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11th July 2024

To all Winnersh Parish Councillors

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to a **Meeting of Winnersh Parish Council** to be held at Winnersh Community Centre on Tuesday 16th July 2024 at **7.30pm**, when it is proposed to transact the business specified in the agenda hereto.

Yours sincerely

M Milsom

Marcia Milsom
Clerk of the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To Receive apologies for absence. Members are reminded that apologies must be submitted to the Clerk by 12pm on the day of the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To Receive any personal or prejudicial interests in relation to any items on the agenda.

3. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report with updates on matters arising from previous minutes is attached at Appendix 1. *For noting.*

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To Receive and Sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council dated 16th June 2024 – draft minutes attached.

5. PUBLIC SESSION

To Receive questions and/or comments from members of the public present.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- i. Invitation to Wokingham Volunteer Centre 50th Anniversary Celebration – attached at Appendix 2a. *For noting.*
- ii. BALC Newsletter – attached at Appendix 2b. *For noting.*

7. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

i. Recreation & Amenities Committee

To Approve and Sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2024 (draft minutes attached).

ii. Planning & Transport Committee

To Approve and Sign the minutes of the meetings held on 9th July 2024 (draft minutes attached).

8. QUESTIONS

To Receive questions from Parish Councillors on parish matters not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

9. REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS/OFFICERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OTHER BODIES

To Receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors/Officers representing the Council on outside bodies.

10. REPORTS FROM WBC WARD AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

- i. A report from WBC Ward Councillors is attached as Appendix 3.
- ii. To Receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters within their wards.

11. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

An update on 2024-25 capital projects is attached as Appendix 4. *For noting.*

12. SUMMER FETE

The total expenditure for the fete was £3,642.69 (budget £4,000) with sponsorship income of £150.00 and income from stall holders and raffle of £883.89.

- i. To Consider the donation for the Air Cadets (previously £75.00).
- ii. To Consider the amount to donate to the two charities – SHARE Wokingham and Reading Family Aid.

13. ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

A list of all payments due or made since the last meeting is attached at Appendix 5.

- i. To Agree the schedule of payments.
- ii. To Agree two Councillors authorised to make the payments listed on the schedule.

14. CHRISTMAS EVENT

- i. There are currently 5 stallholders booked in. The Clerk has been looking at entertainment providers and has enquired about a laser light show but this is in the region of £2,500. An alternative to an organised entertainment display could include having some craft activities or a children's entertainer based either in the Sindlesham Room, Allnatt Pavilion or by setting up the large gazebo outside.

The budget for the event is £1,750. *For noting.*

- ii. To Consider the charity to support at the Christmas Event.

15. FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY

The Working Group will meet to review the results of the Allnatt Pavilion survey and determine the next steps. *For noting.*

16. CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY

- i. A report showing production and consumption of energy from the solar panels since April 2023 is attached at Appendix 6. *For noting.*
- ii. To Receive a verbal report from Cllr Fishwick.

17. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY

To Receive a verbal report from Cllr Fishwick.

The next Full Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 7.30pm.



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Minutes of the **WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL** meeting
held on **Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 7.30pm**
at the Winnersh Community Centre

Councillors Present:

Cllr J Boadu
Cllr D Green (Chairman)
Cllr R Nicholson

Cllr P Bray
Cllr G Harper
Cllr J Southgate

Cllr A Fyfe
Cllr M Kak

Officers: Marcia Milsom, Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Doyle, Fishwick, Giacon and Kilby.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

3. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Following the elections in May 2023 there was one vacancy in the North Ward of Winnersh Parish which had been advertised. One application (Richard Holdstock) had been received and the application form had been circulated to all Councillors.

Richard Holdstock was in attendance and gave a brief presentation to members.

Following a paper vote, it was **RESOLVED** that Richard Holdstock be co-opted to Winnersh Parish Council representing the North Ward.

Cllr Holdstock signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

4. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Following the appointment of members at the May meeting, Cllr Fyfe had requested to stand down from the Planning Committee and be appointed to the Recreation & Amenities Committee.

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Fyfe to the Recreation & Amenities Committee.
- ii. It was **RESOLVED** to make the following additional appointments:

Planning & Transport (P&T):	Cllrs Boadu, Holdstock and Obileye
Recreation & Amenities (R&A):	Cllr Holdstock

5. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report with updates on matters arising from the previous minutes was attached as Appendix 1. **Noted.**

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2024 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

7. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of public in attendance.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence had been received:

- i. WJSC AGM reports and financial statements. The Clerk advised that these were available in the office. **Noted.**

9. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

i. Recreation & Amenities Committee

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting held on 4th June 2024 (previously circulated) be confirmed and signed as a true record.

