



MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 6.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2019
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, VILLAGE WAY, CRANLEIGH

Councillors

Cllr E Townsend* (Chairman of the Council)
Cllr A Richardson* (Vice Chairman of the Council)
Cllr J Betts*
Cllr R Burbridge
Cllr R Cole*
Cllr K Fernandes*
Cllr M Forszowski
Cllr B Freeston*
Cllr S Jeacock*
Cllr D Nicholas
Cllr R Tyler
Cllr G Worthington

PRESENT*

ALSO PRESENT: Parish Clerk B Bell FSLCC, five members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council AGREED the prior commitment apologies from Cllrs Burbridge and M Forszowski.

2. PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public asked if a short term proposal could be considered to deal with pipe bursts. He suggested that when pipes burst, Thames Water should flush the pipes thoroughly and then test the water quality.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr E Townsend declared she is a Waverley Borough Councillor.
- Cllr S Jeacock declared that he is a former neighbour of the site in item 4 and a previous member of the Cranleigh Civic Society.

4. CRANLEIGH VILLAGE HOSPITAL TRUST - AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATION WA/2018/1966

Cranleigh Parish Council AGREED to re-iterate the comments it submitted previously to the original planning application as adjacent land owner and in the public interest of parishioners.

The Council AGREED to add the following comments to the amended planning application as adjacent land owner and in the public interest of parishioners:

- It is currently very difficult exiting John Wiskar Drive on to Knowle Lane, and the cross roads would make this more dangerous. The Council is very concerned about the proposed raised platform crossing point on Knowle Lane as it is very near to the junction of John Wiskar Drive and could put pedestrians at risk. The Council is further disappointed that nothing has been done to ease the pressure on the junction of the High Street and Knowle Lane which is very difficult for pedestrians to cross. There is also no proposed signage for the crossing point.

- The Council is concerned that the raised platform will make it more dangerous for pedestrians to cross, as it could give pedestrians a false sense of security thinking it is safe to cross at this point. The Council has further concerns that the platform is too close to the junction of Knowle Lane and John Wiskar Drive and may pose a risk to pedestrians crossing as motorists exiting John Wiskar Drive south will be looking north for oncoming vehicles and may not see pedestrians on the platform.
- The raised platform may control the speed of traffic travelling south away from the junction with the High Street, but it will not deal with the fast flowing traffic travelling north, particularly around the pedestrian crossing from Snoxhall Fields to the Bruce MacKenzie Field, which the previous CVHT application proposed to deal with. The Parish Council considers a second raised platform is necessary to the south of the Snoxhall Fields and Bruce MacKenzie Field pedestrian crossing.
- The 2.0m wide footpath detailed in the amended plans is related to a separate planning application for the Knowle Park Initiative and cannot be relied upon to be delivered for this planning application, therefore it should not be included in this planning application. This is similar to the situation with the traffic calming due to be delivered for the Bruce MacKenzie Field that was included in the CVHT planning permission that was never proceeded with, and thus the traffic calming for the Bruce MacKenzie Field was lost.
- The Parish Council would like the traffic calming measures detailed in the previous CVHT planning application WA/2010/1328 to be implemented as part of this planning application.
- The Council would like construction and usage details of the 3.0m wide footpath in the south eastern corner of the application site to be clarified. It has a note to say that the gate is a fire alarm controlled access gate, but the footpath is actually sufficiently wide enough for vehicular access. The footpath leads on to the Downs Link public footpath. Are there any plans to upgrade the surface of this section the Downs Link? There appears to be a splay opposite the gate on to Parish Council land in Village Way close to the Band Room. The Parish Council has not given permission for access on to its land in Village Way from this application site. If this access gate is used, is the applicant planning to access the site via this gate from the Snoxhall Fields access road, the plans are insufficiently detailed to enable the Parish Council to make an informed decision.
- The Parish Council would like further detail about the construction of the 1.8m boundary fence along the southern boundary of this site, as this fence could potentially impact the Snoxhall Fields Area of Strategic Visual Importance.

5. ASBESTOS PIPES IN CRANLEIGH

The Council NOTED the article entitled ‘Testing the Water’ in the Financial Times on 01 April 2019, and the request from the Cranleigh Civic Society to discuss the Health and Safety Risk Assessment for Nonpulmonary Asbestos Risk in Cranleigh prepared by the Cranleigh Society. The Chairman said the Parish Council has written to DEFRA twice with its very serious concerns about the asbestos pipes in Cranleigh.

The Council AGREED to write to the Cranleigh Flood Forum through Rt Hon Anne Milton MP, copying in Waverley Borough Council, to request an independent test of a section of Cranleigh’s asbestos drinking water pipes under laboratory conditions to assess the size and quantity of asbestos fibre release under burst conditions. The Council will also ask through the Flood Forum for Thames Water to define the procedure they follow after a pipe burst for repair, flushing and testing of water. The Parish Council would also like clarification of the advice that Thames Water is giving to residents following a pipe burst and will consider this as an agenda item for the new Council in May.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 18 April 2019. The meeting closed at 6.42pm.

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