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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.45 p.m. ON TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2009 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

PRESENT: Cllrs J Southgate (Chairman), M Armstrong, P Bray, W Clark,
E Cooke, J Grimson, D Hunt, D Jupp, J Peffers, J Plant, E Siggery,
J Wakefield

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk), Mr F Breedlove.

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence – Cllr J Wilkins

1.2 Apologies for lateness – Cllr E Siggery

2 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

2.1 The Chairman introduced Mr Frank Breedlove, a prospective Councillor. Mr Breedlove spoke briefly to the Council. The Chairman **PROPOSED** and the members **RESOLVED** that Mr Breedlove be co-opted as a member of Winnersh Parish Council. Mr Breedlove signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was provided with all the relevant paperwork for the Code of Conduct and Register of Interests which he would return to the Clerk once signed. Cllr Breedlove joined the meeting as a Member.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 None.

5 PUBLIC SESSION

- 5.1** The Clerk reported that PC Alistair Marman had hoped to attend this meeting. However, he had been delayed on police business. The Council noted its concern over the non-attendance of the police and asked the Clerk to invite a superior officer to a future meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

6 COMPLAINTS AND FAULT TRACKING

- 6.1** None.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda

Item 33; Cllr Southgate confirmed the details of the tax base for the 2010-11 precept.

Item 34; Cllr Southgate passed on the invitation to eligible councillors to attend the Over 50s Christmas Lunch at the Rainbow Centre. Cllr Cooke reported that the Rainbow Centre will be closed for 2 months from mid-January 2010.

7.2 Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda

Item N3; The Clerk was asked to get the figure for the number of electors in Winnersh.

[Afternote: 3570 north ward, 3427 south ward; as at 1.12.09 CH]

Item N11; The Clerk was asked to enquire whether individual councillors can receive these emails from WBC. **ACTION: Clerk**

8 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

8.1 Cllr Bray reported that:

- 1) She is trying to get further details of the proposed gas mains works on King Street Lane.
- 2) She and Cllr Grimson had met the developers of the Bromleys site and had tried to persuade them to do works to Poplar Lane during the school summer holidays.
- 3) The recent works to the flooded area on Robinhood Lane were to connect services to the new building at 16 Robinhood Lane and not to correct the flooding.
- 4) Investigations into the parking at Danywern Drive are ongoing.
- 5) The residents of Sylvester Close have the opportunity to receive a Defra grant for work on their houses. There is some concern that the grant may not be suitable to their needs.

8.2 Cllr Armstrong reported that:

- 1) Remedial work on the flooded area of Robinhood Lane was still awaited.

- 2) Twyford, and possibly Winnersh, are suggested venues for a multi-disciplinary Health Centre. These villages would each require a new physical location for its centre.
- 3) It has been reported that charities providing services to the elderly are sometimes having difficulty fulfilling their roles. If councillors hear of any examples of this then please forward the information to Cllr Armstrong.
- 4) A consequence of the uncertainty of the future of Emmbrook School has resulted in pressure for places on schools in neighbouring areas

9 PARISH COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

- 9.1 In response to a question from Cllr Hunt, Cllr Bray reported on WBC's plans in the event of a major flood in the area. In the event of flooding various services within WBC will ascertain the needed response as part of Community Resilience. Known locations where people are vulnerable have been plotted by post code. Temporary rehousing of vulnerable people will take place in care homes or with friend and relatives. The Highways Team will make a tactical assessment of the problems and feed these back to Wokingham Direct. The Police will have the power to close any roads necessary.

WBC, together with the Environment Agency, will "rebrand" the Flood Codes in March 2010. If the Flood & Water Management Bill becomes law then a register will be created of 'things' which have a significant effect on flooding, which could include any hard-core works preventing drainage.

(Cllr Siggery joined the meeting.)

The Council **RESOLVED** that the Planning Committee should look at 'community resilience' issues and propose what action should be taken to improve preparedness in the event of major flooding in Winnersh.