- a. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation that the quote from Unique Solutions for a footpath to the toilet at the allotment in the sum of £1,800.00 + VAT (funded from the Allotment Transition EMR) be accepted.

ii. Planning & Transport Committee

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee meeting held on 11th June 2024 (previously circulated) be confirmed and signed as a true record.

Cllr Green asked that application 241372 (54 Welby Crescent) be called in by the Ward Councillors to the WBC Planning Committee. Cllr Bray advised she would speak with Cllr Fishwick about this.

ACTION: CLLR BRAY

10. QUESTIONS

Cllr Southgate asked for further information on the Aldi planning application.

Cllr Bray advised that the Environment Agency (AE) had originally requested an increased flood protection plan of +20% but that since the application had been called in by the Secretary of State, the EA had increased its requirements to +23%. The application was yet to be determined by the Secretary of State.

11. REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS/OFFICERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OTHER BODIES.

Cllr Southgate had attended the WJSC AGM. He reported that the number of people using the service from Winnersh had doubled and that there were also a lot of younger people and foreign nationals accessing the service. He reported that the charity had fixed overheads but that they were fortunate to have a good volunteer network and therefore had plenty of capacity.

12. REPORTS FROM WBC WARD AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

i. Cllr Bray reported that as the general election had been set, WBC were not currently meeting. She also reported that some double yellow lines were due to be installed on some roads in Winnersh. A full report is attached at Appendix 2.
Noted.

ii. There were no reports from Parish Councillors.

13. RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT

At the April meeting, options for improving resident engagement had been discussed.

The possibility of holding regular surgeries had been discussed but it was suggested that this should be delayed until after the elections, possibly being held at Sainsbury's or at the library.

Some concern was raised about residents asking about WBC issues at these surgeries and it was suggested that a WBC Ward Member be in attendance at each surgery. The potential start date was September 2024.

Noticeboards – Cllr Harper noted that the existing boards were not in good condition (Reading Road next to Winnersh Fish & Chip Shop, Reading Road adjacent to Arne Close and Sherwood Road shops).

Cllr Bray noted that the locations of the boards should be reviewed and asked whether they were in the best location. She suggested that boards could be located at the two

train stations or elsewhere around the Parish but that permission may be required to site them.

Cllr Southgate queried whether the boards were effective and that Council should think about what they would be used for.

Social Media – it was noted that it would be useful to get usage insights on the various platforms. The Clerk advised that the Council had a Facebook page, Instagram account and X (Twitter) profile.

Website – Cllr Fyfe noted that the current website did not show what the Parish Council message was as other websites did. It was noted that there was a Strategic Aims document on the website but that this needed updating. This would be circulated to all members and discussed at the next F&GP meeting.

Events – Cllr Bray asked whether a flyer for the Christmas event could be produced (similar to the fete). It was noted that the summer fete and Christmas event were extremely successful events and had good resident engagement.

Further discussion would be had at future meetings.

14. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

An update on 2024-25 capital projects was attached at Appendix 3. **Noted.**

15. SUMMER FETE 2024

The event had been successful despite the inclement weather. Cllr Green expressed his thanks to those members that had attended to help and to the office team for the overall organisation. Cllr Harper reported that the ATC had done a good job with the parking. **Noted.**

It was suggested that donation buckets be placed near free attractions to increase monies collected for the Council's chosen charities. The Clerk advised that the face-painters had done this.

16. ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

A schedule of all payments was attached at Appendix 4.

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments.
- ii. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Fyfe and Green would examine and authorise the payments listed on the schedule.

ACTION: CLLRS FYFE & GREEN

17. ANNUAL RETURN

- i. The latest internal auditor's report was attached at Appendix 5. Claire Connell had confirmed her willingness to continue to provide internal audit services for 2024/25 at the same rate. The staff were thanked for their efforts in effectively maintaining the Council's finances throughout the year.
 - a. It was **RESOLVED** to accept and note the content of the internal audit report.
 - b. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Claire Connell to carry out internal audit services for 2024/25.
- ii. Under the Governance & Accountability for Smaller Authorities Practitioner's Guide to Proper Practices and The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 - Regulations 3 and 6, the Council is required to audit the effectiveness of its internal financial, accounting and other controls and of the internal audit process. This forms part of the evidence for the statements asserted in Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR).

A review of effectiveness of the internal controls & audit for the AGAR Section 1 for the year to 31st March 2024 was attached as Appendix 6.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Internal Controls & Audit: Review of Effectiveness for 2023/24.

