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Minutes of a meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the Sindlesham Room on Tuesday 29 October 2013 at 7.45 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs J Southgate, (Chairman), D Green, R Shepherd-Dubey, C Taylor.

In Attendance: Mr C Hudson – Parish Clerk, Miss A Lambourne – Finance & Administration Officer, Cllr R Holdstock.

1 <u>APOLOGIES</u>

1.1 Apologies for absence: Cllrs F Breedlove, P Bray, J Leask.

2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 30.7.13

2.1 The Chairman's Box is ongoing.

ACTION: Clerk & Cllr Green

- 2.2 Office Computer Upgrade: The Committee asked the Clerk and FAO to continue with the upgrade of the FAO's computer to Windows 7.
 ACTION: Clerk & FAO
- **2.3** John Grobler Room income: The FAO reported on the changes in the companies hiring the room.
- **2.4** The Clerk confirmed that a new adult team had started hiring the football pitch on some Sunday mornings.
- **2.5** The FAO is still awaiting suitable VAT training to be made available locally.
- 2.6 The anomalies in the SBS figures are due to an unreported VAT amount. Further investigations will need to be made regarding WPC's reporting of this amount. The figure involved is small. ACTION: FAO The FAO also explained the reporting procedure for SBS opening the bar on Wednesday evenings.

The FAO will request sales figures from SBS as requested by the Internal Auditor. ACTION: FAO

3 DONATIONS AND REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

- **3.1** A request for a grant had been received from Keep Mobile. The Committee discussed the audit report presented with the request. The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that a grant be made representing 72% of Keep Mobile's estimated local costs. A progress report would be expected from Keep Mobile before a grant would be issued for 2014-15.
- **3.2** A request for a grant had been received from Sue Ryder Care. The Committee noted that a benefit to Winnersh residents could not be identified within the application data. The Clerk was asked to inform Sue Ryder and request further information.

ACTION: Clerk

3.3 A request for a grant had been received from Winnersh Ecclesiastical Parish. The Committee **RESOLVED** that £100 would be donated. **ACTION: FAO**

3.4 Table of grants authorised for 2013/14

Organisation	Date	Date Amount	
	authorised	Authorised	
W&D Citizens Advice Bureau	30.4.13	£600	14.5.13
Berkshire County Blind Society	30.4.13	£100	14.5.13
Wokingham Job Support Centre	30.4.13	£125	14.5.13
Winnersh Rainbows	30.4.13	£50	14.5.13
Winnersh Brownies	30.4.13	£50	14.5.13
Homestart	31.7.13	£250	12.11.13
WBC Match Funding	31.7.13	£200	
Relate	31.7.13	£100	
Winnersh Church Parish	29.10.13	£100	12.11.13
Totals		£1575	£1275

3.4.1 Table of Grants for Transport 2013/14

Organisation	Date authorised	Amount Authorised	Paid/to pay
Readibus	31.7.13	£2,250	20/8/13
Keep Mobile	tbc		
Totals		£2,250	£2,250

3.5 There were no referrals from other committees.

4 <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

4.1 Items 5 &7; the creation of a CCTV policy will be an agenda item for the next F&GP meeting. ACTION: Clerk

4.2 Item N1; Cllr Taylor volunteered to attend the BALC Finance training on Wednesday 4 December 2013. ACTION: Clerk

5 **REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS FOR QUARTER 2 2013-14**

5.1 Income, p1

The Committee noted that the Pavilion income is picking up and is acceptable overall. The Sindlesham Room income is down because a regular hirer has stopped attending. The SBS Franchise Fee is acceptable.

5.2 Expenditure, p1

The Committee noted the expenditure on the showers and heating system in the Pavilion unscheduled maintenance costs.

The Committee discussed the possible long-term effects on Allotment income and expenditure if the N Wokingham Distributor Road is located through the allotments.

Expenditure, p2

The expenditure on Councillor Training and on the Chairman's Allowance was noted as acceptable.