ACTION: Clerk

10 LAST PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

- 9.1 The minutes of the meeting of 17 November 2009 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.
- 9.2 Cllr Grimson reported on the meetings of 17 November and 7 December 2009.
- The Committee had reviewed the latest news on the Part-Night Street Lighting system. Approximately half of the lights originally specified are being switched off.
 - Two new footpaths are planned for Winnersh.
 - Members of the Committee had visited the WBC Planning Department. They had found the visit informative and useful contacts had been made.
 - Four native trees had been planted on Bearwood Recreation Ground on 5 December as part of the Tree O'Clock project. Cllr Grimson thanked all those councillors who attended the planting.
 - Cllr Grimson reported that the Committee had agreed with Segro's suggestion of Patterdale Road for a new road in Winnersh Triangle.

11 LAST R&A COMMITTEE MEETING

- 11.1** The date of the next R&A meeting was corrected and confirmed as 5 January 2010.
- 11.2** The minutes of the meeting of 1 December 2009, with the correction specified in 11.1, were agreed and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.
- 11.3** Cllrs Plant and Armstrong gave a summary of the progress of arrangements for the Christmas Lights event on 11 December 2009. Cllr Armstrong reported on the difficulties of getting donations of lights from businesses in the area. The Council **RESOLVED** to authorise Cllr Armstrong to spend up to £80 on replacement lights if no donations were forthcoming.
- 11.4** The Committee is still awaiting news from WBC regarding the installation of the dropped kerbs on Mole Road.

12 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2010

- 12.1** The Council considered and approved the meeting dates for 2010. A copy of these dates is appended to the minutes.

13 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 13.1** Cllrs Plant & Southgate had attended the WBC Mayor's Reception for the Voluntary Sector.
- 13.2** Cllr Grimson had attended the BALC Executive meeting.

14 APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- 14.1** The Council authorised the FAO to take a Working With Your Council course, at a cost of up to £200.
- 14.2** The Clerk was asked to confirm the services provided by Biffa.
[Afternote: Charge covers rental of 2 bins and collection of waste for 13 weeks at £55.20 per week plus VAT. CH]
- 14.3** The Clerk confirmed the details of the service to the floor buffer for the main hall.
- 14.4** The Clerk confirmed that a selection of companies had been investigated before Staples were selected as the supplier on this occasion.
- 14.2** It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Hunt and **SECONDED** by Cllr Jupp and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to pay the following accounts for December 2009.

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - DECEMBER 2009

Payee	Description	Amount	Ch.No.
Bowak Ltd.	Cleaning products	100.59	6222
Binfield Electrical Limited	Fixed Wiring inspection	920.00	6223
Staples Delivery	Telephones and stationery	65.35	6224
Ruscombe Litho and Digital Printing Ltd.	Newsletter printing	445.00	6225
D. Clarke	Carpet cleaning	216.30	6226
Truvox International Ltd.	Service maintenance - buffer	100.05	6227
ABA (Construction) Ltd.	Playground inspection	103.04	6228
Biffa Waste Services Ltd.	2 containers	825.24	6229
D. Knight Esq.	Window cleaning	90.00	6230
The Computer Doctor	Quarterly Maintenance	43.13	6231
Nick Robins Ltd.	Monthly ground maintenance + tree survey + trees	1,144.25	6232
Salaries (CH-SDG-AB-PB-KB)		3,221.30	6233-6237
RBWM		345.10	6240
HM Revenue & Customs		836.18	6239
Southern Electric		290.00	DD
Wokingham Borough Council		637.00	DD
Clunkclick		17.19	DD
Business Gas		1,040.27	DD
Total for the month		10,439.99	

Financial Position as at 30 November 2009

Sub-total	£	157,031.31
Less payments for year to date	£	158,070.83
Sub-total	-£	1,039.52
Add balance carried forward 31/3/09	£	68,770.49
	£	67,730.97

15 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

15.1 Cllr Cooke reported on the visit of the Bearwood School choir to compete at the O2 towards which WPC had contributed a grant.

15.2 Winnersh Matters. Cllr Armstrong thanked Cllr Wakefield and his wife for doing the inserts. Cllr Armstrong thanked all the councillors for their help distributing Winnersh Matters. Over 3500 copies have been distributed. Councillors were asked to return undistributed copies to Cllr Armstrong. Distribution to Winnersh Triangle will be considered for the next edition.

16 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

16.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 12 January 2010** at 7.45 in the John Grobler Room.

