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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.45 p.m. ON TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2009 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

PRESENT: Cllr J Southgate (Chairman), P Bray, E Cooke, J Grimson, D Hunt,
D Jupp, J Peffers, J Plant and J Wilkins

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk).

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs M Armstrong, E Siggery, J Townsend,
J Wakefield.

1.2 **Apologies for lateness** – none

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 The minutes of the Council meeting of 10 March 2009 were agreed, and the
Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Cllr Hunt reported on the use of Community Service volunteers. They are
available for projects such as window cleaning, work on the Recreation
Ground and litter picking. The Council discussed Community Service
involvement in the April 26 Big Tidy Up and decided it would be beneficial to
have Community Service involvement. The suggested areas for them to litter
pick are adjacent to the M4 on Mill Lane and Longdon Road. Cllr Hunt will
liaise with WBC Community Services. **ACTION: Cllr Hunt**

- 3.2 There is no news regarding the bollards on Sherwood Close. Cllr Southgate will ask Cllr Siggery for an update. **ACTION: Cllr Southgate**
- 3.3 WBC's report on the Icelandic banks is not ready yet. It is hoped a copy will be available to WPC in time for the next Full Council meeting.
- 3.4 PC Glen Watts represented the police at the last Planning Committee meeting.

4 PUBLIC SESSION

- 4.1 None

5 COMPLAINTS AND FAULT TRACKING

- 5.1 The Clerk explained that a member of the public had reported problems with the spicas. The spicas had been replaced the day after his visit and before he made his comments. The gentleman was happy with the new spicas.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda

Item 5; Cllr Malcolm Storry's thank you was noted.

Item 12; The Dogs Trust Canine Care Card scheme was explained. The Clerk will forward details to Cllr Plant. **ACTION: Clerk**

Item 26: The Mayor's Charity Dinner on 8 May is open to all councillors.

Item 48; Cllr Southgate explained that the areas covered within WBC by the WBC Planning Liaison group and the Neighbourhood scheme were different. He will point this out at the Planning Liaison meeting on 20 April and suggest that WBC rationalises its areas **ACTION: Cllr Southgate**

6.2 Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda

Item N3; Cllr Southgate explained John Heggadon's email regarding the Strategic Partnership.

Item N9; Cllr Southgate summarised the scope of the NALC document explaining Parish Council powers.

Item N10; Cllr Cooke gave further details of the afternoon tea at the Rainbow Centre, 29 April 2009.

7 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

- 7.1 Cllr Bray reported on the over-swift removal of dog waste bins throughout WBC before replacement litter bins had been arranged.

- 7.2 Public toilets are also to be closed. Local businesses are being encouraged to open their toilet facilities to the public, but none have signed up to this scheme yet.
- 7.3 WBC is making its Council Buildings not available for meetings on Monday and Tuesday evenings. It is unclear if any alternative facilities are available.
- 7.4 WBC controls about 16000 street lamps of which 8000 are in areas which are possibly suitable for controlled switching off. A final decision on the locations affected is awaited.
- 7.5 The public examination of the Core Strategy is ongoing. There are still questions regarding north Wokingham highways, the reclassification of the A329(M) and provision of a park & ride scheme.
- 7.6 There is no further news of the money allocated for the development of phase 1 of the Rainbow Centre. Cllr Southgate will contact Cllr Siggery to request an update. **ACTION Cllr Southgate**

8 PARISH COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

- 8.1 A question was received from Fee Young regarding the past dredging of the River Loddon. The Council discussed this issue but was uncertain of the historical timing or reason for the dredging and whether it would be of benefit at the moment. Cllr Southgate will contact the Winnersh Historical Society to see whether they have any knowledge of past dredging. **ACTION: Cllr Southgate**

9 LAST PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

- 9.1 The minutes of the meetings of 9 and 31 March 2009 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.
- 9.2 Cllr Grimson reported on the meeting of 31 March 2009. The Committee had discussed with the Police representative issues including the WBC Part Night lighting trials and the possibility of creating a police post in the centre of Winnersh.
- 9.3 Cllr Grimson reported on and the Council discussed the application for a 1.2m fence at 8 Bathurst Road. The Clerk reported that this application had been approved by WBC.
- 9.4 The Committee had made no comment on the criteria for the WBC Part Night lighting trials criteria.
- 9.5 Cllr Grimson reported on the application for 7 St Marys Road.

10 LAST R&A COMMITTEE MEETING

- 10.1** The minutes of the meeting of 7 April 2009 were agreed and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.
- 10.2** Cllr Plant reported that the allotments are to have their Spring review soon.
- 10.3** Cllr Plant gave an update on the responses of hirers and local organisations to the proposed Adult 'Outdoor Gym'. Cllrs Plant, Southgate and Wakefield have had the opportunity to view the proposed equipment in use at another site.
- 10.4** The Litter Pick on Sunday 26 April 2009, 10.30am at Sainsbury's, is part of the national Big Tidy Up campaign. Councillors were invited to attend. The Clerk will forward details to local organisations.