The Committee noted the street light costs and the problems experienced in getting parts. The Committee discussed whether replacing the light heads with modern LED parts was becoming advisable.

The FAO was asked to bring the Major & Capital Projects figures into line with those on the Capital & Major Projects report. **ACTION: FAO**

5.3 Capital & Major Projects

- **5.3.1** The Committee noted that expenditure on the Full Tree Survey was expected soon. The Clerk reported that the R&A Committee will be considering repairs to the alarm systems at its next meeting.
- **5.4** The Committee **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council, with the adjustments to the Major & Capital Projects figures specified above, the acceptance of the Q2 accounts for 2013-14.

6 INTERNAL AUDIT 2013-14

6.1 The Committee discussed the details of the Internal Auditor's brief. Minor changes were made to the wording and layout. The Committee considered it appropriate that the Internal Auditor's brief be included in the Council's Policies & Procedures documentation.

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that the Council adopts the draft document WPC F03 Internal Audit Plan v2.0.

7 BANK ACCOUNT REPORTING

7.1 The FAO presented the folder containing the current year's bank accounts and reconciliations. The Committee noted the revised layout of the information and asked that an explanatory index be placed inside the front cover to direct councillors in the procedure for checking and signing the figures. ACTION: FAO

8 COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNTS

8.1 The Clerk reported that at the end of the procedure for setting up a new account, Lloyds had reported previously unexplained charges on the account. The Committee discussed the charges in relation to the additional benefit of the new account. The Committee considered that there was insufficient information available to make a decision on whether to go ahead with the account transfer and that the transfer of accounts to Lloyds bank should be suspended. The Clerk and FAO were asked to prepare a clear statement of the benefits and costs of transferring accounts to the next meeting and to investigate whether HSBC could offer the facilities that the council requires. ACTION: Clerk & FAO [Clerk's note: HSBC had been previously contacted and discounted because of their charging structure.]

9 WINNERSH MATTERS

9.1 The Committee discussed the possibility of producing the next edition by the end of November 2013. This was considered impractical and a target date of the end of February 2014 was agreed.

Cllrs Green, Taylor, Southgate and Harper were confirmed as the editorial committee.

10 F&GP BUDGET 2014-15

10.1 The Committee discussed projects to be included in the F&GP budget for 2014-15. Topics included Newsletter (Winnersh Matters), Fete, Miscellaneous, Office Chairs.

11 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

11.1 The FAO reported on the usefulness of a remote log-in service. The Committee **RESOLVED** that she could renew the licence for the Log-Me-In service if necessary.

12 <u>NEXT MEETING OF THE F&GP COMMITTEE</u>

12.1 The provisional date of the next meeting was agreed as **Tuesday 28 January 2014 at** 7.45pm.

There being no further business the Committee meeting closed at 9.32pm.

APPENDIX 1

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received before the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 29 October 2013

- 1 Came & Co Insurance; Parish Matters newsletter
- 2 Office for National Statistics; Business Register & Employment Survey
- 3 HMRC; research into VAT on leasing commercial property
- 4 BALC; newsletter
- 5 NALC; e-bulletin, CCTV guidelines
- 6 Berkshire Pensions; change of manager
- 7 SLCC; link to CCTV guidelines
- 8 SBS; clarification of VAT on sales
- 9 HMRC; confirmation of VAT Online Enrolment

Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 29 October 2013

- N1 BALC; training courses
- N2 Lloyds; account opening details

Grant Applications:

- G1 Keep Mobile
- G2 Sue Ryder
- G3 Ecclesiastical Parish of Winnersh

Winnersh Parish Council Income (all sources) - 2013 / 2014 Q2 - July to September 2013

