

Old Windsor Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th MARCH 2024 AT 7.30 P.M

PRESENT: Cllrs J. K. Dawson, M.V. Beer, M.P. Bennett, J. Bhabra, W. Chan, J. Grove and J. Mynott

John Lee – Clerk to the Council

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. J.A. Blackmore, N.J. Knowles L.C. Jones and P. D. Jacques

131.23 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

132.23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

133.23 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no Borough Councillors present for this meeting.

134.23 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 13th FEBRUARY 2024

The minutes were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Mynott and seconded by Cllr. Bennett. All members were in favour.

135.23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the above minutes.

136.23 POLICY & FINANCE

The payments list was proposed by Cllr. Mynott and seconded by Cllr. Grove with all members in favour.

Members agreed to keep the Allotment Rent at £6 per pole for this year but it will be raised to £7 a pole next year. All members were in favour.

Members agreed to raise the Cemetery Fees by 4% to the nearest £10. Proposed by Cllr. Bennett, seconded by Cllr. Mynott with all members in favour.

137.23 ESTATES AND ENVIRONMENT

The Clerk informed members that the grass cutting was now starting on all of our land. We are still awaiting the Oxford Diocese to approve the rebuilding of the parish church wall after it suffered damage from a falling tree in a neighbouring property.

138.23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ward:	Old Windsor	
Parish:	Old Windsor Parish	
Appn. Date:	14th February 2024	Appn No.: 24/00376
Type:	Full	
Proposal:	Relocation of front entrance door with canopy, part single, part two storey side/rear extension, loft conversion and alterations to fenestration following demolition of existing element.	
Location:	16 Orchard Road Old Windsor Windsor SL4 2RZ	
Applicant:	Mr Stuart Hill c/o Agent: Mr Ian Benbow Ian Benbow, RIBA Chartered Architect 12 Meadow Close Old Windsor Slough SL4 2PB	
Determination Date:	10 April 2024	

Members had NO OBJECTION to this application

Ward: Old Windsor
Parish: Old Windsor Parish
Appn. Date: 23rd February 2024 **Appn No.:** 24/00408
Type: Full
Proposal: Replacement of aluminium framed windows, landscaping, creation of additional 12 car park spaces, Flat 19A: single storey infill extension, alterations to window on elevation 4 and new fence with gate.
Location: **Tapestries Hall Straight Road Old Windsor Windsor**
Applicant: Rural Portfolio Limited **c/o Agent:** Mr Daniel Hyde Freeths LLP 1 Vine Street Mayfair London W1J 0AH
Determination Date: 19 April 2024
TWH

Members would like to see that permeable surfacing is used or a flood risk report submitted.

Ward: Old Windsor
Parish: Old Windsor Parish
Appn. Date: 23rd February 2024 **Appn No.:** 24/00409
Type: Listed Building Consent
Proposal: Consent for replacement of aluminium framed windows, landscaping, creation of additional 12 car park spaces, Flat 7A: internal alterations, Flat 19A: internal alterations, single storey infill extension, alterations to window on elevation 4 and new fence with gate.
Location: **Tapestries Hall Straight Road Old Windsor Windsor**
Applicant: Rural Portfolio Limited **c/o Agent:** Mr Daniel Hyde Freeths LLP 1 Vine Street Mayfair London W1J 0AH
Determination Date: 19 April 2024
TWH

Members would like the RBWM Heritage Officer decide this one

Appn. Date: 7 March 2024 **Appn. No.:** 24/00473
Type: Full
Proposal: Creation of first floor to existing single storey detached commercial storage building.
Location: **34 - 34A St Lukes Road Old Windsor Windsor**
Parish/Ward: Old Windsor Parish/Old Windsor
Applicant: Mr K Brook
Agent: Michaela Mercer Mercer Planning Ltd Castle Hill House 12 Castle Hill Windsor SL4 1PD
email: mercerplanningconsultants@msn.com **tel:** 07904362576

Members had NO OBJECTION to this application

139.23 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chair told members that she and Cllr. Beer had attended a meeting regarding Flooding.

140.23 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

There were no reports from the Borough Councillors for this meeting.

141.23 COUNCILLORS REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no reports, questions or comments for this meeting.

142.23 NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Council will be held at the Parish Meeting Room on the 10th April 2024 at 7.30pm.

CHAIRMAN

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20pm

The following report was submitted by Cllr. Beer and members wished to have it attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Report of Old Windsor PC Rep on RBWM Flood Liaison Group to OWPC 13th March 2024

The fact that the Chairman and I had attended a meeting about flooding in the Minutes of the 13th February is the sole reference to the matter under item 125.23 Estates & Environment in the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the same date.

The important meeting which we attended a few hours before the Parish one was the first of a long promised Environment Agency consultative group which will liaise with Council Officers, Councillors, Parishes and community group representatives in matters relating to a less costly version of the local Channel One of the large River Thames Scheme (RTS) which was cancelled because the £52 million contribution sought from RBWM grossly exceeded the anticipated £10million cost.

The substitute project will be called the Datchet to Hythe End Flood Improvement Measures (despite its objective of reducing flooding) and will usually be called the DHEFIM. The new body will be it's Community Working Group. This is important to Old Windsor as there are close to 50 dwellings and a Windsor's sewage treatment works on Ham Island.

Various Datchet and Wraysbury reps elaborated about their ongoing local flood problems before I was able to point out that nothing would be viable unless Surrey County Council came back as a financial contributor. Not doing so would be ridiculous as their huge benefits re flood free use of the A308 and A30 as well as large Runnymede BC and Egham areas as a whole would be lost.

That led to the agreement to invite Egham Councillors to join the Working Group as they will have a better chance of gaining the attention of Surrey County Council – i.e. their Local Flood Authority.

As I have had email contact with Surrey Councillors in the past about the residential barge which was moored for ages near the foot of Priest Hill and the poorly signed pedestrian crossing on the bends in the road across Runnymede, I emailed the nearby Councillors, who like many of us are Residents' Association related. I have passed on their Chairman's email of keen interest to the EA Project Manager and have received his thanks.

My comments about the grossly unfair liability of downstream communities such as RBWM having to pay for safely managing the immense volumes of water from huge upstream catchment areas being a logical reason for national funding of flood management may have urged RBWM Cllr Coe (who I chatted with after the meeting) to issue the press release in the Borough Newsletter circulated by our Clerk on Monday. In that the RBWM is now calling for national funding of flood protection (as work locally will also indirectly assist Cookham and Bisham).

Although I mentioned that the recent EA Channel 2 Presentation at Thorpe was dominated by the proposed environmental benefits of associated tree planting, play areas, bridges, cycle paths, etc., similar huge costs above those of the essential flood channels simply cannot be afforded with DHEFIM in the present climate, but there was little time to discuss that matter.

The next meeting may be in April.

/ DHEFIM 13.03.24