/s L Reason

**Apologies:** Mrs S Finch

Prior to the meeting opening three speakers had asked to address Council.

Lady Rotherwick Lady Rotherwick made the following points.

1. Hugh Phillimore is moving elsewhere.
2. WODC had advised Cornbury to hold the premises licence
3. Cornbury wanted 1 large event plus smaller events (10 or so)
4. WODC had second meeting with lawyers and recommended that the application be submitted as it was and that this would be explained to the Town Council at a meeting in November.
5. Cornbury had decided not to resubmit the application as MAMA group sought an early decision.

Mr Hoffman

Mr Hoffman expressed concern at the cumulative effect of noise generated by all of the events held in and near Charlbury. He went on to refer to common law nuisance not just noise measurements i.e. the reduction of living amenity/comfort. There is a strong concern in the Town in relation to noise.

Neil Owen

Mr Owen spoke about proposed library closures in Charlbury and Stonesfield. Agenda item for January.

### **1. To receive the minutes of the last meeting.**

Amendments as follows:-  
page 2 omit not emit  
page 3 but to regret ...  
page 4 Vitalise  
page 2 add to agenda item 5 Mr Cox expressed concern at the lack of public consultation by them.

The minutes were signed subject to the above amendments on a proposition from Mr Miller seconded Mr Hackmann agreed with one abstention.

## **2. To deal with matters arising.**

The Clerk reported that the comments regarding the Cornbury licence application had been sent to meet the deadline of December 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Bessemer-Clark agreed to address the licensing panel on a proposition from Mr Harrison seconded Mr James and carried.

## **3. Declaration of Interest**

Mr Harrison declared an interest in item 4 as a relative was a cheque recipient.

Mr James declared an interest in plan 10/1720.

Both left the meeting at relevant times.

## **4. To sign orders for payment / receive report**

The accounts due for payment were circulated and explained by the Clerk. Together with reference to current balance /finances.

Mr Hackmann proposed that the accounts be paid this being seconded by Mr Prew and agreed nem con. Accordingly cheques were signed by three Councillors.

## **5. To receive a report from the Planning Committee.**

Mr Harper and Mr Jenkins from the Cricket Club had attended the planning meeting to discuss events at the Club for 2011. There was a frank exchange of views during which members expressed concerns at noise levels and the need to consult neighbours fully. The Club would hold a meeting to discuss such concerns with neighbours and look for ways to address issues raised. Members were supportive of the considerable work done at the Club in terms of teams and facilities provided.

The following comments were agreed:-

**10/1713** Conversion of loft to living accommodation at 44 Ticknell Piece Rd

1. We have no objection

**10/1720** Single storey side extension at 4 Crawborough Villas

1. We have no objection

**10/1738** Erection of 15 dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping at land adjacent to Little Lees.

1. This application represents the culmination of close liaison between the Town Council, Planners and Applicant.
2. The provision of much needed affordable housing in Charlbury is strongly supported.
3. There are, however, some concerns which the Town Council would wish to see addressed. In view of neighbour concerns can;
  - (i) The application be deferred
  - (ii) A meeting between the applicant, planners and residents,, or their representatives, take place to address those concerns prior to the Uplands Planning meeting.
4. Can consideration be given to:
  - (i) Incorporating the existing hedge line, or substantial parts of it, into the proposal.

- (ii) The layout of the buildings on the site moving further back from the road.
  - (iii) Addressing the parking provision at plots 11 to 13 to reduce its visual impact
  - (iv) Addressing concerns with regard to safe traffic movement
  - (v) The observations of local residents
5. Can this go to Committee please  
(Mr Cox will address the Cttee at WODC.)

**10/1748** Extensions and convert garage at Williams Land, Fishers Lane

- 1. Is the reduced parking provision sufficient
- 2. It appears at para3 of the application that the conversion of an existing garage is sought. The plan shows an extension to the existing garage which may impact on neighbours wall.
- 3. We therefore object to this proposal until this point is clarified / explained.

**10/1760** Loft conversion at 9 Sheep St.

- 1. The application makes no mention of the 1.8metre timber fence as shown on the drawings. Does this leave sufficient room for parking as this appears unclear.
- 2. We object to the roof light on the front elevation and would prefer one central dormer or two dormers side by side in this important part of the Conservation area.

## **Planning Results**

**10/1185** Convert garage and loft, single storey side extension at 60 Ticknell Piece Rd

Permitted

**10/1495** Convert workshop to annexe at Spellwood, 4 Spelsbury Road.

Permitted

**10/1505** Erect detached double garage at 1 Woodstock Road.

Permitted

## **6. To deal with Correspondence.**

WODC Electoral Register.. Request forms circulated.

Exercise Watermark Mr Harrison to attend.

M/S Reason Invitation for Owen Smith to speak at February Planning meeting agreed. Clerk to arrange.

Street Lighting February Agenda

Neil Owen/Mrs Epps Charlbury Library. Agenda item January.

WODC Licensing Panel for Cornbury will be Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 2011

Mrs Pakenham-Walsh Winter Maintenance equipment. A brief report was circulated to all present and it was agreed that 4 salt bins and 3 spreaders be obtained.

M/s Reason Photo voltaic panels at Cornbury. Generally considered a good idea. A meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> December is planned. Members welcome to attend

## **7. To consider the recommended precept for 2011/12**

Mr Hackmann proposed a precept of £76,341 be sought as recommended by the special precept meeting, seconded Mrs Bessemer-Clark and agreed nem con.

## **8. To consider affordable housing**

Planning application is now being considered.

## **9. To receive reports**

- a. Cemetery** Loose slab and litter near seat in Northern extension.  
**Salting of paths successful**
- b. Corner House and Memorial Hall.** Mrs Pakenham-Walshs report had been circulated.
- c. Mill Field, Watery Lane and Bridges.** Slippery when wet notices need renewing. River running clear.
- d. Nine acres** Pavilion foundation stone formally laid on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Photos circulated
- e. Quarry Lane and Ticknell** OCC footpath officer looking into concerns re-trees overhanging gardens (Mrs Stubbles)
- f. Wigwell.** Nothing to report
- g. Station** Infill has started on old allotment site.
- h. General.** See Mr Millers report. Mr Miller thanked for organising the litter pick.
- i School Governor** School is well supported and effective.
- j. Transport** Complaints re Witney Service passed to OCC
- k. Neighbourhood Action Group** Report circulated.

The Chairman concluded by wishing all Members a good Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Vice Chairman made a presentation to the Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.53pm.