11 NEXT FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

- 11.1** Cllr Southgate reported that because of the extra money involved with the BLF Playground the Council is subject to an Intermediate Audit for 2008/9. The Council **RESOLVED** to postpone the F&GP meeting until Thursday 21 May 2009 in order to give more time to the preparation of the accounts.

12 FETE WORKING GROUP

- 12.1** The next Fete Working Group meeting will be on Wednesday 22 April 2009 in the Bar. This meeting is important in order to finalise the details of the competitions and the organisations involved in the arena. Cllr Wilkins confirmed that the posters are again being designed and produced by Creative Directions.

13 WINNERSH MEADOWS PROJECT

- 13.1** Cllr Southgate reported that the NAG application to the BLF for ground works was ongoing. A rabbit proof fence had been installed to protect the hedge planted during the Community and Environment Day. The Friends of Winnersh Meadows is to hold its inaugural meeting on 20 April.

14 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 14.1** Cllr Cooke reported on his visit to Smallmead Waste Management site. The site is currently recycling 14 tonnes of waste per day. The Bracknell site will be in action again in June 2009.

The Council discussed the information given by WBC regarding the recycling of plastics. Cllr Cooke will contact Peter Baveystock for clarification.

ACTION: Cllr Cooke

- 14.2** Cllr Wilkins reported on the Borough Parish Working Group Conference. The Conference is due to take place in October and details will be available soon. Topics on the agenda will be relevant to Borough-wide issues.

- 14.3** Cllrs Southgate and Bray had attended the WBC Community Conference, which included representatives from voluntary groups, the Chamber of Commerce, and special interest groups.
- 14.4** Cllr Southgate had attended the Winnersh Community Partnership meeting on 23 March.
- 14.5** Cllrs Southgate and Peffers had attended the NAG meeting. The local policing is nearly up to strength. PCSO Nellie Williams has just joined the area and a new Community Warden has started recently. Cllr Cooke reported that the Battle of the Bands final is to take place on 24 April. The event is nearly sold out. An open-air concert for the runners-up will not take place this year because of Health and Safety issues.
- 15 APPROVAL OF THE APRIL ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**
- 15.1** Cllr Southgate confirmed that the Balfour Beatty invoice is for the labour at last year's fete. The invoice was delayed because it had been sent to WBC.
- 15.2** It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Hunt and **SECONDED** by Cllr Plant and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to pay the following accounts for April 2009.

WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14 APRIL 2009
ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - APRIL 2009

Payee	Description	Amount	Ch.No.
Berkshire Association of Local Councils	Membership 2009/10	1,092.06	6019
Kompan	Spares for repairs to playground	386.91	6020
ABA (Construction) Ltd	Monthly playground inspection	75.04	6021
Biffa Waste Services Ltd	containers + service for 28/03/09 - 26/06/09	882.44	6022
Southern Electric Contracting	Quarterly street lighting maintenance	82.79	6023
Chubb Fire Ltd	Replacement extinguishers	310.50	6024
PHS Group plc	Toiletries	49.22	6025
Nick Robins	Monthly ground maintenance	1,132.75	6026
National Association of Local Councils	Leadership academy - 16 March 09	14.95	6027
ADT Fire and Security plc	Redcare - yearly charge for 09/10	257.03	6028
Wokingham Borough Council	Rent for allotments	730.00	6029
Egan Maintenance	repairs to toilets	141.00	6030
Binfield Electrical Limited	CCTV replacement	1,349.55	6031
ABA (Construction) Ltd	Repairs to playground	92.00	6032
Southern Electric	Street lighting electricity for 2008/09	388.78	6033
Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services Ltd	Barriers for fete 2008 (outstanding invoice)	293.75	6034
D. Knight Esq.	Window cleaning	90.00	6035
ClunkClick	Internet Backup - monthly charge	5.69	6036
Open Spaces Society	Membership renewal for 2009/10	40.00	6037
The Computer Doctor	Quarterly maintenance cover Dec/Jan/Feb	43.13	6038
The Computer Doctor	Quarterly maintenance cover March/April/June	43.13	6039
RBWM	Pension contribution	353.23	6040
All staff - CH, SDG, AB, PB	Salaries	3,081.24	6041-6044
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI	757.56	6045
Southern Electric	Electricity supply	201.00	DD
Wokingham Borough Council	Rates	640.25	DD
Credit card	Serif - website software and guides	92.97	DD
Credit card	Bentley Fielden Ltd - Disabled ramp	192.05	DD
Credit card	PC world - print cartridges	78.68	DD
Thames Water	Water charges 28 Nov 08 - 9 March 09	238.83	DD
Total for the month		13,136.53	

Financial Position as at 31 March 2009

Sub-total	£	219,022.47
Less payments for year to date	£	210,346.90
Sub-total	£	8,675.57
Add balance carried forward 31/3/08	£	59,879.91
	£	68,555.48