- iii. The Annual Governance Statement Evidence for the AGAR Section 1 was attached at Appendix 7.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Annual Governance Statement Evidence.

- iv. The Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2024, which provides evidence for the Accounting Statements in the AGAR Section 2 were attached at Appendix 8.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Unaudited Financial Statements.

- v. It was **RESOLVED** to accept and agree Section 1 of the AGAR - Annual Governance Statement (attached at Appendix 9) and that it be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
- vi. It was **RESOLVED** to accept and agree Section 2 of the AGAR - Accounting Statements (attached at Appendix 10) and that it be signed by the Chairman.
- vii. The total cash and bank balances at 31st March 2024 were attached at Appendix 11. **Noted.**

18. CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

The Christmas Light Switch On event would be held on Saturday 30th November 2024. The budget for the event had been set at £1,500.00

It was agreed that the format would be similar to 2023.

Cllr Green proposed, and it was **RESOLVED** to increase the budget to £1,750.00 to allow for the printing of flyers.

19. FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY

The Working Group would be meeting to review the results of the Allnatt Pavilion survey and determine the next steps. **Noted.**

The next Full Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Full Council Clerk's Report - July 2024

Meeting Action Point	Date Decision Ratified	Minute reference	Owner	Notes (updates in blue)	Status
CIL Co-funding - California Country Park	21.02.23	12	Clerk	Agreed to fund £5k CIL funds to California Country Park project. No further update received. Works due to commence April 23. Clerk requested update and has now received an invoice. Resident consultation being carried out mid July	Complete
Sindlesham Room/JGR	18.04.23	7 i.i d	Clerk	Referred to Facilities Development WG	In progress
Overview & Scrutiny	23.01.24	6 iv	Clerk	Clerk has submitted enforcement item to WBC for consideration. More info requested from DG. Clerk would like to know if this is still an issue and whether anything further should be submitted to WBC	In progress
Insulation	23.01.24	7 i b	Clerk	Insulation works completed	Complete
IT Support review	19.03.24	13	Clerk	Clerk looking at suppliers and obtaining quotes	In progress
Meetings/Training attended by Clerk:					
18th June	Council meeting				
19th June	Clerk's Forum meeting				
21st June	Meeting with Richard Alexander - WBC				
24th June	Meeting with church wardens				
2nd July	R&A meeting				
9th July	P&T meeting				
Upcoming Staff Holiday					
16th - 30th July	Chris Fazey				
5th - 7th August	Joanne Yeomans				
13th - 15th August	Kerry Simpson				



Dear Philip,

As a valued supporter we are delighted to invite you to join at our special celebration event, to be held at Wokingham Cricket Club from 7pm on Thursday 8th August!

The Wokingham Volunteer Centre has a remarkable history and only exists to this day because of the incredible commitment, generosity and support of a great many volunteers and supporters over the past 50 years.

To mark this major milestone we are hosting an evening event where we can celebrate the Centre's history and achievements and we would love you to be a part of that celebration. There will be a drinks reception to start, followed by brief speeches and presentation, then a buffet and entertainment to follow but most of all it will be an opportunity to meet up and reflect on the great work the Centre has been able to do - because of your support!

To let us know if you can make it, please fill in this short form by [following the link](#) or email me back at nick@wok-vol.org.uk. Further details will be sent out in due course but if you have any questions in the meantime please let me know at nick@wok-vol.org.uk or call 0118 977 0749.



The Wokingham Volunteer Centre

Charity & Community Hub, Waterford House, Denmark Street, RG40 2YF Wokingham

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Berkshire Association of Local Councils

Newsletter/Bulletin

July 2024

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Welcome to an article packed July Edition of the BALC Newsletter. Included in this month's edition, a report from Susan Cocker on her recent attendance at a Royal Garden Party, at Buckingham Palace. The BALC Executive are delighted to see that she had an enjoyable time and keen to share her experience, despite the weather! Susan was a councillor at Lambourn Parish Council who after almost 30 years' service recently retired. She was a leading light who campaigned tirelessly for the residents of Lambourn including saving their library. She was involved in many parish activities and led the Lambourn Neighbourhood Development Plan process.

The BALC AGM has now been confirmed as Thursday 14th November 2024, 7.30pm at School Green Centre, Shinfield, RG2 9EH, put the date in your diary, further details to follow.

The BALC Executive Committee would like to offer their congratulations to Councillor Lee Dillon, a current Member of Thatcham Town Council (a BALC member), who has been elected as Member of Parliament for Newbury constituency.

