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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.45 p.m. ON TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2010 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

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

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk), 1 member of the public.

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs E Cooke, F Breedlove, E Siggery, J Wilkins

1.2 **Leave of absence** – Cllr Southgate reported that Cllr Wilkins had requested leave of absence from the Council due to ill health. The Council sent its best wishes and **RESOLVED** to grant Cllr Wilkins 6 months leave of absence. Cllr Wilkins hopes to be able to help with the organisation of the fete from home.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.2 The minutes of the Council meeting of 8 December 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 There were no comments from the member of the public present.

6 COMPLAINTS AND FAULT TRACKING

6.1 None.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda

Item 1 & 12; comments re Danywern Drive will be included in the Borough Councillors' report.

Item 7; There were no candidates from the Council for the post of Independent Member of the Thames Valley Police Authority. (WBC members are ineligible for this post.)

Item10; Cllr Bray reported on the Strategic Partnership and commented that it is supposed to identify specific key priorities but tends towards identifying general objectives. The Council asked the Clerk to respond indicating its general support of the overall objectives and that it would like to comment further when the priorities become clearer. **ACTION: Clerk**

Item 15; There were no volunteers to join the Rainbow Children's Centre Development Group. Cllr Southgate will try to attend the first meeting and report back to Council.

Item 17 & N3; Cllrs Grimson and Southgate volunteered to attend the Wokingham Strategic Locations & Infrastructure Masterplan meeting on 18 January 2010. They will report on concerns regarding the impact of extra traffic in Winnersh. The Clerk will confirm their attendance.

ACTION: Clerk

Item 20; Cllr Southgate confirmed the details of the showing of the Shinfield Adult Gym as part of a programme on outdoor gyms on breakfast television.

7.2 Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda

Item N5 & N10; Cllr Southgate summarised the latest news regarding WBC salt and gritting during the current snowy winter.

Item N7; The Parish Council was invited to send a representative to the inaugural Winnersh Business Action Group meeting on 19 May 2010. The Chairman suggested that one of the NAG representatives should attend - to be agreed nearer the time.

Item N13; Cllr Southgate summarised the role and nominees for the post of Town & Parish Representative to the Wokingham Borough Strategic Partnership. The Clerk will put this on the agenda for the next Full Council meeting and will circulate further information. **ACTION: Clerk**

Item N18; The Clerk confirmed the temporary closure of Mill Lane to allow for clearing the snow.

8 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

8.1 Cllr Armstrong reported that WBC will not be clearing subsidiary roads going forward. Residents who clear roads sensibly will not be liable for any accidents which may occur. WBC hopes to have refuse collection back to normal later this week, but some roads may still be inaccessible. He recommended people to visit the WBC website for information regarding refuse collection, tip closures and school closures.

8.2 Cllr Bray reported that:

- 1) residents who cleared snow would only get into trouble if they did something 'stupid'. Shovelling away snow is considered reasonable. Cllr Bray asked councillors to report to her any comments regarding 'what might have been done better' during the cold spell.
- 2) Drainage problems were being reported on Wedderburn Close and Rainbow Park near the Reading Road. A burst water main is causing problems on Sherwood Road. Residents of Sylvester Close are still awaiting their Defra grant.
- 3) WBC has now drawn up a scheme to deal with parking problems on Danywern Drive. Cllr Bray has sent details to the Danywern Drive representative.
- 4) Cllr Bray reported on work proposals from the major utility companies. Works in King Street Lane will be undertaken during the school summer holidays. The Robinhood Lane motorway bridge will be repaired at the same time. Both major works will require road closures for part of the time. Work on electricity substations began in Wokingham town centre yesterday.
- 5) Cllr Bray is making further enquiries regarding the re-installation of the ticket machine at Winnersh railway station.
- 6) The Environment Agency has agreed flood mitigation measures for the Hatch Farm Dairies development. Cllr Armstrong reported concerns over the ability of the existing electrical power supply to cope with the addition of further houses at Hatch Farm. He asked the Planning Committee to note this for future reference.

9 PARISH COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

9.1 None.

10 LAST PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

10.1 The Council noted that the references in 2.2 of the minutes of 4 January 2010 to 1 Mole Road should be a 'comment' and not an 'objection'.

10.2 The minutes of the meeting of 7 December were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record. The minutes of the meeting of 4 January 2010 were agreed, with the correction specified in 10.1 above, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.

10.3 Cllr Grimson reported on the background to the comments on 1 Mole Road. He also reported on the proposals for the Bulldog Service station site and the development at 441 Reading Road. WPC has received details of the Rights of Way within Winnersh which includes 2 new footpaths.

10.4 Cllr Grimson reported on comments regarding the footbridge over the railway line on Robinhood Lane. The Council noted that this footbridge probably belongs to Network Rail and not WBC as first thought.

11 LAST R&A COMMITTEE MEETING

11.1 Cllr Plant reported that the January meeting of the R&A Committee had been cancelled because of the bad weather. The next meeting of the committee would be on 2 February 2010 as scheduled.

11.3 Cllr Plant reported that the Christmas Lights event went well and £109.55 was raised for the Mayor's Charity. The Committee is awaiting further information from WBC regarding the installation of the dropped kerbs on Mole Road.

11.4 The Council discussed the budget proposal figure for Adult Gym equipment for 2010-11 and decided to leave that at £3000. Cllr Wakefield will speak to Wendy Crosson-Smith regarding WBC S106 funding.

ACTION: Cllr Wakefield

12 NEXT F&GP COMMITTEE MEETING

12.1 The Council reviewed the timescales for completing the work required for this meeting and agreed to re-schedule the meeting to Wednesday 3 February 2010.

