



COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 24th May 2022

Present:

Cllrs Fenner, Marsh, Silsby, Hanks, Murray, Clark, Verner, Adams & McArdle
Linda Randall - Clerk

In Attendance:

Mr B Broughton, Mr & Mrs Fastnedge, Mrs J Heaton, Mr J Wilding and District Cllr Beck

Public Participation

Mr Broughton made the Councillors aware of developers who have commenced removing trees at a residence in Gladstone Lane with a view to building 10 dwellings with an access road behind existing properties. No consultation has taken place with residents; many trees have been felled although none with tree preservation orders as far as the residents are aware. **Cllr McArdle** advised that the tree officer had visited the site. **Cllr Verner** asked if the property was occupied and was advised it was currently rented. No application had been submitted and **Cllr McArdle** thanked the residents for bringing it to the Parish Councils attention.

District Cllr Beck advised he was attending the meeting with an interest in item 228937 Manor Park Playing Field.

228931 **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies.

228932 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Marsh declared an interest in item 228941 – planning application 22/01067/HOUSE 14 Yates Copse Newbury

228933 **Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th May 2022 were approved unanimously as a correct record and were signed by the **Chairman**.

228934 **Matters Arising**

- **Clerk** advised that she had advised the internal auditor that she would continue for another year.
- **Clerk** had sent register of interest forms to Councillors to update if necessary.
- Dates for 2023 Annual Parish Meeting had been reserved.
- **Cllr McArdle** advised that the members bid was underway and that a shed for

storage had been included. Some residents may wish to install memorial benches which would help keep costs down.

228935 Councillor Co-Option

Councillors discussed the request from a resident to become a Parish Councillor. The resident had submitted a letter and signed the qualifications declaration to become a Parish Councillor. He was nominated and seconded and voted unanimously to join the Parish Council and would attend the next meeting as a Parish Councillor representing the Florence Gardens Ward.

228936 Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Silsby advised that the plans for the celebrations were on target. The insurance for the events had been clarified and payment would be raised at the next full meeting. He asked the Parish Council if they were happy to meet the costs for the facilities to be cleaned during the event at a cost of 36.00 These would be paid directly to the cleaner, the Parish Council agreed to this request. **Cllr McArdle** advised that the Quiet Garden would open for the Beacon lighting but would then close and be formally opened later in the year.

228937 Manor Park Football Field

Cllr Marsh presented details of the WBC proposed football pitch which was being considered for Manor Park Playing Field. The NDP steering Group were considering allocating the area as a local Green Space within the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The WBC proposal included extra parking spaces and a toilet block. West Berkshire Council had not approached the Parish Council prior to releasing the consultation. The area was used by residents and was currently a quiet area. **Cllr Clark** asked why it was being considered for development, **Cllr Marsh** advised that the area was short of football pitches. The local residents did not want a pitch; the consultation was due to end on the 6th June 2022. **Cllr Murray** felt that talking to Newbury Town Council would be a positive move. **Cllr Marsh** proposed to object to the whole proposal. This was agreed unanimously by the Parish Council. **Cllr Marsh** would put together a case for objection. District Cllr Beck asked to be copied in on all correspondence.

228938 Office Alarm

Clerk advised the Parish Council that a maintenance check on the Parish Office alarm had taken place. It was agreed further investigation to upgrade the alarm would take place. **Clerk** would speak to the Insurance company.

228939 Competition

Councillors discussed the format for a prettiest front garden competition. It was agreed to follow the format used for the Christmas Lights competitions with residents contacting the Parish Office if they wanted to be considered. **Cllr Hanks** agreed to put together a poster. **Cllr Adams** and **Cllr Hanks** agreed to take part in the judging with members of the Gardening Club. **Clerk** would speak to the Gardening Club regarding dates for judging.

228940 NDP Update

Cllr McArdle advised that the plan was still on course for mid-June, to mid-August, Regulation 14 consultation. However the informal review by WBC had not yet completed. **Cllr McArdle** would chase West Berkshire Council for an update. District Cllr Simpson had agreed to look at sunken lanes. **Cllr Murray** advised that the public

consultation could not be arranged until updates had been received from WBC.

228941 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

22/00928/REM Land Adjacent To Summerfield The Ridge - *Section 73: Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) for previously approved application 21/01203/REM: Section 73 application for removal/variation of conditions 1 (approved plans), 4 (scheme of landscaping) and 5 (instant hedge) of approved 19/00832/REM - Approval of reserved matters following outline permission 16/02529/OUTD - Change of use of part of existing agricultural field to residential and the erection of 5 no. detached dwelling houses with ancillary garages, access, parking, landscaping and associated works. Matters seeking consent - Appearance, landscaping and scale.*

OBJECTION - UNANIMOUS –

- *The new designs are a significant change from the approval, and detrimental because they do not blend in with the street scene on The Ridge. In particular the cladding, colours and textures do not blend in with the existing houses, as was originally agreed.*
- *CAPC do not believe the continual applications for alterations is helpful to planning, approval and building process.*

22/00920/HOUSE Pataya Bucklebury Alley - *Extensions and alterations to the dwelling and new access* **NO OBJECTIONS - UNANIMOUS Comments :-**

- *Confirmation required regarding drainage.*
- *No construction vehicles to be parked on Bucklebury Alley.*
- *Restriction to working hours in line with normal construction rules.*
- *Permitted Development rights to be removed so no further building can take place on site.*

b)

Cllr Marsh declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussions.

22/01067/HOUSE 14 Yates Copse Newbury - *Single storey rear extension – NO OBJECTION - UNANIMOUS*

Planning Decisions

- c) **22/00575/HOUSE** Oakview Heath Lane Henwick -*First floor extension and single storey extension to side of property* **APPROVED** Previous Parish Council Comments -No Objections - unanimous

22/00680/HOUSE Cobwebs Ashmore Green Thatcham RG18 9EX -*Single storey kitchen/dining side extension* **APPROVED** Previous Parish Council Comments -No Objection – Unanimous subject to Assurance that the hedge would be protected.

Appeals

There were no appeals

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman..... Date.....