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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.45 p.m. ON TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2015 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs J Southgate (Chairman), P Bray, D Green, S Hanna, G Harper, R Holdstock, D Hunt, F Obileye, P Ray, I Shepherd-Dubey, R Shepherd-Dubey, C Taylor.

**In attendance:** Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk).

## 1 APOLOGIES

**1.1 Apologies for absence** – Cllr F Breedlove.

## 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**2.1** The minutes of the Council meeting of 9 December 2014 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true record.

#### **3** MATTERS ARISING

- **3.1** Cllr Breedlove has contacted Bearwood Primary School.
- **3.2** Cllr Harper will prepare feedback on the BALC AGM.

#### **ACTION: Cllr Harper**

## 4 **PUBLIC SESSION**

- **4.1** none
- 5 COMPLAINTS AND FAULT TRACKING
- 5.1 none

## 6 CORRESPONDENCE

### 6.1 Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda

Item 1; There are no further details regarding a meeting of Community Workers.

Item 10; This information was noted.

Item 11; The precept request was noted.

Item 15; The Royal Garden Party invitation was discussed. There were no nominations.

Item 22; The Council asked the Clerk to write supporting the Abbeyfields Memory Garden project at Winnersh Farm. **ACTION: Clerk** 

Item 23; Councillors were invited to attend the Fete Working Group meeting on 20 January. **ACTION: All Councillors** 

## 6.2 Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda

Item N2; Acknowledgement of the receipt of comments re A329 cycleway was noted.

Item N4; The receipt of WBC planning enforcement information was discussed. Future copies will be presented to the Planning Committee.

(Cllr Obileye joined the meeting.)

Item N9; The Council discussed the background to the NAG CPE meeting. The Council confirmed its approval for CPE in principle, with no commitment to funding on the part of the Council. Cllr Harper will attend the meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Harper** 

Item N12; Cllr Bray reported on the re-registration of electors, which had taken place last year.

## 7 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

- 7.1 Cllr R Shepherd-Dubey:
  - There has been no response from WBC regarding suggestions for surface water drainage improvements to be incorporated in the A329 cycleway project.
  - A £1 fee is to be charged for parking whilst using the new Park N Ride service.
  - WBC will consult with parishes regarding a policy on parking on verges.
- 7.2 Cllr Bray reported:
  - There had been problems with the traffic lights at the Showcase roundabout. There are off-peak closures planned whilst repair work is

undertaken. The Council asked to see copies of WBC's risk management and contingency for the Showcase roundabout and Winnersh crossroads.

## **ACTION: Clerk**

- The final Amenity Vehicle Service will take place this weekend
- Overnight switching off of some street lights is being undertaken.
- 7.3 Cllr Southgate summarised Cllr Houldsworth's report. See Appendix 2.

# 8 PARISH COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

#### 8.1 Borough Council matters:

none

## 8.2 Parish Council matters:

The availability of Sainsburys as a meeting point for the Litter Pick was discussed. Cllr Green will liaise with Sainsburys. **ACTION: Cllr Green** 

## 9 LAST PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

- **9.1** The minutes of the Committee meeting of 16 December 2014 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.
- **9.2** The minutes of the Committee meeting of 5 January 2015 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.
- **9.3** Cllr Taylor reported that the Committee had objected to the applications for 5-7 Mayfields and for land adjacent to Grovelands Avenue Workshops. The Council discussed the benefits of affordable housing on sites such as Grovelands Park.
- 9.4 The Committee had completed the Council's objections to the A329 cycleway.
- **9.5** WBC is awaiting a response from the applicant regarding noise and light at 700 Wharfedale Road, before the application can be considered.
- **9.6** There were no recommendations

## 10 LAST R&A COMMITTEE MEETING

- **10.1** The minutes of the Committee meeting of 6 January 2105 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.
- **10.2** Cllr Green reported that;
  - The Committee is aware of possible problems getting a meeting point for the Litter Pick
  - The Christmas Lights event was considered a success
  - A selection of projects for 2015-16 are being put to F&GP for approval.