YOUR STORIES AND EVENTS

Shinfield Parish Council held their Summer Fete last Saturday, 6th July, let's hope the very unseasonal July weather was kind, and we look forward to a write up in the next edition.

The Parish Council are also about to introduce, in partnership with Shinfield Studios, 'Shinfield Cinema'. Keep an eye out locally for further details, they hope to have this project up and running in the Autumn.

D-Day Stories

Two residents from Winnersh and Wokingham joined with knitters and crocheters from around the world to create a woollen D-Day project on a huge scale, called the Longest Yarn. The Longest Yarn, inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry is 80 metres long and has 80 panels and depicts events that took place in Normandy, on June 6th 1944. The idea was conceived by French knitter Tansy Forster, who was keen to commemorate the anniversary of the D-Day landings.



Shinfield Parish Council are excited to be working in partnership with Shinfield Studios to bring the parish it's very own cinema. The images below are plans for the room layout with seating deployed and retracted. The retractable seating enables us to continue to use the room for existing bookings. Work is due to commence during the school summer holidays to minimize disruption to our 'regular hirers' who are mostly term-time only bookings.



Planning for the monthly movie schedule will be organised by a team of councillors and volunteers within the parish as we are keen to involve the local community in this new project. *It is anticipated to launch this new facility in the Autumn 2024.*



www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/shinfield-cinema/

A Royal Garden Party

I was honoured to receive an invitation, via BALC, to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on May 21st, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Arriving in London the day before the event, my husband and I enjoyed an afternoon stroll along the Embankment in glorious sunshine, so we were hopeful the weather would remain fine, despite the “unsettled” forecast.

Sadly, showers greeted us the next day, but they were due to ease off during the afternoon, so soon after 2pm we, along with hundreds of other guests, gathered outside the Palace, where we were security-checked. Despite the light rain, everyone was cheerfully chatting – Where were we from? Which Royals might be in attendance? What was the best way to keep hats dry? What great shoes!

At 3pm the gates opened and we all filed through. The Palace gardens cover over 30 acres and include the lake, the large lawn (on which two military bands were playing) and many mature trees, as well as a rose garden and a spectacular herbaceous border.



The Royal party was not due to appear until 4pm, so we had a pleasant, if damp, walk around the lake, admiring the Rose Garden on the way. For future reference, it is advisable to arrive on the lawn well before 4pm, when the Royal party appears on the West Terrace. I would suggest positioning oneself either as near the terrace as possible, or in the centre of the lawn. Yeomen of the Guard marshal everyone into “lanes” down which a group of royals progress. Those who are being “presented” are gathered in small groups down the centre of each lane.



By this time, it was clear the rain was not “easing off” and it was difficult to see what was happening through a forest of umbrellas. “God Save the King” announced the arrival of the Royal party, which consisted of Prince William, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, Peter Phillips, Zara and Mike Tindall, and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. The latter passed closest to us, and it was clear the Duchess had attended wet garden parties before. She was wearing a neat hat, which couldn’t tangle in the spokes of her large umbrella, an elegant matching raincoat and shoes with a low wedge heel.

The tea tent arrangements at garden parties are well-organised and normally cope with the hundreds of guests with speed and efficiency, queues dispersing quickly as people take their afternoon tea outside. Unfortunately, eating whilst juggling an umbrella and the specially designed plate-cum-saucer was impossible, so people remained within the tent, impeding the free-flow of all the queues. Once accessed, the “dainties” were excellent, with a choice of sandwiches, cakes and tartlets.

During the afternoon the rain had become relentless, assuming monsoon proportions. It was possible to keep dry under one's own umbrella, but there was no escaping the torrents which tipped off other peoples' brollies as everyone pressed together to catch a glimpse of the royals and their special guests having their tea (a "Mangée", rather like the public "Levée" of Louis XIV sprang to mind!) I did wonder if the Palace should produce an "Umbrella Etiquette" as well as a dress code. We were fortunate in that we did not have to travel home in our wet outfits and were able to dry out in our hotel.

Despite being soaked to the skin (fortunately it wasn't cold), it was a wonderful experience, and I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to attend.

WINNERSH VILLAGE SUMMER FETE

Winnersh Parish Council held its annual village summer fete on Saturday 15th June at Bearwood Recreation Ground, Sindlesham. Unfortunately, the weather was not kind and, in the morning, there were two heavy showers that left pools of water lying on the ground. However, a combination of sunshine and a strong drying wind meant the ground was sufficiently dried out for the fete to take place.