	Last Year	Budget	Qtr 2	YTD	Remaining	% Qtr	% YTD
GENERAL INCOME							
Winnersh Hall Lettings	33,149	34,000	9,760	19,467	14,533	29%	57%
Allnatt Pavilion Lettings	2,225	2,400	944	965	1,435	39%	40%
John Grobler Room Lettings	1,265	1,400	488	633	767	35%	45%
Sindlesham Room Lettings	4,077	7,000	1,026	2,216	4,784	15%	32%
Community Centre Sub-Total	40,716	44,800	12,218	23,281	21,519	27%	52%
Allotment Rents	2,009	2,000	1,785	1,831	170	89%	92%
Bearwood Recreation Ground	6,531	5,000	1,423	2,635	2,365	28%	53%
Franchise Fee Bar	638	700	536	536	164	77%	77%
Other Income Sub-Total	9,178	7,700	3,744	5,001	2,699	49%	65%
TOTAL GENERAL INCOME	49,894	52,500	15,961	28,283	24,217	30%	54%
OTHER INCOME							
Precept / WBC Tax Support Grant	107.881	109,719	52,303	109,719	-0	48%	100%
S106 Income	16,965	2,675	0	2,675	0	0%	100%
Interest Received	36	40	9	20	20	22%	50%
Fete Sponsorship	500		0	200	-200		
Sundry Income	120	150	2	62	88	1%	41%
Winnersh Matters Advertising	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	125,502	112,584	52,314	112,676	-92	46%	100%
Total Income	175,396	165,084	68,275	140,959	24,125	41%	85%

Winnersh Parish Council Expenditure - 2013 / 14 Q2 - July to September 2013

Community Centre Employment Costs - Caretaker 16,533 18,700 3,012 6,397 9,700 211 Relief Caretaker 16,533 18,700 851 2,603 9,700 211	41% 48%
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Gas/Elec/Water/Waste Services 6,308 7,000 1,211 2,845 4,155 17	
Scheduled Maintenance 8,212 7,500 1,620 3,572 3,928 22	
Unscheduled Maintenance 2,523 2,500 365 501 1,999 15	20%
Rates 1,092 2,200 282 560 1,640 13	25%
Refunds 0 0 250 417 -417	
Community Centre - Total Costs 34,668 37,900 7,591 16,894 21,006 20	45%
Allnatt Pavilion	
Gas/Elec/Water/Waste Services 2,198 2,500 312 463 2,037 12	19%
Scheduled Maintenance 0 1,000 0 252 749 0	
Unscheduled Maintenance 246 500 1.200 1.306 -806 240	261%
Refunds 0 0 0 0 0	
Allnatt Pavilion - Total Costs 2,444 4,000 1,512 2,020 1,980 38	51%
Allotments	
Water & Maintenance 588 1.000 40 125 875 4	12%
Rent to WBC 730 1,000 0 1,000 0 0	
Sundries 90 100 0 33 67 0	
Refunds 86 0 0 14 -14	
Allotments - Total costs 1,494 2,100 40 1,171 929 2	56%
Recreation Grounds	
Bearwood Rec - Scheduled Maint 11,498 13,000 3,509 7,358 5,642 27	57%
Bearwood Rec - Unscheduled Maint 2,299 1,000 470 950 50 47	
Sundries 0 0 0 0 0 0	
Refunds 0 0 0 0 0	
Recreation Grds - Total Costs 13,797 14,000 3,980 8,308 5,692 28	59%
Pavilion House	
Pavilion House Maintenance 868 350 127 127 223 36	36%
Pavilion House - Total costs 868 350 127 127 223 36	