## 11 NEXT F&GP COMMITTEE MEETING

**11.1** The next meeting of the F&GP Committee was confirmed as Tuesday 27 January 2015.

## 12 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- **12.1** Cllr Harper reported on the recent Hurst Charities meeting.
- **12.2** Cllr Harper reported on the Wokingham Borough Town/Parish Working Group meeting. Asset Management and Waste Management had been discussed.
- **12.3** The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the 3 Borough Councillors and the Clerk had attended the official opening of Wheatfield Primary School.
- **12.4** Cllr Southgate had attended the WBC Schools Carol Concert.
- **12.5** Cllr Southgate had attended the carols at Rainbow Park.

## **13** APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

- **13.1** The Clerk confirmed the details of the Thames Water bills.
- **13.2** The Clerk confirmed the overpayment by Calder Conferences.
- 13.3 It was PROPOSED by Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey and SECONDED by Cllr R Shepherd-Dubey and the Parish Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts for January 2015. (Cllrs Southgate and Harper signed cheque no 7640, made out to R Shepherd-Dubey.)

#### WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13 JANUARY 2015 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - JANUARY 2015

| <b>Payee</b><br>Salaries (CH-AL-CF)<br>HM Revenue & Customs Only<br>The Berkshire Pension Fund<br>Adele Walker | <b>Description</b><br>Salaries<br>Tax & NI - Month 10 Year 2014-15<br>Pension<br>Relief Caretaker (1 day - December) | Amount<br>3,445.43<br>735.50<br>1,001.40<br>56.90 | Chq No<br>SO/7626-7628<br>7629<br>7630<br>7631 |
|--|--|---|--|
|  | Relief Odretaker (1 day December)  | 00.00   | 7001   |
| ABA (Construction) Limited   | Play Area Inspection & Repairs   | 1,712.40  | 7632   |
| Bowak Limited  | Floor Pads   | 18.42   | 7633   |
| British Gas  | Elec Charges to Dec14  | 398.73  | 7634   |
| Calder Conferences   | Overpayment refunded   | 179.52  | 7635   |
| Corona Energy Retail 4 Limited   | Gas Charges to 1 Nov14   | 136.78  | 7636   |
| D. Knight Esq.   | Window Cleaning December   | 90.00   | 7637   |
| Design Interior Contracts Limited  | 2 Boxes of Ceiling Tiles   | 180.00  | 7638   |
| Nick Robins Limited  | Groundworks Dec & Tree Survey Works  | 1,327.20  | 7639   |
| Rachelle Shepherd-Dubey  | Xmas Lights Refreshments   | 30.79   | 7640   |
| Sage (UK) Limited  | Sage 50 Cover  | 645.60  | 7641   |
| SSE Contracting Limited  | Q3 Street Lights Maintenance & Repairs   | 126.67  | 7642   |
|  |  | .20.01  |  |
|  |  |   |  |
| NatWest OneCard  | Ceiling Tiles - £136.80  | 206.82  | DD 12/1  |
|  | December Meeting Refreshments - £70.02   | 10.10   |  |
| Plusnet<br>Risc Group  | 57355917 Telecoms Charges to 9 Feb15<br>41258 PC Back Ups  | 48.46<br>22.74                                    | DD 14/1<br>DD 19/1                             |
| Thames Water Utilities Limited   | 8th September - 8th December 2014  | 495.76  | DD 19/1<br>DD 27/12                            |
| Wokingham Borough Council  | Council Tax - Month 10   | 495.70<br>95.00                                   | DD 27/12<br>DD 1/1                             |
|  |  |   |  |
| Total for the month  |  | 10,954.12   |  |
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| Payments made after last meeting   |  |   |  |
| BT   | Charges 1 Nov14 - 31 Jan15   | 90.94   | DD 17/11                                       |
| NatWest OneCard  | Ceiling Tiles  | 136.80  | DD 10/12                                       |
|  |  |   |  |
|  |  | 227.74  |  |
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| Financial Position as at 31 December   |  |   |  |
| Bank Balance   | £ 87,88  | 33.39   |  |

## 14 ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

## 14.1 none

## 15 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- **15.1** The Council **RESOLVED** to change the date of the Planning Committee meeting of 4 May 2015 to 7.00pm on Tuesday 5 May 2015.
- **15.2** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10 February 2015 at 7.45pm in the John Grobler Room.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.17pm.

