

MINUTES OF ENGLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at The Englefield Estate Office

Present:

Cllr E. Crookes (Chairman)
Cllr M. Postles
Cllr R. Smith
Cllr S. Strang
Cllr N. Wynne Jones

In attendance:

N. Rands (Clerk)
Cllr K. Chopping

Also present: Two members of the public

1. Welcome all present
2. Interest declared in Theale housing development proposals by Cllr E. Crookes
3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th November 2018 were approved and signed as a true record
4. **Matters arising** – it was agreed any matters would be discussed during specific agenda items
5. **Public participation** – the following points were raised by members of the public in attendance
 - a) Fly tipping on North Street – further fly tipping has taken place and items have not been cleared since raised by the Clerk with West Berkshire Council. It was recommended that residents do not clear the items themselves.
Action – Clerk to raise again with West Berkshire Council
 - b) Widening of North Street lane – concerns were raised that the lane is widening due to an increase in large vehicles using the lane.
 - c) Theale House Development Proposals – a number of concerns raised for consideration by Councillors in advance of formal consultation once a planning application has been raised:
 - i. Impact on available parking in Theale due to low provision of visitor parking within the development, in conjunction with the Theale Primary School development.
 - ii. Responsibility for maintenance of green space provided
 - iii. Desire to see a higher proportion of shared ownership properties within the affordable housing properties
 - iv. Access from the development to new Theale Primary School site.

All points were raised at the public consultation.

Cllr Chopping responded by advising of the following points:

- i. Englefield Parish Council would be formally consulted when the planning application is made at which point there would be opportunity for the Council and residents to comment and provide feedback.
- ii. Parking Standards are required to be applied to all new developments.
- iii. Mix of affordable housing types are recommended by the Housing Department.

6. 2019/20 Budget & Precept

- a) Proposed budget for 2019/20 tabled
- b) Increase of precept to £3,650 recommended

Outcome – Budget and recommended precept approved

It was noted that the Council would very much like to make a contribution to West Berkshire Library Service in 2019/20. The budget will be monitored and assessed at mid-year to establish whether this is feasible.

7. Payments for Approval

- i. HMRC – £87.40
- ii. LexisNexis – £110.99

Outcome – payments approved

8. Theale Housing Development Proposals

Councillors were reminded that the deadline for feedback on the proposals is Friday 11th January.

9. Malpas Farm

Cllr Crookes advised that he had contacted West Berkshire Council to raise concerns regarding the compliance with planning conditions and was awaiting a response. Concerns were raised by a member of the public in relation to the extension to Pond Farm and whether it was within permitted development limits.

Action – Cllr Crookes to look into and raise with West Berkshire Council Planning department if appropriate

10. Clerk's Update – Noted

Action – Information on M4 Smart Motorway to be published on Parish Council website and included in Parish News

11. Meeting dates agreed as follows

- Next Council Meeting – Wednesday 27th March 6.30p.m.
- Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 22nd May
- Annual Parish Assembly – Wednesday 22nd May

Outcome – It was decided to retain the AGM and APA on the same date

Action – Clerk to book Englefield Tea Rooms for AGM and APA, including refreshments for APA

The meeting closed at 7.32p.m.

Chairman:

Date: