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MINUTES OF THE WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.45 p.m. ON TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2005 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

PRESENT: Cllrs, P Bray, B Haines, I Harry, M Hasting-Evans, D Jupp,
J Plant, N Sefton E Siggery, J Southgate,
J Wakefield and J Wilkins

In attendance: Janet Harlin (WPC Clerk). No members of the public, PCs S Mitchell and E Johnson of Thames Valley Police and Alana Razzell of the Wokingham Times.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1** Apologies for absence – Cllrs M Armstrong, W Clark and J Townsend
- 1.2** Apologies for lateness – none

At this point, Cllr Wilkins announced the death of Mr Malcolm Delaney, until last year the Bar Franchisee at the Winnersh Community Centre and gave details of the arrangements for his funeral. As a mark of respect and so that the staff could attend the funeral, the parish office would be closed for two hours on that morning. Councillors wishing to go to the service at St Catherine's church were asked to meet at the office at 10.30 a.m. on 18 October.

The Chairman expressed her thanks to Cllr Jupp for chairing the September WPC meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 2.1** The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2005 were **AGREED** and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.

3 PUBLIC SESSION

- 3.1** Pc Mitchell introduced Pc Emma Johnson as the new ABO for Winnersh and outlined the slight changes in area between the two beats. He reported that there had been a significant decrease in crime in Winnersh in recent months when compared with the same period last year as a result of police resources being put into the areas where they were most needed under the new neighbourhood policing regime. An operation at the Showcase Cinema had resulted in a large reduction in car crime.

There would be an operation in the area in the run up to Halloween and Bonfire Night to prevent nuisance calls to houses and other unacceptable behaviour and shops would be asked not to sell eggs, flour etc to young people. The policy would be promoting responsible Trick or Treating. Posters were available to display in house windows saying that callers were not welcome.

- 3.2** Cllr Siggery asked if the WDC sensitive lettings policy was having an effect in Winnersh and the officers agreed that it was. She stated that there had been problems of the local building sites and the police stated that this had been more nuisance behaviour than anything else and site security had improved but that they would like to know of any problems.
- 3.3** Following a question from Cllr Haines regarding the outcome of the recent consultation day, Pc Mitchell stated that anti-social behaviour by young people had been identified as a particular concern of residents and that there was good liaison with the ASB co-ordinator at WDC and that unacceptable behaviour contracts were having an effect.
- 3.4** Cllr Bray thanked the officers for their support with a recent problem regarding open space at the Chatsworth Park development. She asked if the problem with use of unregulated dumper trucks between building sites in Winnersh had been addressed and the meeting was informed that a meeting between the developers, site regulation officials and enforcement officers at WDC was required.

4 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1** None

5 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

- 5.1** This item would be covered by the reports from chairman in the individual committee reports

6 COMPLAINTS/FAULT TRACKING

- 6.1** None

7 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received is as listed in Appendix 1.

- 7.1** The Chairman stated that she had written to Mrs Townsend regarding the traffic refuges on Reading Road advising of the appropriate elected member of WDC to contact.
- 7.2** The Clerk would reply to the Open Spaces Society giving an update of the actions regarding the land adjacent to Winnersh Primary School.
ACTION: Clerk
- 7.3** The letter regarding voluntary Custody Visitors was read to the meeting and the website address noted as www.tvpa.police.uk
- 7.4** The information regarding the Trick or Treat posters was given. They would be available in the local library or could be downloaded from the website, www.thamesvalley.police.uk. The posters regarding Christmas drinking and safety would be displayed at the Community Centre.

8 DISTRICT COUNCIL (UNITARY) MATTERS

- 8.1** Cllr Siggery reported that due to personal circumstances she had not been very active in respect of WDC recently but that she was now able to concentrate on these matters.
- 8.2** Cllr Bray stated that the bus stop and the road markings in Robinhood Lane were now compatible – the bus stop having been moved to match the road markings. The school warning sign had also been moved and litter bins would be installed.
- 8.3** WDC was looking at improved security at the Winnersh Open Space that had had Travellers encampments on it in the summer.
- 8.4** Anti-social behaviour in Mermaid Close had been addressed.
- 8.5** Cllr Bray had listed the application for development at 68 Reynards Close and would list the application for 510 Reading Road.
- 8.6** There had been cross-party agreement on several matters at WDC recently. It was agreed that the standards of education were high in Wokingham District, that the new Licensing Act had not been drafted correctly and that there was no money coming from Central Government to fund the work required to implement the Act.
- 8.7** Cllr Siggery stated that the District Councillors for Winnersh had been invited to attend meetings regarding proposals for the former GMU land at Winnersh Farm so that local information could be given before any new scheme was submitted.

- 8.8 Cllr Siggery also stated that, since her house move to that part of Reading Road, she would take no part in any discussions regarding the development at Baslow Road/Reading Road.

9 PARISH COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

- 9.1 None.

10 REPORT OF THE LAST PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

- 10.1 The minutes of the meeting of 20 September 2005 were agreed and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.
- 10.2 Cllr Jupp reported Cllr Sefton would be representing WPC at the next WDC Development Control meeting. It was noted that the proposed development at 3- 5 St Mary's Road had been recommended for refusal. Emergency tree work had been carried out at the Bearwood Recreation Ground.

11 REPORT OF THE LAST R&A COMMITTEE MEETING

- 11.1 The minutes of the last meeting of 04 October 2005 were agreed and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.
- 11.2 Cllr Plant reported that the Trafalgar Day Oak Tree had been ordered and that all were asked to attend the official planting at 11 a.m. The evening function would now start at 7.00 p.m., with bar meals being available. Press releases had been sent to newspapers, TV and Radio and children from the local primary schools had been invited. The Bar Franchisee would include the information in her flyers to local homes and publicity would be put on the WPC notice boards. The local lunch club would be informed of the events.
- 11.3 If the s106 monies discussed at the last meeting were forthcoming from WDC it would be used for inclusive play equipment that would be suitable for both able-bodied and disabled children. Cllr Siggery asked that children who were resident in Winnersh but attended special schools such as Addington, outside the parish be included in any ceremonies relating to the equipment.

12 NEXT F & GP MEETING

- 12.1 The date of the next meeting was given as Tuesday 25 October and Cllr Harry gave his apologies. Several other Councillors indicated that they might not be able to make that date. The Clerk was asked to e-mail all committee members to establish whether sufficient people were available to make the meeting quorate. If insufficient Councillors were able to attend, another date would be agreed.

ACTION: Clerk

13 APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

13.1 It was noted that the play equipment repair was subject to an insurance claim and the costs would be recouped.

13.2 The expenditure on trees was for the emergency works necessary on health and safety grounds.

13.3 It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harry and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bray and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to pay the following accounts for October 2005.

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Payee	Description	Amount	Ch.No.
Wokingham District Council	Rates	559.00	5083
Southern Electric Contracting	Street Light Maintenance	67.35	5084
Thames Water Utilities Ltd	Qtr charge Main Hall, Pav & Allots	462.06	5085
Reading Borough Council	Binding of minutes 1991 - 2001	352.50	5086
Tyler Engineering Ltd	Annual Service MH & Pav boilers	742.74	5087
phs Group plc	Toilet rolls and paper towels	83.64	5088
Kompan Ltd	Repair to Spica following vandalism	1,084.16	5089
Nick Robins Ltd	Felling of dangerous oak, beech & sycamore	1,762.50	5090
SMS Environmental	Testing of Pavilion showers for legionella	45.83	5091
ING Lease	Qtrly Copier rental Nov05-Feb06	131.16	5092
Wheatley Dyson & Son Ltd	Stationery	37.45	5093
Parnell Metalworkers	JGR anti-slip coating	571.05	5094
Robseal Roofing	Repair to MH roof	687.38	5095
Ash Reid Design	Repairs to play area	317.84	5096
D Knight Esq.	Window Cleaning	90.00	5097
Nick Robins Ltd	Sept 05 grounds maintenance	847.18	5098
Ash Reid Design	Sept 05 play area inspection	52.88	5099
All Staff - JH, MT, AB & FB	Salaries	3,193.16	5100-5103
Inland Revenue	I Tax & NI	1,277.01	5104
Southern Electric plc	Electricity, October 2005	130.00	D/D
Business Gas	Adjustment following meter reading	50.27	D/D
Business Credit Card	Cleaning products & copier paper	37.51	
	Padlock for 5 bar gate	10.99	
		48.50	D/D
Total for the month		<u>12,593.66</u>	

Financial Position as @ 30 September 2005

Receipts for year to date	£	133,832.50
Less payments for year to date	£	<u>68,114.17</u>
Sub-total	£	65,718.33
Add balance carried forward 31/3/05	£	<u>21,811.60</u>
	£	<u>87,529.93</u>

14 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 14.1** Cllr Southgate had attended the University of Gloucester Summer Seminar in July that had concentrated on best practice in community involvement. This was mainly aimed at communities with defined centres but Councillors were asked to think of means of engaging the community.