The Winnersh Village Summer fete is a traditional summer fete and intended to bring all the residents together for an afternoon of fun. There were fifty stalls manned by local businesses and volunteers of local charities. The bouncy castles for children had to be cancelled due to the wind being above the permitted limit, however, two smaller inflatables were installed in the Community Centre hall for smaller children to enjoy. The local scout group provided burgers and hot dogs and the ice cream van did a steady business all afternoon.



There was a full afternoon of entertainment in the arena starting with a maypole dance by local primary school pupils, although how they managed to duck and weave and not get in knots is beyond me!

This was followed by tug of war contest

between the three local primary school pupils and an adult version of their parents.

The annual wheel barrow race always goes down well as contestants attempt to wheel a barrow round the course without falling over. Eventually there was a winner who was presented with an award plus a medal.



Later there were demonstrations by the pupils of local dance schools and the highlight was a demonstration by gun dogs.

The Winnersh Community awards were presented by the Deputy Mayor of Wokingham Borough Council, Cllr Carol Jewell.

There was a brief shower mid-afternoon but not enough to dampen the enjoyment of the many Winnersh residents who attended the fete. Now for next year!!

If you have any photos or stories of your Summer or D-Day Events for the September edition, then please send them by no later than Monday 2nd September.

TRAINING AND EVENTS

The table below shows the current training sessions, further information on each course is on the website and can be booked [here](#).

A reminder that, as BALC members, training fees are included within your membership and paid for by BALC on your behalf, this includes attendance at Hampshire ALC courses.

JULY 2024				
Development for All	Introduction to Planning	Wednesday 10 th July	18:30 – 21:00	On-line via Zoom
Councillor Development	Finance for Councillors	Thursday 11 th July	10:00 – 12:00	School Green, Shinfield
Councillor Development	The Knowledge & Core Skills	Tuesday 23 rd July	18:30 to 21:00	Shaw House, Newbury
Development for All	Community Engagement	Tuesday 23 rd July	10:00-12:00	Online via Zoom
SEPTEMBER 2024				
Councillor Development	Chairing Skills	Tuesday 10 th September	10.00 – 12.30	Weybrook Park, Basingstoke
Councillor Development	Budgeting for Councillors	Thursday 12 September	19-00-21.00	Online
Development for All	Local Plans & Local Policy	Thursday 19 th September	18.30-21.00	Online
Officer Development	What you Need to Know	Tuesday 24 th September Pt 1 Tuesday 1 st October Pt 2	10.00 – 12.30	Shaw House, Newbury

OCTOBER 2024				
Officer Development	Budgeting for Clerks	Thursday 10 th October	10.00-12.00	Online
Councillor Development	Knowledge & Core Skills	Tuesday 22 nd October	10.00 – 14:30	Shaw House, Newbury
NOVEMBER 2024				
Development for All	Making Effective Planning Applications	Tuesday 19 th November	10:00 – 12:00	Online
Development All	Introduction to Planning	Tuesday 26 th November	18:30 – 21:00	Online

However, please also note that under the [Terms and Conditions](#) of booking, if places are booked and the attendees do not turn up, or cancel within 14 days, the respective Councils will be charged. Where attendees are unable to attend, and this is notified in advance, delegates will be rebooked on a future course.

To ensure that you are provided with the training you need, we need you to feedback and let us know what additional training courses you would like to be considered. Please email the BALC Executive at balcexec@balc.org.uk.

CLERK/OFFICER INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Unfortunately, due to minimal uptake, the Officers Update scheduled for 18th July at Shinfield has had to be cancelled. These informal sessions are a great opportunity for Officers, Clerks, deputies and RFO's to network, keep updated on the latest changes and receive informative presentations from sector representatives. However, due to the continual lack of support for these sessions, the format is going to be reviewed and as such a survey will shortly be sent to seek your preferences as to how these sessions should be run in the future, so please respond.

MEMBER SERVICES INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Financial Services Compensation Scheme – Exclusions

There have recently been several queries from Councils who have received notification from their bank, primarily Lloyds Bank, advising that the £85,000 protection may not apply. I sought advice from Steve Parkinson, our Financial Adviser, who confirmed that this is not unusual activity, but just the standard FSCS conditions, which say: "FSCS does not protect deposits made by a public authority (including a parish council), unless it is a small local authority with an annual budget of up to EUR500,000".

A small local authority means a local authority with an annual budget of up to €500,000 (€500,000 is currently around £425,000)

This has been subsequently confirmed by, Derek Kemp, NALC National Accounts and Audit Adviser: "ALL Local Authorities that meet the definition of a "smaller authority" (i.e. the larger

of their budgeted income or expenditure does not exceed €500.000) are covered by the FSCS and do not need to do anything specific to be covered. However, it is standard practice for commercial banks, from time to time, to request confirmation that a particular client continues to satisfy the criteria. It is obviously incumbent upon the bank's client to respond to verification requests."

