

COOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of a Meeting of the Cookham Parish Council****Held in the Community Room, Cookham Library on Tuesday 5th July 2022, at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr M. Howard (Chairman)
 Cllrs L. Austin, C. Aisladie, E. Bune, M. Brar, C. Doyle, B. Perry, J. Perry, H. Philip
 and I. Wernham

Also Present: 4 members of the public were present.
 There were no members of the press present.

OPEN FORUM:

The following points were raised by a resident of Strande Park:

1. A request for information about the Strande Park site Licence as there is some discussion as to whether the Licence is being upheld with regards to the proposed development (BLP site AL38, pl/ap 22/00343/OUT).
 This is not within the remit of the Parish Council who do not hold such information and therefore unable to provide it. Cllrs indicated their willingness to help the residents. Cllr M Howard had previously requested information from the Boroughs Environmental Health Team, who are searching their records. The residents were recommended to follow this up themselves and seek legal guidance where necessary.
2. A request for information about the Cllrs meeting with Shanly Homes (agenda item 9a) on 27th June and asked if they were aware of the site licence issue. Cllr Howard indicated that the Shanly Homes representative was aware.
3. Request for access to the Neighbourhood plan AECOM reports. NB: Once Council has approved these documents, they will be available on the website.

Cllr B. Perry introduced one of the Trustees of White Place Farm who presented their plans for the future of the site. The Trustees are developing a proposal which includes a planning application, and once submitted, the Trustee will attend a Planning Committee meeting.

Cllrs M. Brar arrived at 8.10pm

Cllr I. Wernham noted that the paving around the Cookham Village War Memorial is looking messy and asked that the National Trust, who own the area, are approached to tidy it. Cllr Howard will raise this with the NT.

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllrs M. Barnes, M. Coker, I. Herd, P. Roe and T. Suleiman

- a. **To approve the apologies of absence for Cllr M. Coker:** Cllrs unanimously approved Cllr M. Coker's absence for the previous six months due to ill health. Cllrs unanimously agreed a further leave of absence for the next 6 months. This will be reviewed at the January 2023 Full Council meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr M. Brar	Item 7	Member RBWM Maidenhead Development Management Cmte
Cllr M. Howard	Item 14	Personal

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7th June 2022 were approved as a true record of the meeting, on the proposal of Cllr B. Perry seconded by Cllr I. Wernham.

4. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The minutes of the Planning Committee mtg held on 14th June 2022, were approved as a true record of the meeting, on the proposal of Cllr B. Perry, seconded by Cllr E. Bune.
 The minutes of the General Purposes Committee mtg held on 21st June 2022, were approved as a true record of the meeting, on the proposal of Cllr C. Doyle, seconded by Cllr C. Aisladie.
 The minutes of the Inquorate Flood and Major Incident Committee mtg held on 28th June 2022, were approved as a true record of the meeting, on the proposal of Cllr M. Howard, seconded by Cllr M. Brar.

5. FINANCE: To approve payments/receipts in June 2022:

The list of payments and receipts made in June 2022 were unanimously approved on the proposal of Cllr M Brar.

6. TO APPROVE THE CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CAUSED BY THE CHANGE OF CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

Point 7.1 of The Councils Terms of Reference and Committee Structures states that the Finance Committee will consist of at least one Council Member from each ward. Due to the change in Chairman of the General Purposes Cmte there was no representative from Cookham Ward which needed to be addressed. With unanimous approval Cllr M. Coker, Cookham Rise Ward, was replaced by Cllr J. Perry, Cookham Ward.

7. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AT SPENCER'S FARM, SUMMERLEAZE ROAD, MAIDENHEAD:

- a. **22/01537/OUT - Outline application for access only to be considered at this stage with all other matters to be reserved for residential development of up to 330 new homes, land for a primary school of up to three forms of entry with associated landscaping, open space, car parking, drainage and earthworks to facilitate surface water drainage; and all ancillary and enabling works.**
 Comments by date Wed 6th July 2022.
- b. **22/01540/FULL - Full planning application for enabling works comprising the provision of construction access, site preparation and earthworks (in connection with outline planning application for residential development of up to 330 new homes, land for a primary school of up to three forms of entry with associated landscaping, open space, car parking, drainage and earthworks to facilitate surface water drainage; and all ancillary and enabling works).**
 Comments by date Fri 8th July 2022.

On the proposal of Cllr B. Perry, seconded by Cllr M. Howard, and unanimously agreed, CPC will OBJECT to the planning applications 22/01537/OUT and 22/01540/FULL. Cllr B. Perry to write the response and circulate amongst Cllrs prior to it being forwarded by the Clerk within the specified dates to the Planning Authority.

8. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM CLLR I. WERNHAM TO INVESTIGATING THE PURCHASE OF LAND AT THE CORNER OF SUTTON ROAD AND MILL LANE:

After a discussion on the pros and cons of acquiring this land, Cllrs unanimously agreed in favour of not proceeding any further with this initiative.

9. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR B. PERRY REGARDING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WP AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Since the last Council meeting, developments needing report and/or approval are:

1. Cookham's Footprint has lodged a set of proposed amendments to the current draft of the Plan. The Cookham Society has responded with significant objections. Accordingly, the WP met on 30 June to decide what to recommend to Troy.
2. Following the meeting on 30 June, the consolidated comments of recent months will be sent to Troy for them to incorporate into a revised draft Plan.