Cllr Southgate wished everybody a happy new year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

APPENDIX 1

Items of correspondence received prior to the issue of the 8 December 2009 Full Council Meeting Agenda

- 1 WBC News; 12 November 2009
- 2 Clerks & Councils Direct magazine, November 2009
- 3 WBC; Core Strategy; notification of Inspector's Report
- 4 WBC; Meeting of the Council, agenda, 18 November 2009
- 5 WBC; minutes of Committee meetings, 5 October to 29 October 2009
- 6 WBC; minutes of the Finance Overview and Scrutiny panel, 19 November 2009
- 7 Bearwood Primary School; thanks for grant
- 8 The Clerk magazine, November 2009
- 9 TVP; In Your Neighbourhood, 12 November 2009
- 10 Frank Breedlove; acceptance of invitation to meeting of 8 December 2009
- 11 Action For All weekly news, 13 November 2009
- 12 TVP; Police and Local Authorities liaison meeting, 20 April 2009
- 13 TV Crimestoppers; information and poster
- 14 Keep Mobile; request for nomination to Management Committee
- 15 PC Alistair Marman; apologies for missing last meeting
- 16 VAWB; invitation to Voluntary Sector Forum Community Lunch, 9 December
- 17 WBC; Staff Bulletin, 13 November 2009
- 18 WBC; Putting People First event leaflet, 10 December 2009
- 19 VAWB; re Partnership Development Fund grants
- 20 WBC News; 19 November 2009
- 21 TVP; In Your Neighbourhood, 19 November 2009
- 22 Action For All weekly news, 20 November 2009
- 23 WBC; Meeting of the Executive, agenda, 26 November 2009
- 24 Twyford & Ruscombe Theatre Group; leaflets to display
- 25 James Newman; minutes of Partnership Board discussion, Nov 09.
- 26 VAWB training bulletin, 23 November 2009
- 27 Energy Saving Trust; poster & leaflet
- 28 SLCC; Clerk's membership renewal 2010
- 29 Ken Paul; confirmation of completion of hall roof repairs
- 30 Arborfield News, parish newsletter, Dec 09 - Jan 10.
- 31 WBC; Meeting of the Standards Board, agenda, 2 December 2009
- 32 MS Therapy Centre; thanks for grant
- 33 WBC; Precept 2010-11 documentation
- 34 Invitation to Over 50s Christmas lunch, 16 December at Rainbow Centre
- 35 WBC; National Free Swimming initiative posters
- 36 WBC; Meeting of the Finance Overview and Scrutiny Panel agenda, 7 December
- 37 WBC; Meeting of the Personnel Board agenda, 9 December 2009

Items of correspondence received since the issue of the 8 December 2009 Full Council Meeting Agenda

- N1 WBC News, 3 December 2009
- N2 NHS Blood Donor session poster
- N3 copy of Register of Electors – Winnersh
- N4 WBC; invitation to Carols in the Mall, 18 December 2009
- N5 WBC Libraries; poster for January 2010
- N6 Action For All Weekly News, 4 December 2009
- N7 BALC; change of address and leaflet
- N8 WBC; Borough Parish Working Group agenda, 14 December 2010
- N9 WBC; Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive, agenda, 10 December 2009
- N10 LCR magazine, winter 2009
- N11 WBC traffic management; Bader Way closure, night-time 14-16 December
- N12 VAWB training bulletin, 7 December 2009

APPENDIX 2

Winnersh Parish Council Meeting Dates 2010

Full Council	R&A	F&GP (provisional)
12 January	5 January	26 January
9 February	2 February	27 April
9 March	2 March	27 July
13 April	6 April	26 October
11 May (+APM)	4 May	
8 June	1 June	
13 July	6 July	
14 September	7 September	
12 October	5 October	
9 November	2 November	
14 December	7 December	

Planning

- 4 January (Monday)
- 25 January (Monday)
- 16 February
- 8 March (Monday)
- 30 March
- 20 April
- 10 May
- 31 May (Bank Holiday)
- 22 June
- 12 July (Monday)
- 3 August (+ cheques)
- 24 August
- 13 September (Monday)
- 4 October (Monday)
- 25 October (Monday)
- 16 November
- 6 December