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

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

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk).

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence – none

1.2 Apologies for lateness – Cllr Siggery

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 The minutes of the Council meeting of 14 September 2010, were agreed and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 none.

4 PUBLIC SESSION

4.1 The Clerk reported that he had verbally invited members of the police to attend future meetings.
PCSO Nellie Williams is attending the Pavilion café on 21 October and Grovelands Park “Have your Say” meeting on 14 October.

Cllr Siggery joined the meeting.

5 COMPLAINTS AND FAULT TRACKING

5.1 none.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda

Item 6: The Chairman brought the Council's attention to the guidelines to councillors regarding blogging and social networking.

Item 13; The Clerk reported on the WBC Sports and Leisure questionnaire, which is related to WBC's strategic leisure needs.

Item 14; The Council discussed representation at the BALC Council Employment Training day, 25 November 2010. Cllrs Breedlove, Grimson, Plant and Wakefield will attend. **ACTION: Clerk**

Item 16; The Clerk explained the request for comments for the next edition of the LCR magazine.

Item 21; The Clerk reported that referendums on excessive council tax increases are not expected to take place until 2012-13.

6.2 Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda

Item N2; The Council discussed the options presented by the County Court and agreed to accept the offer of payment, with provisions for the means of payment. The Clerk will write to the Court. **ACTION: Clerk**

Item N3; Cllr Grimson will attend the BALC AGM, 6 November 2010. **ACTION: Clerk**

Item N7; The Council discussed the WBC schools admission policy in relation to Forest School and the factors due to affect boundary changes in the future.

Item N11; The Council discussed the poor standard of communication from WBC regarding the A329(M) bridge works. A letter will be sent to WBC outlining these concerns. **ACTION: Clerk, Cllr Grimson**

Item N12; There were no councillors available to attend the Berkshire Historic Environment Forum. The Clerk will write to the Forum. **ACTION: Clerk**

Item N14; Cllr Hunt will attend the police liaison meeting on 6 December 2010. **ACTION: Clerk**

7 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

7.1 Cllr Armstrong reported that:

- 1) There is no WBC Council meeting this month.
- 2) Charities, for example CAB and Children's Society, face significant funding cuts and are struggling to maintain services to the vulnerable, eg 'Places of Safety'.

7.2 Cllr Bray reported that:

- 1) Work is ready to start on the development of the cricket ground at Sadler's End.
- 2) A decision is awaited from WBC Highways regarding the redevelopment of the highway on Poplar Lane.
- 3) A decision is awaited from WBC Highways regarding the access route to the proposed development on Arbor Lane.
- 4) A decision on the development at 212 Bearwood Road has been deferred and has not been listed yet.
- 5) The PCSOs are proposing to enforce the parking restrictions on Cavendish Gardens.
- 6) Re-signing and tarmacing of the cycle route on Reading Road is due to take place, using S106 money.
- 7) The Comprehensive Service Review will consider the ongoing flood mitigation for the Hatch Farm Dairies site.
- 8) Motor Cycle parking will be considered in the next Parking Strategy document in the new year.
- 9) A WBC leaflet 'Don't Waste Our Future' has been distributed. It gives guidelines on the proposed changes to waste collection to take effect from April 2012.
- 10) The Comprehensive Spending Review of 20 October may include changes to the housing subsidy system.
- 11) Transformation:
hot-desking is to be taken up by the Planning Department;
staff and councillors will soon be paying for parking at Shute End

Cllr Siggery reported that Wokingham Direct is part of the hub for transformation service and that more services are due to come in to the service.

8 PARISH COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

8.1 none

9 LAST PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

9.1 The minutes of the meeting of 13 September 2010 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.

9.2 The minutes of the meeting of 4 October 2010 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.

Cllr Grimson reported on the reasons for the refusal of the application for 1 Greenacres. He reported the success of the Committee's comments on the speed limits on the A329(M) slip roads.

- 9.3 Cllr Grimson reported that the Planning Committee may go over budget for tree husbandry if further work is required on the Pine Tree or as a result of the forthcoming big tree survey.

10 LAST R&A COMMITTEE MEETING

- 10.1 The minutes of the meeting of 5 October 2010 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.