Note : Thames Water DD collected from our account on 23 March 09 and already reflecting in the Financial position on 31 March 09

16 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

16.1 There has been one nomination for a Civic Award. Councillors were invited to get any final nominations in quickly. The nominations will be considered by the Executive Committee before the Planning Committee meeting on the 21 April 2009.
ACTION: Executive Committee

16.2 Cllr Southgate will supply Cllr Clark with the contact details for the Guides.
ACTION: Cllr Southgate

- 16.3** The Clerk apologised for the stuffiness of the meeting room. There is a radiator with a broken thermostat in the room. The Clerk will arrange repairs.
ACTION: Clerk
- 16.4** Cllr Southgate confirmed that the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and asked councillors to consider what roles they may wish to take up during the next Parish year. The meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting and followed by refreshments.
- 17 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
- 17.1** The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 12 May 2009 at 8.30p.m.** in the John Grobler Room. It will be preceded at 7.30pm by the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.

APPENDIX 1

Items of correspondence received prior to the issue of the 14 April 2009 Full Council Meeting Agenda

- 1 NHS Blood Donor leaflets
- 2 Berkshire Maestros; leaflets
- 3 WBC; Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee meeting agenda, 16 March
- 4 WBC; Staff Bulletin, 6 March 2009
- 5 Malcolm Storry; thanks for warm welcome at last council meeting
- 6 WBC Official Guide 2009
- 7 Berkshire Unitary Authorities Joint Strategic Planning Unit;
Submission of Joint Minerals and Core Waste Strategy DPD
- 8 Parenting Course; improve your Maths skills, 23 April – 16 July
- 9 WBC; Service Development Overview & Scrutiny Panel agenda, 19 March
- 10 WBC; Finance Overview & Scrutiny Panel agenda, 19 March
- 11 WBC News, 12 March 2009
- 12 Leaflet re Dogs Trust Canine Care Card scheme
- 13 TVP Community Messaging; 16 March 2009
- 14 Keep Mobile; invitation to AGM, 25 April 2009
- 15 WBC; Meeting of the Personnel Board, 23 March 2009
- 16 TVP Community Policing Awards; nominations requested by 17 April
- 17 WBC News, 19 March 2009
- 18 WBC; Licensing and Appeals Committee agenda, 25 March 2009
- 19 WBC; Special Council Executive agenda, 26 March 2009
- 20 TVP Watch Update, 19 March 2009
- 21 WADE; thank you for grant
- 22 WBC; Meeting of the Executive, agenda, 26 March 2009

- 23 Thames Water; Annual customer information sheet
- 24 Bearwood Primary School; invitation to tea and buns, 31 March 2009
- 25 WBC; invitation to preview of Heritage to Here exhibition, 31 March 2009
- 26 WBC; invitation to councillors to Mayor's Charity Dinner, 8 May 2009
- 27 Keep Mobile; The Omnibus newsletter
- 28 WBC Staff Bulletin, 20 March 2009
- 29 Sainsbury's; update on vacant land at Winnersh store's car park
- 30 WBC News, 26 March 2009
- 31 TVP Watch Update; 26 March 2009
- 32 WBC; update on COMMA fund and CCB Village Halls Leaflet
- 33 WBC; removal of dog waste bins
- 34 WBC; Service Development Overview & Scrutiny Panel agenda, 6 April
- 35 CTPLD, new address
- 36 Friend of Winnersh Meadows; meeting leaflet, 20 April 2009
- 37 The Town and Parish News, March 2009
- 38 WBC; alterations to Register of Electors, April 2009
- 39 WBC; Corporate Projects Overview & Scrutiny Panel agenda, 7 April
- 40 Sylvie De Groote; thank you for the flowers
- 41 CCB; launch of Community Buildings Advice Service, April 2009
- 42 Arborfield News magazine
- 43 WBC; notification of Arboriculture Works, 39 King Street Lane, from 6 April
- 44 WBC News, 2 April 2009
- 45 WBC Mayor; invitation to cheese & wine tasting, 3 May 2009
- 46 LINK; election results
- 47 CCB; Action For All weekly bulletin, 3 April 2009
- 48 WBC and Parish/Town Council Planning Liaison meeting agenda, 20 April 2009

Items of correspondence received since the issue of the 14 April 2009 Full Council Meeting Agenda

- N1 ARC AGM, invitation, 11 May 2009
- N2 Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive, agenda, 14 April 2009
- N3 SoLACE report response re Strategic Partnership
- N4 WBC Library Service; What's On in May 2009
- N5 WBC; Joint Meeting of Finance and Service Development Overview and Scrutiny Panels, agenda, 20 April 2009
- N6 WBC News; 9 April 2009
- N7 Open Spaces Society; leaflet
- N8 True Energy Ltd; Solar Lighting and Green Energy booklets