

Yattendon Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Thursday 19th February, 2015 at 7:30pm** in Yattendon Village Hall.

Councillors present: Gordon Robertson (Chair), Anne Harris (Vice-chair), Chris Turner, Wendy Mole and Dean Foster.

In attendance: Sarah Marshman (Clerk), Virginia von Celsing (District Councillor), David Slack (Managing Director, Yattendon Estates).

The meeting started at 7.30pm.

1 Apologies for absence

There were none.

2 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

There were none.

3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th November, 2014

It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 13th November, 2014

Andrew Garratt has responded to the request to restrict large vehicles from using Church Lane and Bryants Lane. He has advised that, as there are no footways or verges, there are no suitable locations to install the signs without risk of them being hit by passing vehicles. The Clerk was asked to write to local businesses to request they ask their delivery drivers to beware of pedestrians and to try to use alternative roads where possible.

Water leak: DS advised he had been in contact with Thames Water about the water leak opposite the green telephone box. TW have carried out dye tests and listening tests and believes the problem is groundwater. DS advised that Yattendon Estates is putting in a pump nearby with the aim of lowering the local water table and draining out the area.

Superfast broadband: There is one payment left at end of this financial year for £666. It is the third of three payments. This is usually paid from the parish plan funds, however this currently only has £384.65 in the account so YPC will need to pay the remaining £281.35 from reserves.

Bank mandate: HSBC have contacted today requesting ID from some of the members be presented ASAP before this can be put in place.

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- 5 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing
VvC gave a brief report.

6 Planning Applications

a) To consider new applications

There were no new applications.

b) To receive an update on planning applications since the previous meeting

The following planning applications have been responded to since the last meeting:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
14/03312/ HOUSE	Morleys, Burnt Hill, RG18 0XD	Roof conversion to provide 2 additional bedrooms. Render and cladding to original elevations. No changes to ground footprint. No change to ridge height.	NO OBJECTIONS
15/00120/ FUL	The Butchers Shop, The Square, Yattendon, RG18 0UF	Section 73: Variation of conditions 4: Hours of use, and 5: Limit use, of planning permission 14/02815/FUL: Change of Use of butchers shop (A1 Class Use) to cafe (A3 Class Use) and associated works including the retention of unauthorised works including the removal of internal plaster and modern partitioning.	NO OBJECTIONS

The following decisions have been made by West Berkshire Council since the last meeting:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	WBC Decision
14/02671 /LBC2	The Stores (Post Office), The Square, Yattendon, RG18 0UF	Removal of internal walls in the existing store to create an open plan shop. Removal of a first floor office space in the rear part of the building to create a more open shopping area.	Granted
14/02816 /LBC2	The Butchers Shop, The Square, Yattendon, RG18 0UF	Change of use of butchers shop (A1 Class Use) to cafe (A3 Class Use) and associated works including the retention of unauthorised works including the removal of internal plaster and modern partitioning.	Granted
14/02815 /FUL	The Butchers Shop, The Square, Yattendon, RG18 0UF	Change of use of butchers shop (A1 Class Use) to cafe (A3 Class Use) and associated works including the retention of unauthorised works including the removal of internal plaster and modern partitioning.	Granted
14/03251 /FUL	Telecommunications Mast, Scratchface Lane, Burnt Hill	Addition of 3 no: antenna and ancillary development thereto.	Granted

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- 7 To consider a request for a donation from the Samaritans**
It was resolved to make a donation of £100 to the Samaritans under s137.
- 8 To consider reverting to all planning decisions being made by the full council**
Currently decisions are not made by the full council. It was resolved that decisions should now be made by the full council. The Clerk is to email round the online link to the documentation to all councillors, forward the paper plans to AH in case further clarification is required by any councillors and collate the responses received from all councillors.
- 9 To discuss the request for a restriction to be placed on lorries using Church Lane and Bryants Lane**
This was discussed under item 4.
- 10 To discuss new dates for using the speed indicator device**
New dates were agreed for use of the speed indicator device. WM will collect the equipment and it will be used by WM, CT and DF.
- 11 To discuss the pathway for the older residents from the Bungalows by the barn**
The pathway is currently gravelled and is making access difficult for some of the residents. DS will look at the possibility of resurfacing the pathway.
- 12 To discuss the horse manure behind the bungalows**
There is currently a very large pile of horse manure behind the bungalows and it is affecting the residents. DS advised that a muck wagon has been constructed so the manure can be transported and removed from this site.
- 13 To discuss the classic car event to be held on the 12th July**
In order to celebrate 100 years of Yattendon Garage a classic car event is being organised and will also include cars provided by Lord Iliffe. It will be held at sites around the village and everybody is welcome to attend.
- 14 To consider moving the bank account to Unity Trust Bank**
This was deferred to the next meeting in order to allow more research to be done on the Unity Trust Bank.
- 15 To receive the finance report and approve cheques due for payment**

		<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>
Balance at last meeting 21st August 2014		£4,607.65	
Miss J. Lovelock	Litter picking 01/10/14-31/12/14		£125.00
Frilsham Club Room	Room Hire 21/08/14		£12.00
SLCC	Contribution towards Clerk's subscription fee 2015/16		£18.72
Dr. S. Marshman	Remuneration and expenses to 13/02/14		£774.87

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HM Revenue & Customs	Income tax deductions	£148.00
Sue Ryder	s137 donation (minute 8, 13/11/14)	£200.00
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		£4,607.65 £1,278.59

Balance at bank on 18th February 2015 **£3,329.06**

16 Correspondence

Network Rail: Important safety notice regarding rail electrification - From February 2015 the overhead lines and associated infrastructure along the Great Western Route should be treated as “live” at all times. You do not need to touch the wires to receive a shock. It is extremely dangerous for any person to come closer than 2.75 meters to the equipment or any associated part of it, including support masts, cables and other elements.

West Berkshire Citizens Advice Bureau: Request for a donation.

17 To receive an update on Dean & Pocock **Dean and Pocock Charity**

Balance on 13th November 2014 **£1,397.00**

Balance at bank on 18th February 2014 **£1,397.00**

18 Matters for consideration and information

Village Stores planning application: The Village Store and Post Office will do their best to keep trading during the work that is likely to take at least 2 months. A portable Post Office will be provided and a temporary shop should also be made available.

Transparency Code: A new transparency code has been introduced for Parish Councils with a turnover under £25,000. This will require extra documentation to be made available on the website. The Clerk has been provided with the log in details and will try to make the necessary additions to the website.

Superfast Broadband: Yattendon Estates is putting pressure on to get this upgraded ASAP as it is causing issues for local businesses.

Car park lighting: A light in the car park is working intermittently. The Clerk will contact an electrician to repair the fault.

19 Date of next meeting

To be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 14th May, 2015 in Yattendon Village Hall.
Annual Parish Meeting to be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 30th April, 2015 in Yattendon Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

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