- 10.2 Cllr Plant reported on a recommendation from the R&A Committee to go ahead with the replacement of the strip lights in the main hall with low-energy equivalents. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation from the R&A Committee to instal low-energy strip lights in the Community Centre.

- 10.3 Cllr Plant reported that Winnersh Primary School will be unable to attend the Christmas Lights event. The event will still take place with a choir from Bearwood Primary School.

Cllr Armstrong will train up a team to set up the lights.

Cllr Armstrong will write to Slough Estates to request a donation to buy lights.

ACTION: Cllr Armstrong

The Clerk will notify the local press of the event.

ACTION: Clerk

11 NEXT FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

- 11.1 The next meeting of the F&GP Committee was confirmed as Tuesday 26 October 2010 at 7.45pm.

12 BAR FRANCHISE

- 12.1 The Clerk presented an invitation from AVC to visit the Main Hall on the morning of 6 November 2010 (time to be confirmed) to see the hall set up for a large wedding party.

- 12.2 Cllr Armstrong reported on discussions regarding the best utilisation of the bar and the adjoining room. These broadened out into 3 main topics:

- 1) the business relationship between the Council and the franchisee
- 2) the best use of the Council buildings for offices and private functions
- 3) the marketing of the facilities.

Cllr Armstrong recommended that the long term use of the Council's rooms should be considered by the R&A Committee and that the F&GP Committee should consider funding the FAO to make a marketing report on the Council's buildings.

- 12.3** Cllr Armstrong recommended that Cllr Wakefield decides who should sign the contract.

13 BUSINESS LIAISON WORKING GROUP

- 13.1** Cllr Armstrong reported on the progress of the formation of the group. Cllrs Armstrong, Breedlove and Southgate will meet to discuss the parameters of the group. Cllr Hunt will help Cllr Armstrong to establish a list of the businesses in Winnersh.

14 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 14.1** Cllr Cooke reported on his visit to the recycling centre at Colnebrook.

Cllr Siggery left the meeting.

- 14.2** Cllr Grimson requested volunteers to join him and Cllr Southgate at the Borough/Parish Conference on 27 October 2010. Cllr Bray volunteered to attend the Environment workshop on the Council's behalf. The Clerk will send in the necessary paperwork. **ACTION: Clerk**

- 14.3** Cllr Breedlove reported on the latest NAG meeting; there is no progress on the snagging problems or the right turn into King Street Lane at the crossroads. The walking buses project is not going ahead. There are concerns over anti-social behaviour at Calver Close and the signage at Winnersh Meadows.

15 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

- 15.1** It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Breedlove and **SECONDED** by Cllr Peffers and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to pay the following accounts for October 2010.

WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12 October 2010
ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - OCTOBER 2010

| Payee | Description | Amount | Ch.No. |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------|-----------|
| Bowak Ltd | Cleaning products | 58.82 | 6467 |
| D. Knight Esq. | Window Cleaning Sept and Oct 2010 | 180.00 | 6468 |
| Graham Baldwin | Installation of curtain tracks in the MH | 150.00 | 6469 |
| PHS Group plc | Toiletries | 99.50 | 6470 |
| Simon P Holmes Ltd | Tree survey | 734.38 | 6471 |
| James Scott | Repair tap on allotments | 55.00 | 6472 |
| H.C. Bell | Repair scratches on floor in MH | 88.13 | 6473 |
| Nick Robins | Monthly playground maintenance | 1,063.38 | 6474 |
| ABA (Construction) Ltd | Playground inspection | 108.43 | 6475 |
| Southern Electric Contracting Ltd | Street light maintenance September quarter | 80.97 | 6476 |
| The Post Office | Stamps | 73.00 | 6477 |
| Laura Tyndale | return allotment deposit | 35.00 | 6478 |
| Valia Fuentes | return allotment deposit | 35.00 | 6479 |
| Christine Callaghan | return allotment deposit | 35.00 | 6480 |
| Salaries (CH-SDG-AB-PB-KB) | Salaries | 3,707.79 | 6481-6485 |
| The Berkshire Pension Fund | Pension | 349.21 | 6486 |
| HM Revenue & Customs Only | Tax & NI | 816.34 | 6487 |
| Southern Electric | Electricity supply | 290.00 | DD |
| Wokingham Borough Council | Rates | 318.00 | DD |
| Clunkclick | Internet back up storage | 17.57 | DD |
| Opal | Broadband | 127.38 | CC |
| PTS Supplies | Toilet seats | 105.75 | CC |
| C&A Building plastics | UPVC cleaner | 33.24 | CC |
| Total for the month | | 8,561.89 | |

