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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIDDERSH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.45 p.m. ON TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2011
IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM**

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

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk), 2 members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence – Cllr F Breedlove

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.2 The minutes of the Council meeting of 14 December 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 It was reported that PCSO Nellie Williams is off work sick at the moment. Her next 'Have Your Say' meeting is at the Pavilion Café on 20 January 2011.

5 COMPLAINTS AND FAULT TRACKING

5.1 none.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda

Item 8: The Clerk reported that there will probably not be S106 money available from WBC for the repair of the hall floor

Item 11: The Clerk summarised CI Bunt's letter and plans to meet with parish representatives.

Item 23: The Clerk summarised the WBC offer to sell Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs to the Parishes. Cllr Hunt summarised the background to this offer. The Council discussed the costs of the initial purchase of the equipment and the ongoing setup fees for each time it is used. The Council discussed the benefit of using such a sign within Winnersh. The Council decided not to purchase a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign.

The Council asked the Clerk to enquire of WBC whether this offer will apply during the next financial year. The Council also asked the Clerk to enquire of other parish councils locally whether another parish might be willing to hire out a MVAS to Winnersh. **ACTION: Clerk**
Cllr Peffers was asked to consult with the NAG regarding its views on the uses of a MVAS within Winnersh. **ACTION: Cllr Peffers**

6.2 Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda

Item N1; Cllrs Grimson and Southgate volunteered to attend the BALC Chairmanship course, 1 February 2011. **ACTION: Clerk**

Item N3; The Council asked the Clerk to forward the Council's views regarding MVAS (see item 23 above) **ACTION: Clerk**

Item N6; Cllr Southgate summarised the Wokingham Times article on the Fete, and thanked the Wokingham Times representative, Lewis Rudd, for publishing the article.

(Cllr Southgate reported that the next meeting of the Fete Working Group will be held on 10 February 2011 at 7.30pm.)

7 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

7.1 Cllr Bray reported that:

- 1) The planning application for 21-22 Allnatt Avenue has been rejected.
- 2) The phasing of the traffic lights at the crossroads has been altered.
- 3) The road surfaces and ditches are areas of concern at the cricket pitches on Sadlers End.

7.2 Cllr Armstrong reported that:

- 1) He has attended the Corporate Services and Scrutiny Panel as a witness. He reported that parish councils will be receiving invitations to a meeting

regarding consultation topics and the consultation processes that is to be adopted.

2) The Task and Finish group is undergoing an investigation process which may relate to parish councils as part of the decision making process.

8 PARISH COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

8.1 none.

9 LAST PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

9.1 The minutes of the meeting of 5 January 2011 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.

Cllr Grimson reported that a waste recycling scheme had been approved at Winnersh Triangle and that the proposal for B&B at 4 Mayfields had been approved.

Cllr Grimson confirmed that the proposal for land adjacent to 212 Bearwood Road has gone to appeal.

10 LAST R&A COMMITTEE MEETING

10.1 The minutes of the meeting of 4 January 2011 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.

10.2 Cllr Plant reported that the committee was exploring options for the new floor in the hall and was awaiting further information. The order for benches and tables for the recreation ground, using S106 money, would be placed soon.

10.4 The Council **RESOLVED** to vire £500 from the Car Park Extension Budget to the Miscellaneous Budget partly to cover the payment for the new Chairmen's Board in the Community Centre.

11 NEXT FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

11.1 The date of the next meeting of the F&GP Committee was confirmed as Tuesday 25 January 2011.

11.2 Cllr Southgate reported on the funding schemes available for the Winnersh Meadows project. He reported that some of this funding is dependent on WPC continuing to carry forward its funding commitment into 2011-12. Cllr Southgate **PROPOSED** and the Council **RESOLVED** to have £9000 committed to the Winnersh Meadows project for 2011-12. The Clerk was asked to write a letter confirming the Council's financial commitment to this project for 2011-12. Cllr Southgate will get contact details for the letter from the NAG. **ACTION: Cllr Southgate, Clerk**

In answer to councillors' questions Cllr Southgate summarised the plans for phase 1 of the Winnersh Meadows project.

12 COMMUNITY HALL FLOOR

- 12.1** The Clerk summarised the conclusions of an independent investigation into the hall floor, including reasons for the failure of the floor and recommendations for remedial work to the base. He also summarised the options for a new floor from both a practical and financial viewpoint. The Council discussed the relative merits of vinyl and wooden flooring and the Council confirmed the choice of a wooden floor in principle. The Council **RESOLVED** to allocate up to £25000 from unspent project budgets and from the Contingency budget for the R&A Committee to spend on a new floor and related work. The Clerk was asked to prepare details and quotations for a new wooden floor, to be presented to the next R&A Committee meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

13 WINNERSH MATTERS

- 13.1** Cllr Armstrong reported that an editorial group was being established. It hopes to meet in February with a target of the end of April for the next edition. Cllr Grimson confirmed that he will take over as distribution manager for the magazine, and will look at distribution options including members of the local community.

14 LOCALISM BILL 2010

- 14.1** Cllr Bray observed that the bill may not become law until later this year and may be amended in the meantime.

The Council discussed the implications of the bill. The bill appears to be permissive in terms of rights, accountability and changes, without specifying additional powers or money with which small councils can take action. Concern was expressed that small parish councils do not have the staffing or expertise to take on additional responsibilities.

From the chair, Cllr Wakefield recommended that a small group of councillors should keep up to date with developments in order to be able to report back to the Full Council as the consequences of the bill become clearer.