Please click [here](#) to read the Parkinson Partnership's Briefing note for additional information.

Good Councillors Guide 2024

The latest publication of the NALC Good Councillors Guide is now available. NALC have taken the decision to no longer produce printed copies and so this is now only available in digital format. It's a very useful resource for new councillors. A copy can be downloaded from our website [here](#).

LOCAL COUNCIL OPPORTUNITIES

Don't forget, you can advertise an employment or voluntary opportunity on the BALC website, further information can be found on the following [link](#): -

For current vacancies in Berkshire please see the following link:

<https://www.balc.org.uk/local-council-opportunities>

Borough Ward member update to Winnersh Parish Council from Borough Councillors Prue Bray, Paul Fishwick and Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey

16th July 2024

Structural road maintenance schemes – update for Winnersh

The following are the schemes within the 2024/25 structural maintenance programme for Winnersh Parish area and the link provides the whole boroughwide programme.

Surface dressing

Mill Lane Sindlesham – M4 overbridge to Sindlesham Mill access - seal and lining by 18th July

Winnersh Gate – whole road scheduled – seal and lining by 18th July.

Watmore Lane – Bollards to Dannywern Drive – seal and lining by 18th July

Watmore Lane - Dannywern Drive to Grovelands Avenue – seal and lining by 18th July

Resurfacing

A329 (M) – Winnersh junction to Coppid Beech – scheduled September

A329 (M) – Coppid Beech to Winnersh junction. - scheduled September

A329 Reading Road – Old Forest Road to Simons Lane – completed

Bearwood Road – New Road to Harvest Drive – completed

Asphalt Preservation

Simons Lane – Reading Road to Larkspur Close – seal and lining by 18th July

[Annual Road Maintenance Programme 2024-2025.pdf \(wokingham.gov.uk\)](#)

Please note that dates are indicative and subject to weather conditions.

Book early to avoid disappointment – summer activities at Dinton.

Spaces for the summer activities offered by [Dinton Activity Centre](#) are selling fast. Act now, if you want to book your children in one of our popular holiday clubs:

[Wild Days](#) (age: 8 to 12): a variety of land and water activities like canoeing, kayaking, archery and outdoor climbing will be available in half day sessions. All will be led by our experienced instructors.

[Teen Adventures](#) (age: 13 to 16): activities are specially designed to suit the interests of teenagers, with some exclusively for this age group such as disc golf, zip wire, knife skills and navigation.

[Sailing Weeks](#) (age: 8 or above): our sailing programmes are designed for young people of different ages and ability levels. No prior experience is needed. Participants can progress through the Royal Yachting Association Youth Sailing Scheme from beginner to more advanced levels.

New: Bat Walk and Talk

Don't miss the unique opportunity to learn about the UK's native bats at Dinton Pastures!

Our Dinton Activity Centre team will be running two new '[Bat Walk and Talk](#)' sessions on 21 and 31 August, from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Guided by our instructors, you will be venturing into nature, discovering how to detect bats, and have the opportunity to put your new skills into practice.

The activity is suitable for those aged 12 or above. [Book now](#) if you are interested, as there are not many spaces left.

Children's Services

The Council opened two consultations on 8th July. The first is on our first All-Age Autism Strategy, and the second is on our new SEND and Inclusion Strategy. Both strategies have had a considerable amount of input from all our partners and stakeholders, and both are due to run until 2029.

If you would like to respond to one or both of the consultations, they can be found at [Folder: Right Spaces, Right Places | Wokingham Borough Council](#)

At the next Executive meeting on 18th July, we are due to approve two new SEND units attached to primary schools, which will give us more capacity locally for children who can be educated at mainstream schools but require extra support. Both the schools are in Earley, and they will cater for different needs. The one at Radstock is for children with autism. The one at Loddon is for children with social communication needs (which may or may not include a diagnosis of autism) and additional associated needs. Both will eventually cater for 21 children, but will work up to that number over several years, starting in September.

Cyclists rack up miles in fun challenge

Our residents rode an impressive 49,817 miles in this year's [Love to Ride](#) Bike Month Challenge, which ran throughout May and was supported by our My Journey Wokingham active travel team.

That's the same as 85 return trips from London to Paris, saving an estimated 4,415 lbs in carbon emissions - about the same as running 4,000 hairdryers for an hour.

Some 383 people took part, including 44 workplace teams and they logged a total of 4,172 journeys. More than a third of these were for transport, either to work or other destinations.