Cllr Siggery left the meeting

- 14.2** Cllr Southgate had also attended the Wokingham Volunteer Centre AGM in September. This year is the Year of the Volunteer and the Centre needs volunteer drivers for the transport service (for hospital visits etc.)
- 14.3** Cllr Plant had attended an interesting meeting of the Winnersh Primary School Governors before which all she was able to meet all the school staff.
- 14.4** The Clerk had attended the WDC meeting regarding the setting up of a “virtual” children’s centre in Winnersh, one of the pilot areas in Wokingham District. More information was to follow.
- 14.5** Cllr Wilkins had attended the meeting of the District/Parish Working Group that had formulated the agenda for the District/Parish Conference meeting of next week. There had been much discussion about the recent Traveller incursions and a quicker response in future had been promised.
- 14.6** Cllr Wilkins had attended the Civic Reception for Chairs of school governing bodies at which some musical entertainment had been provided by children including Addington School.
- 14.7** Cllr Wilkins had attended the meeting of the Hurst Consolidated Charity and reported that there were no vacancies, all the properties being occupied.

15 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

- 15.1** A sympathy card for Mrs Dianna Delaney was circulated for Councillors to add their own messages.

16 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- 16.1** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 08 November 2005 at 7.45 p.m. in the John Grobler Room.

The meeting closed at 8.33 p.m.

PART II

17 NALC/SLCC CLERK'S CONTRACT/AGREEMENT

- 17.1** The Chairman of Council reported the results of the discussions regarding the Clerk's salary and stated that the office manning and procedures would be reviewed.
- 17.2** It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's salary would be set at Spinal Column Point 32 of the NALC/SLCC tables, back dated to April 2005 and would be reviewed annually.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37 p.m.

APPENDIX 1

Items of correspondence received for the October 2005 Parish Council Meeting

- 1 Copies of WDC agendas and minutes for period 27th – 29th September 2005
- 2 Agenda for WDALC meeting on 13th October 2005
- 3 Letter from Mrs Townsend, resident re traffic refuges in Reading Road
- 4 Invitation to Chairman to attend the launch of Life Education Centres service on 2nd November 2005
- 5 Letter from N Hodgson, Open Spaces Society re update on Village Green Application
- 6 Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter
- 7 Details from BBCTP re course to assist CiLCA course
- 8 Around Winnersh newsletter
- 9 Staff Bulletin from WDC
- 10 Information from R Trustram Eve, Thames Valley Crimestoppers on services
- 11 Poster advertising “Open Space” event on 28th October 2005 to discuss the future of mental health services in the Wokingham district
- 12 Appeal for new volunteers to serve as independent custody visitors from V Clark, Thames Valley Police
- 13 Invitation to Chairman to attend Civic Reception and Award Ceremony to acknowledge the valuable contribution made by local school governors
- 14 Details re launch of Safer Streets campaign from A Tysom, Thames Valley Police
- 15 Letter from D Taylor re The Jane Longhurst Campaign and petition
- 16 Details of Developing Well-being and Reducing Stress course on 6th October from CVA Wokingham District
- 17 Wokingham District News publication
- 18 Local Council Review publication
- 19 Arborfield News from Arborfield Parish Council
- 20 Invitation to Wokingham District CPRE AGM on Wednesday 26th October at 7.30pm
- 21 Details of “Developing Your Community Building/Organisation” course from Earley Crescent Resource Centre
- 22 WDC Standards Committee Agenda for 11th October 2005
- 23 Staff Bulletin from WDC
- 24 Notice of change of date of October Scrutiny Meeting and Agenda from K Jacob, WDC
- 25 E-mail from W Dacey, CCB re Defra Rural Social and Community Programme
- 26 Safer Streets posters from A Tysom, TVP