15 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 15.1** Cllr Grimson reported on the meeting of the Borough/Parish Working Group. The Borough/Parish Conference will take place in October or November, date to be confirmed. The Working Group had discussed WBC transformation, citing the example of the road verges. WBC is to report back with a paper discussing the concept of devolved responsibility. Concern had been expressed at the meeting regarding the possibility of double charging of council tax for devolved services. Diversification to parishes and towns would create a new layer of administration within the parishes and towns.

15.2 Cllr Southgate had attended a meeting of the Hurst Consolidated Charities, which runs 17 almshouses in Hurst and Twyford, for which WPC can put forward names.

15.3 Cllr Bray reported that WFAT had made its annual donations before Christmas. She reported that there are vacancies for trustees of the trust.

16 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

16.1 It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Jupp and **SECONDED** by Cllr Hunt and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to pay the following accounts for January 2011.

WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11 January 2011 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - JANUARY 2010

Payee	Description	Amount	Ch.No.
Shirley Knott	Return booking fee	198.00	6536
Sage (UK) Ltd	Sage Cover - yearly fee	170.38	6537
Bowak	Rock salt for de-icing	24.98	6538
The Computer Doctor	Quarterly computer maintenance	44.69	6539
Rushmoor Mechanical Services Ltd	Service boilers	315.69	6540
Southern Electric Contracting Ltd	Quarterly street light maintenance	80.97	6541
ABA (Construction) Ltd	Monthly playground inspection	108.43	6542
Nick Robins Ltd	Monthly ground maintenance	305.50	6543
Binfield Electrical Limited	Repair security light	393.60	6544
D. Knight Esq.	Window cleaning	90.00	6545
Thrower Signs	New chairman board + complete signwork	438.75	6546
The Post Office	Stamps	73.00	6547
Salaries (CH-SDG-AB-PB-CF)	Salaries	3,153.10	6548-6552
The Berkshire Pension Fund	Pension	349.21	6553
HM Revenue & Customs Only	Tax & NI	707.55	6554
Southern Electric	Electricity supply	290.00	DD
Wokingham Borough Council	Rates	118.00	DD
Clunkclick	Internet back up storage	17.94	DD
Total for the month		<u>6,879.79</u>	

Financial Position as at 31 December 2010

Sub-total	£	152,510.62
Less payments for year to date	£	120,103.33
Sub-total	£	32,407.29
Add balance carried forward 31/3/10	£	38,957.81
	£	<u>71,365.10</u>

17 ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

17.1 none.

18 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

18.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 8 February 2011 at 7.45 p.m.** in the John Grobler Room.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.54 p.m.

Items of correspondence received prior to the issue of the 11 January 2011 Full Council Meeting Agenda

- 1 WTC; request for mayor to wear chain at Lord Harris Court
- 2 NALC; Policy & Parliamentary Briefing on The Localism Bill
- 3 WBC; An Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive, agenda, 22 December 2010
- 4 NALC; e-Bulletin re Localism Bill
- 5 NALC; setting up a Youth Council
- 6 Action For All newsletter, 20 December 2010
- 7 WBC; Place & Neighbourhoods Bulletin to be replaced by Wokingham Borough News
- 8 Angie Gibson, WBC; re use of S106 to replace the hall floor
- 9 Nellie Williams; reminder of dates for Have Your Say meetings, 2011
- 10 VAWB; update December 2010
- 11 TVP; CI Christian Bunt – notification of plans to meet Town & Parish councils
- 12 TVP Community Messaging; office closure / Christmas greeting
- 13 TVP In Your Neighbourhood, 23 December 2010
- 14 WBC; An Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive, 6 January 2011, agenda
- 15 Cllr Dianne King; thanks for Christmas Lights invitation and donation
- 16 W & D CAB, Annual Bulletin, 2010
- 17 WBC; meeting of the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel, 6 January 2011
- 18 Wokingham Borough Community Safety Conference 2011, 24 February 2011, invitation
- 19 TVP; re cash machine fraud
- 20 The Berkshire Record Office; The Berkshire Echo newsletter
- 21 TVP; Liaison Meeting agenda, 27 June 2011
- 22 Thrower Signs; confirmation of charges for new Chairman's Board
- 23 WBC; Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs – costs of

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- N1 BALC; Chairmanship Training course, 1 February 2011, Woodley
- N2 BALC; advantages of BALC membership
- N3 Arborfield PC; request for thoughts on Mobile Vehicle Activate Signs (VAS)
- N4 WBC; WDALC minutes + agenda for 13 January 2011
- N5 WBC; re Schools Admission consultation deadline, 14 February 2011
- N6 Karen Vass; comments on Wokingham Times Fete 2011 article
- N7 Royal British Legion; 'Great Poppy Weekend', 10-12 June 2011
- N8 WBC; update of electoral register, January 2011
- N9 WBC; Meeting of the Community Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Panel, agenda, Wednesday 12 January 2011
- N10 VAWB/WBC; invitation to a Consultation on Funding Support Services for the Voluntary Sector in Wokingham Borough, Tuesday 18 January 2011
- N11 WBC; invitation to 'Lightning Play' on 19 January 2011, in aid of Mayor's Charity
- N12 TVP; In Your Neighbourhood newsletter, 6 January 2011
- N13 NALC; request for comments on the Localism Bill, by 13 February 2011
- N14 VAWB; invitation to Equalities Conference, 18 January 2011
- N15 WBC; invitation to Wokingham Borough Sports Council AGM, 24 January 2011
- N16 Clerks & Councils Direct; January 2011
- N17 Wokingham Times, copy of article re Winners Fete
- N18 R F Holdstock; express interest in co-option onto the Council
- N19 SLCC; The Clerk magazine, January 2011
- N20 WBC; Rainbow Multi-Agency agenda, 12 January 2011
- N21 WBC; chairman's report for WDALC meeting, 13 January 2011