You can still join in the fun (and win some prizes!) as Love to Ride runs all year and is free for all riders aged 13 or over. Look out for the Cycle September challenge this autumn!

Almost 3,000 people have [signed up for Love to Ride](#) in our borough, recording some 2.67 million miles in total. For a range of cycling tips, from planning your route to bike maintenance, [check out the dedicated section](#) on our My Journey page.

Winnersh Meadows and Woosehill Meadows have been designated as Local Wildlife Sites for their abundant natural habitats

Two local green spaces managed by Wokingham Borough Council are recognised for their abundance of natural habitats and plant species that help wildlife thrive and flourish.

[The Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre](#) (TVERC) has designated [Winnersh Meadows](#) and Woosehill Meadows as [Local Wildlife Sites](#) (LWS), following thorough ecological surveys.

LWS are areas of land having high wildlife value with rare or threatened habitats and species, and are of great countywide importance. At present, Berkshire has about 750 LWS covering approximately 10 per cent of the county.

Winnersh Meadows: a haven for birds and insects

Winnersh Meadows, which lies to the north of Winnersh and south of the A329M, has a good variety of habitats including grassland, scrub, woodland with ponds and a community orchard.

The grassland in the eastern part of the site is particularly species-rich, with a plethora of wildflowers such as meadow foxtail, common bird's-foot-trefoil, yellow rattle and oxeye daisies.

The ponds have extensive areas of wetland plants including branched bur-reed, common spike-rush and water mint, while the woodlands boast mature trees including oak and ash that are of great ecological importance from a conservation point of view.

These natural habitats have made Winnersh Meadows a haven for many kinds of birds and insects, including blackcaps, chiffchaffs, and dunnocks, as well as insects such as beautiful demoiselles, emperor dragonflies, and red-tailed bumblebees.

Capital Projects Update 2024/25 - July 2024

Item No		Project	Budget	Actual Cost to date	Committed Cost to date	Original Project Detail	Action/Notes	Status
1	R&A	Wetpour replacement	£ 16,538.00		17,116.50	Replace areas of wetpour in play area identified by ARD	Updated quote from ARD of £17,116.50 agreed.	In progress
2	R&A	MH Ceiling Tiles	£ 2,000.00			Replace ceiling tiles in hall, kitchen foyer, lobby and corridor	Clerk ordering and will arrange for installation during close-down in August	In progress
4	R&A	Teenage Shelter (£5,000 CIL)	£ 14,000.00			Replace shelter near car park	Clerk obtaining further quotes for R&A	In progress
5	R&A	MH Internal Redecoration	£ 3,000.00		2,900.00	Paint walls, radiators and woodwork in hall and lobby	Work scheduled for August	In progress
6	R&A	Event gazebo and banner	£ 600.00	670.83		New 3x3 gazebo plus sky banner to advertise raffle	2 x Gazebo's and 1 x sky banner purchased	Complete
7	R&A	Trampoline/Fitness Trail	£ 17,000.00			Creation of new fitness trail around recreation ground and installation of 3x3 trampoline near play area	Clerk obtaining quotes for R&A	In progress
8	R&A	Miscellaneous	£ 2,000.00					In progress
9	R&A	Top dress overflow car park	£ 2,500.00	2,250.00		Top up of shingle to overflow parking area	Works completed	Complete
11	R&A	SR/JGR lift/staircase (£21,250 CIL)	£ 45,000.00			Strip out bar area and install internal lift and staircase from bar area to John Grobler Room	Referred to Facilities Development WG	In progress
13	FC	Climate Change Working Group	£ 5,000.00					
14	FC	Sustainable Transport Working Group	£ 500.00					
15	FC	Facilities Working Group (£5,000 CIL)	£ 5,000.00			Incidental costs for planning of AP refurbishment		
16	FC	AP Underpinning (£10,000 CIL)	£ 10,000.00			Underpin building at SR end	Clerk obtaining quotes	In progress
			£ 123,138.00	£ 2,920.83	£ 20,016.50			