## **APPENDIX 1**

Items of correspondence received prior to the issue of the 13 January 2015 Full Council Meeting Agenda

- 1 Mohammed Ahmed; meeting of community workers update
- 2 WBC; Wokingham Regeneration news release
- 3 Arborfield PC; Arborfield News, Dec 14 Jan 15
- 4 WDALC; minutes and AGM agenda, 21 January 2015
- 5 NALC; LCR magazine, winter 2014
- 6 W&D CAB; Winter Bulletin 2014
- 7 WBC; Full Electoral Register 2014-15
- 8 NHS, Clinical Commissioning meeting, 6 January 2015, Woodley
- 9 WBC; Starting Your Own Business, news release
- 10 TVP; update on motoring incidents at Rainbow Park
- 11 WBC; precept request 2015-16
- 12 Wokingham Volunteer Centre; link to winter newsletter
- 13 NHS Blood Service; posters for blood donor session
- 14 TVERC; winter newsletter
- 15 BALC; nominations for Royal Garden Party, 12 May 2015
- 16 BALC; request views on capping of highest spending parishes
- 17 CCB; Action For All newsletter
- 18 BALC; December newsletter
- 19 TVP; Thames Valley Alerts
- 20 The Wokingham Word; magazine January 2015
- 21 Cllr Frank Breedlove; apologies
- 22 Abbeyfield Society; request for letter of endorsement for Woodward Close project
- 23 Cllr J Southgate; invitation to fete Working Group meeting, 7.45pm 20 January
- 24 Clerks & Councils Direct; magazine, January 2015

Items of correspondence received since the issue of the 13 January 2015 Full Council Meeting Agenda

- N1 WBC; Rainbow Centre weight management courses
- N2 WBC Cllr J Kaiser; receipt of comments re A329 cycleway
- N3 GKA; Sainsburys out of hours work
- N4 WBC; planning enforcement monitoring report Oct-Dec 2014
- N5 WBC; Rainbow Centre January 2015 newsletter
- N6 BALC; invitation to nominate a candidate for BALC Executive Committee
- N7 WBC Cllr P Houldsworth; apologies and report
- N8 NALC; Local Gov't Finance settlement consultation
- N9 WBC; confirmation CPE meeting, 14 January 2015
- N10 NALC; January newsletter
- N11 Highways Agency; M4 Smart Motorway Speed Limit consultation, 12 Jan to 22 Feb
- N12 WBC; Electoral register update, January 2015
- N13 SLCC; The Clerk magazine

# **APPENDIX 2**

Report to Winnersh Parish Council

By Philip Houldsworth

A fairly quiet time since the December Parish Council. There is an additional Council Meeting called by the Lib Dems being held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January which I am not attending as I am away. It is to discuss the motions that they put forward in December but were not heard due to a lack of time.

There is a fairly busy Executive meeting at the end of January which includes the A329 cycleway Phase 3. I know that many here are very concerned with the proposed arrangements. I have forewarned John Kaiser that unless the plans are amended I will request the withdrawal of the plan until we have a satisfactory arrangement.

Budgets are being finalised for next year and it does look at this time that we will have a nil increase but there is more to do and we do not know whether there will be additional funding on offer to avoid increases.

I attended a meeting of the Country Parks Working Party to discuss the consultation paper for Dinton and what options there were for the use of the old golf course. Earlier I had researched the footgolf option by visiting the websites of every footgolf course in the South East. I found that there were no standalone footgolf courses, all were part of larger golf clubs who had 18 hole courses and 9 hole courses. In some cases the 9 hole courses had been closed and transformed into 18 hole footgolf courses and in others a 9 hole footgolf was combined with the 9 hole golf course. Also it is an adult game with a defined dress code, there is a need to kick the ball a long way off the tee, so children would have to be fairly robust teenagers rather than 10 year olds. I have also suggested as an option, a city Farm. We will see what the consultation brings.

We will also consider options for California later in the year. But the overall approach is to try to make the Parks cover their costs given the ongoing budget pressure imposed on us by central government which can only increase.

Philip Houldsworth January 2015