3. The WP has signed off on AECOM's draft design documentation, with some final amendments. This is earlier than ideal because the Plan is not yet ready. AECOM were, however, obliged by their contract with Locality (which provides their funding) to complete their work by 22 June. A copy was forwarded to Cllrs for review and Council's approval.
4. As will be appreciated from the AECOM position, it is felt that the project is not moving as fast as it should. It is important that momentum is sustained.
5. BLP site AL38, pl/ap 22/00343/OUT: At the time of writing no new documents have been added to the Shanly planning application for AL38 on RBWM's website since 25 April. Cllrs B. Perry, M. Howard and Troy's J. Herbert met with Shanly Homes representatives on Monday 27 June. Having received input from RBWM they are contemplating reducing the number of units and increasing the amount of open space. Those present encouraged 20 homes maximum, approved more open space, noted the unimaginative layout and generally discussed improvements. There was a discussion on how Shanly Homes might better consult with the Parish Council. Troy was happy to attend and produce the subsequent work required.

a) To approve the payment of fees to Troy Planning + Design in connection with the meeting with Shanly on Monday 27th June and the work emanating from that:

On the proposal of Cllr B. Perry, seconded by Cllr M. Howard, Cllrs unanimously approved, the payment for the work conducted by Troy Planning + Design connected with a meeting with Shanly Homes on 27th June (see item 9.5 above). This will come from the Legal / Planning fee budget.

b) To approve the AECOM report as presented and endorsed by the NP Working Party:

On the proposal of Cllr B. Perry, the two AECOM documents: Design Guidance and Codes Cookham, Final Report June 2022 and Site Masterplanning Studies Cookham, Final Report June 2022 were unanimously approved, subject to some minor changes with the photo references.

10. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE BELLWAY CANNONDOWN ROAD WORKING GROUP:

Cllrs reviewed the meeting notes from the 3rd Turley community session of 25th May. There was a general feeling that points raised by the community during the sessions have not been incorporated into the Bellway plans. Cllrs agreed that Cllrs B. Perry and M. Howard could write to the RBWM Head of Planning, Mr A. Waite, and the Lead Member for Planning, Parking, Highways and Transport, Cllr P. Haseler, to note the dissatisfaction in the community engagement process which had felt like a tick box exercise with few changes to the scheme actually being taken on board. The letter can then be referred to in any future objection for the site.

11. TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS TO HOLD A RECEPTION FOR THE ST BENOIR TWINNING VISIT IN OCTOBER 2022:

Cllrs were unanimously in favour of organising a reception for the guests from St Benoir. Cllr J. Perry, who is the Cllr representative of the Twinning Group, will report back to Council once more information is known. Further decisions can then be made about the scale of the event.

12. TO CONSIDER WHAT CAN BE DONE TO HELP PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH FUEL POVERTY - DOES CPC HAVE A ROLE?

There was a concern amongst Cllrs about the seriousness of the issue and the impact fuel poverty may have on all walks of the community. Cllrs agreed that the role of CPC would be to point residents in the right direction to get help from the various sources already signposted by RBWM and other agencies. Cllrs C. Doyle and M Brar to investigate promotion material.

13. TO DISCUSS THE MARLOW FILM STUDIO AND APPROVE ANY FURTHER ACTIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

As noted in Planning Cmte minutes, p 2907 item 7, Cllrs M. Howard and B. Perry have met with Little Marlow Parish Council to understand the views of other Parishes.

Cllrs decided that they wished for CPC to continue to act independently, keep to its own response on the matter and not get involved in any wider campaign as CPC is not fully aware of work carried out by other groups.

The planning application (22/06443/FULEA) is now validated on the Buckinghamshire Council website and is on the agenda for the Planning Committee to discuss on 12th July.

14. TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE COOKHAM WELFARE TRUST – OBJECTIVES AND MANAGEMENT (CONSTITUTION) DOCUMENT:

Subject to clarification on the numbers of Trustees as reported in the document and the Trusts correspondence address, Cllrs reviewed and acknowledged the Cookham Welfare Trust Constitution document.

15. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CLLR M. HOWARD REGARDING THE PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

There was no further update.

16. OUTSIDE BODIES, BOROUGH CLLR AND CLERK'S REPORTS:

Cllr M. Howard **National Trust:** Informal Meeting 30th June 2022, notes supplied.

Cllr J Perry **Borough Flood Liaison Mtg:** 29th June 2022, notes supplied. RBWM Minutes not yet available.

Twining: 8th June. A visit is being planned from St Benoit in the October half term.

PPG: Cmte meeting 27th June. AGM due on 26th July at 6.30pm.

Cllr M. Brar **Borough Cllr Report:** supplied via email prior to meeting. Points covered: BLP legal claim not served correctly, awaiting court's decision if it can proceed, A308 consultation, Switchback traffic calming update, Community Wardens patrolling the Thames for drowning prevention week and Queens Baton relay through RBWM. Cllr Brar reported she has met with Borough Public Rights of Way Officer regarding FP46 – Shergold Way to Cannondown Arch.

Clerk **The Clerk** reported that a run of 6 weeks meetings has left little time for training. The donations policy will be dealt with at the August meeting. CCTV quote: As per June FC, revised quote is £9753, was £9293 (+Vat). CPC may need to update the recording device due to software specification update since the original quote was done at the end of 2021.

17. TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE UPDATES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL ACTION LIST:

The list was reviewed. Cllr B. Perry gave an update regarding the Licences for WildCookham for the Harris Woodbridge Wildlife Reserve regarding costs and Stonehouse Common reflecting the change in status of WildCookham to Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

18. CHAIRMAN'S SUBMISSIONS:

An email from Elizabeth House had been forwarded by the Clerk. They had asked if Cllrs would like to visit the Day Centre to talk about their work. A number of Cllrs said they would be happy to attend.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.