Schedule of Payments - July				
	Payee	Description	Amount	Comments
Payroll				
	Net Salaries	Net Salaries (MM/CF/VC/JY/KS)	£ 6,291.78	Jul-24
	HMRC	PAYE & NI	£ 1,524.00	
	Berkshire LGPS	LGPS Contributions	£ 2,466.52	
Invoiced Payments				
	Berkshire Extinguisher Service	Annual Extinguisher Service	£ 312.00	Jul 2024
	Big on Bouncing	Bouncy Castle - Fete	£ 385.00	Jun 2024
	Business Stream	Allotment Water	£ 301.67	30/03/2024 - 29/06/2024
	Castle Water	Recreation Ground	£ 43.85	01/06/2024 - 30/06/2024
	Collard	Waste Management	£ 141.75	Jul 2024
	Dave Knight	Window Cleaner	£ 120.00	Jul 2024
	Holly Digital	Printer/Copier Service	£ 57.17	Jul 2024
	ITQED	IT monthly support	£ 98.80	Jul 2024
	ITQED	PC backups & anti-virus	£ 40.19	Jul 2024
	ITQED	365 backup	£ 57.60	Jul 2024
	Nick Robins	Grounds Maintenance	£ 1,104.00	Jul 2024
	SES Business Water	Allotments - Water	£ 121.67	31/05/2024 - 30/06/2024
	The National Allotment Society	LA Membership renewal	£ 66.00	2024 - 2025
	Web Marketing Matters	Website Support & maintenance	£ 202.80	Jul 2024
	Wokingham Borough Council	Contribution to California Park	£ 5,000.00	Jul 2024
	Reading Family Aid	Charity - Fete		Jun 2024
	SHARE Wokingham	Charity - Fete		Jun 2024
TOTAL for Payroll/Invoiced Payments/Refunds			£ 18,334.80	
Direct Debits				
	British Gas Lite	Main Hall		
	British Gas Lite	Allnatt Pavilion		
	BT	Broadband and phone		
	Daisy	Caretaker mobile phone	£ 9.71	Jul 2024
	Sage	Accounts Software	£ 15.60	Jul 2024
	Sirus Telecom	Monthly maintenance	£ 55.98	04/07/2024
	YGP	Electric	£ 38.42	20/05/2024 - 20/06/2024
TOTAL for Direct Debits			£ 119.71	
Lloyds/UNITY Bank Multipay Card				
	Halfords	Refund	-£ 21.91	Jun 2024
	Halfords	Gazebo pegs	£ 12.00	Jun 2024
	Halfords	Gazebo pegs and weights	£ 103.50	Jun 2024
	Sainsburys	Water and Civic award gift card	£ 37.00	Jun 2024
	Canva	Annual subscription	£ 99.99	Jun 2024
	Techtronic Industries	Cordless Power Washer	£ 177.98	Jun 2024
	Lloyds	Monthly fee	£ 3.00	Jun 2024
TOTAL for Multipay Card by Direct Debit			£ 411.56	
TOTAL SPEND			£ 18,866.07	
Paid since the last meeting				
	InstaGroup	Loft Insulation - final payment	£ 728.25	Jun 2024
	Sound & Lighting Hire	PA system Fete	£ 432.00	Jun 2024
	JPLennard	2 x basketball rings	£ 273.50	Jul 2024
TOTAL paid since last meeting			£ 1,433.75	
Bank Balance at				
	Unity Bank		£ 15,060.73	as at 11/07/2024
	Unity Bank Savings		£ 92,142.29	as at 11/07/2024
	Redwood Bank		£ 85,000.00	Jul-24
	CCLA		£ 100,000.00	Jul-24
TOTAL for all Bank Accounts			£ 292,203.02	

Solar Production v Consumption Apr 23 - Jun 24

	Production	Consumption			
Month	Total Production	From Grid	From Battery	From Solar Generated	% from solar & battery
Apr-23	1.53 MWh	368 kWh	124 kWh	506 kWh	63%
May-23	2.2 MWh	0.09 MWh	0.27 MWh	0.64MWh	91%
Jun-23	2.46 MWh	44.7 kWh	267 kWh	655 kWh	95%
Jul-23	1.87 MWh	0.08 MWh	0.28 MWh	0.65 MWh	92%
Aug-23	1.8 MWh	49.3 kWh	270 kWh	483 kWh	94%
Sep-23	1.45 MWh	137 kWh	284 kWh	383 kWh	83%
Oct-23	943 kWh	319 kWh	266 kWh	318 kWh	65%
Nov-23	473 kWh	539 kWh	169 kWh	221 kWh	42%
Dec-23	195 kWh	710 kWh	72.5 kWh	118 kWh	21%
Jan-24	441 kWh	568 kWh	153 kWh	211 kWh	39%
Feb-24	522 kWh	456 kWh	175 kWh	249 kWh	48%
Mar-24	1.11 MWh	283 kWh	280 kWh	363 kWh	69%
Apr-24	1.62 MWh	134 kWh	300 kWh	457 kWh	85%
May-24	1.89 MWh	138 kWh	275 kWh	484 kWh	85%
Jun-24	2.19 MWh	53.8kWh	258 kWh	536 kWh	94%
				<i>Average</i>	71%