Financial Position as at 30 September 2010

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|-------------------------------------|---|------------|
| Sub-total | £ | 137,217.34 |
| Less payments for year to date | £ | 87,070.82 |
| Sub-total | £ | 50,146.52 |
| Add balance carried forward 31/3/10 | £ | 38,957.81 |
| | £ | 89,104.33 |

Note:

Thames Water - DD of £428.59 taken out on 22 Sept. 2010

16 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

16.1 none

17 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

17.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 9 November 2010 at 7.45 p.m.** in the John Grobler Room.

PART 2

18 RELIEF CARETAKER'S POST

18.1 The Clerk reported on the attempts to fill the vacant Relief Caretaker's post. The Council discussed some of the alternative options if a suitable candidate is not found. The Council was of the general opinion that the Clerk should attempt to recruit a Relief Caretaker.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.42 p.m.

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

- 1 LCR magazine, autumn 2010
- 2 WBC; Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, agenda, 21 September 2010
- 3 WBC; Meeting of the Council, agenda, 23 September 2010
- 4 WBC; Minutes of Committee Meetings for the Period 18 August to 1 September 2010
- 5 Action For All newsletter; 20 September 2010
- 6 Standards For England; link to Guidance for Councillors on Blogging and Social Networking
- 7 NALC; request for nominees to Larger Councils Committee
- 8 WBC; Meeting of the Executive, agenda, 30 September 2010
- 9 WBC; Meeting of the Personnel Board, agenda, 28 September 2010
- 10 WBC; Meeting of the Executive, agenda, 30 September 2010
- 11 WBC Borough Town & Parish Conference 27 October; delegates forms
- 12 WBC; Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive, 30 September 2010
- 13 KKP; re WBC questionnaire re Wokingham Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation Study.
- 14 BALC; Council Employment Training, 25 November 2010
- 15 WBC; request for nominations for WBC Sports awards
- 16 LCR; request for comments for December issue on “Do you think the Big Society will work for local (parish & town) councils and communities?”
- 17 Action For All Newsletter, 27 September 2010
- 18 WBC; re Review of Polling Places
- 19 VAWB; Community Lunch, 13 October 2010
- 20 WBC; notification of current consultations; Schools Admission and Open Spaces
- 21 SLCC; re referendums on excessive council tax increases
- 22 TVP Community Messaging; 22 September 2010
- 23 Action For All newsletter; 20 September 2010
- 24 WBC; Meeting of the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel, agenda, 7 October 2010
- 25 Volunteer Centre, Wokingham; ‘V’ Factor recruitment fair
- 26 WWYC; notification of Clerk’s completion of the course
- 27 WBC Town & Parish News, September 2010
- 28 Partnerships for Renewables; Rushy Mead Wind Energy Investigations
- 29 WBC; Meeting of the Trading and Enterprises Sub Committee, agenda, 11 October
- 30 WBC; invitation to Wokingham Borough Sports Council Sports Personality of the Year Awards 2010, 26 November.
- 31 WBC; link to LTP3 consultation

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

- N1 SLCC; benefits of membership
- N2 Reading County Court; application to suspend warrant
- N3 BALC; invitation to AGM, 6 November 2010
- N4 WBC; link to LTP consultation
- N5 TVP; In Your Neighbourhood, 15 September 2010
- N6 TVP; In Your Neighbourhood, 22 September 2010
- N7 WBC; notification of current consultations: Schools Admission; Open Space
- N8 WBC; Place & Neighbourhoods bulletin, October 2010
- N9 Action For All newsletter; 4 October 2010
- N10 WBC Highways; M4 J10 link road closures, 11 – 19 October 2010
- N11 Prue Bray; re WBC communication on A329(M) roadworks
- N12 Berkshire Historic Environment Forum; invitation to send delegates. 30 Oct 2010
- N13 TVP; In Your Neighbourhood, 7 October 2010
- N14 TVP; Authority & Local Police Liaison Meeting; 6 December 2010
- N15 WBC; confirmation of Local and National Elections, Thursday 5 May 2010