13 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

13.1 None.

14 APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

14.1 The Council **RESOLVED** that during the current adverse weather conditions hirers should not be charged for cancellations caused by the weather conditions.

14.2 The Council noted the expenditure on rock salt and suggested that a large bin for salt could be considered.

14.3 It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Bray and **SECONDED** by Cllr Armstrong and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to pay the following accounts for January 2010.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - JANUARY 2010

Payee	Description	Amount	Ch.No.
Jill Plant	Expenses xmas lights event	63.00	6241
Bowak Ltd.	Rock salt for de-icing	12.22	6242
PHS Group plc	Toiletries	97.38	6243
Binfield Electrical Limited	Remedial works with ref. to quotation fixed wire testing	3,425.16	6244
Sage (UK) Ltd	Sagecover extra	166.75	6245
Holly Digital	Annual service contract photocopier	235.75	6246
Nick Robins Ltd.	Monthly ground maintenance	1,357.00	6247
Southern Electric Contracting Ltd	Quarterly Street Lighting Maintenance	80.90	6248
ABA (Construction) Ltd	Monthly play ground inspection	103.04	6249
D. Knight Esq.	Window cleaning	90.00	6250
Clive Hudson	SLCC annual subscription (85%)	128.35	6251
Society of Local Council Clerks	WWYC - training fee for SDG	195.00	6252
The Post Office	Stamps	69.00	6253
Society of Local Council Clerks	Local Council Administration book	55.60	6261
Salaries (CH-SDG-AB-PB-KB)	Salaries	4,068.18	6254-6258
RBWM	Pension	344.40	6259
HM Revenue & Customs Only	Tax & NI	91.63	6260
Southern Electric	Electricity supply	290.00	DD
Wokingham Borough Council	Rates	637.00	DD
Clunkclick	Internet back up storage	17.57	DD
Total for the month		11,527.93	

Financial Position as at 31 December 2010

Sub-total	£	159,174.21
Less payments for year to date	£	168,873.43
Sub-total	-£	9,699.22
Add balance carried forward 31/3/09	£	68,770.49
	£	59,071.27

DD taken out on 22 Dec. 09
Thames Water

Charges 8 Sept 09 - 8 Dec 09

362.61 DD

15 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

15.1 None.

16 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

16.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 9 February 2010** at 7.45 in the John Grobler Room.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

APPENDIX 1

Items of correspondence received prior to the issue of the 12 January 2010 Full Council Meeting Agenda

- 1 Peter Holland; Danywern Drive parking problems
- 2 W&D CAB News, December 2009
- 3 TVP; Community Messaging; 14 December 2009
- 4 Action for All Newsletter; 14 December 2009
- 5 NALC Conferences and Events survey
- 6 SLCC; Practitioners' Conference details, 26-27 February 2010
- 7 VAWB; re appointment of independent member of TVP
- 8 WBC News, 17 December 2009
- 9 WBC News, 21 December 2009
- 10 WBC Simon Weeks; re Wokingham Borough Strategic Partnership
- 11 TVP; Winnersh Neighbourhood Update, 23 December 2009
- 12 Prue Bray; response to Peter Holland re Danywern Drive
- 13 WBC; Staff Bulletin, 23 December 2009
- 14 WBC Libraries; posters for coffee morning at Winnersh library, 17 Feb 2010
- 15 Jacqueline Riddles; invitation to join Rainbow Children's Centre Development Group
- 16 WBC News, 24 December 2009
- 17 Wokingham Town Centre Masterplan informal consultation; 4 January to 12 February 2010
- 18 WBC Electoral Services; notification of requirement of Community Centre as Polling Station – date to be confirmed
- 19 TVP Community Messaging; Happy Christmas
- 20 Shinfield Parish; outdoor gym on BBC TV Breakfast, 4 January 2010

Items of correspondence received since the issue of the 12 January 2010 Full Council Meeting Agenda

- N1 WBC; Register of Electors update, January 2010
- N2 WBC; news release and survey on New Transport Plan
- N3 WBC; invitation to Strategic Development Locations Masterplanning briefing, 18 January 2010, 7.00pm at Shute End
- N4 CCB; online training courses details
- N5 Keith Baker; Severe Weather Warning; 5 January 2010
- N6 VAWB; training e-bulletin, 6 January 2010
- N7 PC Nellie Williams; invitation to Winnersh Business Action Group meeting, Wednesday 19 May 2010
- N8 WBC traffic management; closure of A329(M) westbound, 7 January 2010
- N9 WBC News; 7 January 2010
- N10 Keith Baker; Severe Weather Warning; 7 January 2010
- N11 Wokingham Information Network (WIN), poster and meeting dates (including Wed 20 Jan 2010 at Winnersh Library)
- N12 NALC networking lunch programme 2010
- N13 Simon Weeks WBC; election of Town & Parish representative to Wokingham Borough Strategic Partnership
- N14 SLCC courses, Spring 2010
- N15 TVP; Winnersh Neighbourhood Update, January 2010
- N16 WDALC; chairman's report for meeting of 14 January 2010
- N17 WBC; Meeting of the Finance Overview and Scrutiny Panel, agenda, 12 January 2010
- N18 WBC Traffic Management; closure of Mill Lane, 12 January 2010
- N19 WBC Electoral Services; notification of WBC elections 6 May 2010.
Request to use Community Centre (bar) as a Polling Station.
- N20 WBC Electoral Services; confirmation of Frank Breedlove as a WPC councillor