Winnersh Parish Council Expenditure - 2013 / 14 Q2 - July to September 2013

	Last Year	Budget	Qtr 2	YTD	Remaining	% Qtr	% YTD
Office & General Costs							
Employment Costs	38,592	42,000	10,776	22,359	19,641	26%	53%
Stationery/Office Supplies	715	450	71	176	274	16%	39%
IT Infrastructure	975	1,000	61	351	649	6%	35%
Copier	631	750	240	480	270	32%	64%
Insurances	7,333	5,500	0	3,639	1,861	0%	66%
Training Councillors	115	200	0	280	-80	0%	140%
Training Staff	680	500	25	65	435	5%	13%
Chairman's Allowance / Parish Expenses	403	400	170	300	100	43%	75%
Employment Advertising	0	0	0	0	0	00/	001
Sundries	111	200	0	0	200	0%	0%
Election Expenses	0	3,319	0	0	3,319	0%	0%
NALC/BALC Subscription	0	2,500	0	1,223	1,277	0%	49%
Subscriptions	955	1,100	30	75	1,025	3%	7%
Professional Fees	1,175	1,200	400	900	300	33%	75%
Bank Charges (Credit Card Fee)	32	0	0	32	-32	070/	700/
Telecoms	1,509	700	258	488	212	37%	70%
Post	416	400	163	231	169	41%	58%
Travel & Subsistance	262	300	144	146	154	48%	49%
Total Office & General Costs	53,904	60,519	12,339	30,745	29,774	20%	51%
Street Lights	635	600	65	506	94	11%	84%
Other Expenditure							
S137 / WFAT	14	0	13	13			
Grants	1,587	2,000	0	925	1,075	0%	46%
Community Transport	2,250	4,500	2,250	2.250	2,250	50%	50%
Mispostings	_,0	0	_,0	3	-3		
Bad Debt W/O	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Other Expenditure	3,851	6,500	2,263	3,191	3,309	35%	49%
Sub-Total Expenditure	111,661	125,969	27,917	62,962	63.007	22%	50%
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Major & Capital Projects							
Other Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
R&A	21,145	33,800	2,195	12,153	21,647	6%	36%
F&GP	4,005	5,500	200	3,219	2,281	4%	59%
Planning	2,045	4,200	50	50	4,150	1%	1%
Contingency	10,758	24,940	0	15,153	9,787	0%	61%
S106 Expenditure	16,965	0	0	2,675	-2,675		
Major & Capital Projects Costs	54,918	68,440	2,445	33,250	35,190	4%	49%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	166,579	194,409	30,362	96,211	98,198	16%	49%
	100,073	104,403	30,002	50,211	50,150	1070	

Winnersh Parish Council Capital & Major Projects - 2013 / 14 Q2 - July to September 2013

	Budget	Qtr 2	YTD	Remaining	% Qtr	% YTD
Recreation & Amenities Committee						
R&A - 2012-13 Play Area Grass Mat Repairs	8,000	0	7,940	60	0%	99%
R&A - Basketball Boards & Net Renewal	800	0	0	800	0%	0%
R&A - Car Park Fence Renewal	1,500	1,394	1,394	106	93%	93%
R&A - Christmas Lights Event	500	0	0	500	0%	0%
R&A - Fire & Intruder Alarm Upgrade	5,000	0	0	5,000	0%	0%
R&A - Goalpost Renewal	1,000	801	801	199	80%	80%
R&A - Miscellaneous	2,000	0	0	2,000	0%	0%
R&A - Play Area Repairs	3,000	0	2,078	922	0%	69%
R&A - Re-marking of Car Park	500	0	0	500	0%	0%
R&A - Replacement Boiler(s) in CC	11,500	0	0	11,500	0%	0%
R&A - Total	33,800	2,195	4,273	21,587	6%	13%
Finance & General Purposes Committee						
F&GP - Winnersh Matters Newsletter	1,500	0	0	1,500	0%	0%
F&GP - Winnersh Parish Fete	3,500	200	3,219	281	6%	92%
F&GP - Miscellaneous	500	0	0	500	0%	0%
F&GP - Total Including Miscellaneous	5,500	200	3,219	2,281	4%	59%
Planning Committee						
Planning - Tree Husbandry / Replacement	4,000	50	50	3,950	1%	1%
Planning - Miscellaneous	200	0	0	200	0%	0%
Planning - Total Including Miscellaneous	4,200	50	50	4,150	1%	1%
Other Projects						
Other Projects - Balance	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Other - Total Including Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0%	
Contingency						
Contingency - Balance	24,940	0	15,153	9,787	0%	61%
Contingency - Total	24,940	0	15,153	9,787	0%	61%