



GREAT OLDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GREAT OLDBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2024, AT 7.00 PM IN THE GREAT OLDBURY COMMUNITY HALL (Meeting Room).

In attendance: Cllrs Martin Bowman, Sonia Brinkworth, Robert Brown, Chris Coombs, Andrew Deighton and Phillip Ward (Chairman).

Also Present: 1 Member of the Public & Mr Simon Hale (Project Manager).
Clerk: Mrs Irena Litton.

Public Time:

A member of the public enquired with regards to the undeveloped plots of land allocated for self-build houses on the Barratts development site of Great Oldbury. The Chairman shared his understanding of the situation.

78/24 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Edward Turnbull-Scott.

79/24 To receive Declarations of Interest on items in the agenda.

Cllr Sonia Brinkworth declared an interest in Agenda Item 82/24e and left the room whilst this item was considered.

Cllr Phillip Ward declared an interest in Agenda Item 84/24a and left the room whilst this item was considered.

80/24 To approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd October 2024.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd October 2024 were approved and were signed as a true record.

<https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/uploads/minutes-3rd-october-2024.pdf?v=1728918309>

81/24 To receive reports from the County and District Councillors.

District Cllr Brown reported:

- SDC have approved a cultural strategy.
- The budget setting process has begun, but it is expected that there will be an increase of the maximum 2.9%.
- SDC Council Plan is out for consultation.
- Gloucestershire County Councillor leader has offered to attend a future Great Oldbury Parish Council.

82/24 Community Hall, Changing Rooms and Playing Fields

a. To receive confirmation that the Community Hall and Changing Rooms have now been formally transferred to the Parish Council ownership.

The Clerk confirmed that the transfer of the Community Hall and Changing Rooms were formally transferred to the Parish Council's ownership on the 25th October 2024.

b. To receive confirmation that the Parish Council has entered into a long-term lease agreement with Robert Hitchins Ltd, for use of the Playing Fields.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council has entered into a long-term lease agreement with Robert Hitchins Ltd, for the use of the Playing Fields from the 25th October 2024.

c. To consider and approve any recommendations from the Working Group.

The Council approved the following recommendations:

- Terms of Reference for the Working Group.
- Hiring Fees.
- To adapt models hiring agreements from GRCC.
- To enter into a contract with BT or EE Ltd for phone and wifi for a period of up to 2 years.
- To make an area off GOD with the Playing Field secure by extending the fence and installing a self-closing gate, (with a maximum cost of £1,000).
- To agree the purchase the booking form system from Cuttlefish Ltd.

d. To confirm the Official Open Day event for the Community Hall.

The Council has confirmed that the Official Open Day will take place on Sunday, 24th November 2024, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

The Chairman briefed members on the envisioned structure of the day, as well as necessary purchases for the event. Councillors Phillip Ward, Andrew Deighton, Robert Brown, and Martin Bowman have confirmed their availability to attend and assist with the setup. Professional cleaners will be engaged for post-event cleaning.

Members of the Working Group and the Project Manager have clarified their roles and responsibilities leading up to and during the event, which includes conducting an Event Risk and Fire Assessment.

e. To consider how to progress the request by Great Oldbury Youth Football Club to use the Playing Fields.

Councillors Chris Coombes, Andrew Deighton, and Robert Brown agreed to meet with representatives from the Youth Football Club to establish a collaborative working arrangement, which they will present as a recommendation to the Full Council. **CC, AD, RB.**

83/24 To receive a Clerk's Report.

The Clerk sent the report to the Members prior to the meeting.

84/24 Financial Issues

a. To approve payments in accordance with the RFO Report.

The Council agreed to approve the payments.

<https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/uploads/rfo-report-november-2024-pv.pdf?v=1731056833>

b. To ratify the decision to take out Insurance with Zurich Municipal and confirm that the insurance is fit for purpose.

The Council reviewed and approved the decision to secure insurance with Zurich Municipal, confirming that the policy selected is fit for purpose and meets the Council's needs.

c. To review the Asset Register.

The Council reviewed and approved the updated Asset Register.

<https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/uploads/asset-register-nov-24.pdf?v=1730796846>

d. To adopt the Financial Regulations.

The Council reviewed and adopted the adapted Model NALC 2024 version of Financial Regulations.

<https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/uploads/financial-regulations-model-nalc-adopted-november-2024.pdf?v=1731350456>

85/24 Planning

a. To consider any plans received.

S.24/1761/REM | Application for the approval of Reserved Matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline application (S.20/1975/OUT, APP/C1625/W/21/3276767) for 9no. affordable dwellings, and associated access & landscaping| Land Off James Sleeman Close Great Oldbury.

The Council agreed to make the following comment – “The Council is concerned with the planned grouping of heat pumps. It was noted that the close placement may reduce their efficiency and could increase localised noise levels”.

b. To receive a progress report from the Clerk on applications already responded to.

Planning Applications pending a decision.

S.24/0647/REM | Reserved Matters application for a proposed employment development (Class E(g)/B2/B8) pursuant to outline planning permission S.14/0810/OUT including details of landscaping, design, scale, and layout | Parcel E5, Land West Of Stonehouse Rowbotham Way Great Oldbury.

S.24/0648/REM | Reserved Matters application for a proposed employment development (Class E(g)/B2/B8) pursuant to outline planning permission S.14/0810/OUT including details of

landscaping, design, scale, and layout. | Parcel E5, Land West Of Stonehouse Rowbotham Way Great Oldbury.

S.24/0649/REM | Reserved Matters application for a proposed employment development (Class E(g)/B2/B8) pursuant to outline planning permission S.14/0810/OUT including details of landscaping, design, scale, and layout. | Parcel E5, Land West Of Stonehouse Rowbotham Way.

S.23/1484/REM | Application for the approval of reserved matters (layout, scale, external appearance of the stadium and the landscaping of the site) from Outline permission S.19/1418/OUT for 5000-capacity football stadium | Land At M5 Junction 13 West Of Stonehouse.

c. To note that the Parish Council will need to petition Stroud District Council for a Boundary Change, details to be agreed at a later date.

The Council noted the need for a Boundary Change.

86/24 Councillor Submissions (for notice of forthcoming events or reminders, not for discussion.

- Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day services, in Stonehouse and Eastington.
- Friday 6th December Christmas Xtravaganza being held at Great Oldbury Primary Academy between 5.30pm – 7.30m.

CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA `

That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded during consideration of Agenda Item 87/24.

87/24 To receive an update on Employment Matters.

The Clerk provided the Members a confidential report prior to the meeting.

88/24 Date of the next meeting – To agree that the December meeting will be held on Thursday 12th December 2024, 7pm at The Great Oldbury Community Centre.

The date of the next meeting is set at the 12th December 2024, commencing at 7pm

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 20.45 pm.