



## Widdersh Parish Council

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIDDERSH PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.45 p.m. ON TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2015 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs J Southgate (Chairman), P Bray, G Harper, R Holdstock, D Hunt, F Obileye, P Ray, I Shepherd-Dubey, R Tilbe.

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

#### 1 APOLOGIES

1.1 **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs F Breedlove, D Green, S Hanna, R Shepherd-Dubey, C Taylor.

#### 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 The minutes of the Council meeting of 10 March 2015 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 Sophie Royall and Nicola Greenwood of the Wokingham Bridleways Group addressed the meeting. They are in the process of raising awareness of horse-riding within the Borough. They gave a summary of the extent of horse riding and the limited number of off-road tracks available.  
A discussion followed on policies which might include equestrian rights of way on new paths and extending equestrian access on existing pathways. The Council suggested they provide details of priority routes and make contact with organisations such as the Greenways Project and My Journey. The

Wokingham Bridleways Group was invited to have a stall at the summer fete in order to raise awareness of horse-riding issues.

Cllr Southgate thanked the ladies for their input. They gave out leaflets and left the meeting.

## **5 COMPLAINTS AND FAULT TRACKING**

**5.1** none.

## **6 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **6.1 Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda**

Item 13; The Clerk summarised information regarding the use of council buildings for hustings. He reported on a request to use the Community Centre building. The Council considered the request and suggested that £20 be a reasonable amount to charge for services and caretaking.

Item 14; The Council considered a request by a local newspaper for contact with local historians.

Item 17; The Council noted the Arborfield Garden Village project.

Item 22; The Council noted the WBC Mayor's attendance at the APM and Fete.

### **6.2 Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda**

Item N6; Cllrs Bray, R Shepherd-Dubey, Ray, Harper and Tilbe volunteered to attend the N Wokingham Distributor Road meeting on 16 April. The councillors were asked to enquire of the implications for the re-siting of the allotments.

Item N10; this information was noted.

Item N14; The Council discussed Hurst PC's comments on traffic issues. Cllr Harper agreed to attend Hurst's next meeting to discuss the issues raised.

**ACTION: Cllr Harper**

Item N15; There are no members available to attend the Keep Mobile AGM.

Item N16; Cllr Southgate reported the death of Mr Brian Eighteen, formerly of the Winnersh Historical Society.

## **7 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS**

**7.1** Cllr Southgate read Cllr R Shepherd-Dubey's report. See Appendix 2.

**7.2** Cllr Southgate read Cllr P Houldsworth's report. See Appendix 3.

- 7.3 Cllr Bray reported:
- Construction of the cycle path has started
  - The Post Office move could go ahead soon
  - She reported the death of NAG member Mr Pete Holland
  - The implications of the implementation of the Care Act are awaited.

## 8 PARISH COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

### 8.1 Borough Council matters:

none

### 8.2 Parish Council matters:

None

## 9 LAST PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

- 9.1 The minutes of the Committee meeting of 9 March 2015 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.
- 9.2 The minutes of the Committee meeting of 31 March 2015 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.
- 9.2 Cllr Tilbe reported on the meeting of 31 March 2015. Representatives of the Greenways Project had spoken to the meeting and three routes from Barkham to Sindlesham had been discussed, which the Council support in principle. The application for 9 houses adjacent to Lord Harris Court was discussed by the meeting. The access onto Mole Road and the site's position adjoining the Conservation Area were discussed.

## 10 LAST R&A COMMITTEE MEETING

- 10.1 The minutes of the Committee meeting of 7 April 2105 were agreed, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign them as a true record.
- 10.2 Cllr Harper reported;
- CCTV footage had been given to the police following a traffic accident on Mole Road
  - The R&A budget projects had come in on budget
  - The allotment inspection had taken place. The allotments generally are in good condition
  - The Litter Pick had gone well, despite the poor weather
  - Discussions over the running of a café at the pavilion were ongoing
  - Maintenance work in the kitchen and bathroom at Pavilion House had been identified

## **11 NEXT FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**11.1** The date of the next F&GP Committee meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 28 April at 7.45pm in the John Grobler Room.

## **12 WINNERSH MATTERS**

**12.1** Topics for items for the May edition were requested. Suggestions included profiles of new parish council members, update on the relief road, the post office move, the new cycle path, local businesses, highlights and services locally. Information to the editorial team please.

## **13 PARISH ELECTIONS 2015**

**13.1** The May Parish Council elections will be uncontested. There are 13 candidates elected including 3 new members. Cllr Southgate thanked the 4 councillors who are completing their term of office. He asked those members elected from May to consider which committees they would like to volunteer for. There are still 2 places available on the new council. The Council asked for the co-option of councillors to be an agenda item at the May council meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## **14 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

**14.1** Cllr Harper had attended a Hurst Consolidated Charities meeting.

**14.2** Cllr Southgate reported on a Managing Flood Risk in the Loddon Catchment meeting.

## **15 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS**

**15.1** The Council noted the cancellation of the BT lines.

**15.2** The BALC subscription is unchanged.

**15.3** It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr D Hunt and **SECONDED** by Cllr G Harper and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to pay the following accounts for April 2015. (Cllr Southgate signed the cheque for G Harper.)

**WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14 APRIL 2015**

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - APRIL 2015**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Chq No</b>
Salaries (CH-AL-CF)	Salaries	3,390.88	SO/7686-88
HM Revenue & Customs Only	Tax & NI - Month 1 Year 2015-16	643.88	7689
The Berkshire Pension Fund	Pension	970.28	7690
Adele Walker	Relief Caretaker (8 days - March)	455.20	7691
Nina Fazey	Emergency Relief Caretaker (Elliott Staker 18:75 hrs)	177.75	7692
ABA (Construction) Limited	Play Area Inspection Apr15	169.20	7693
	Annual Inspection teen shelter, rock, table tennis		
A Solo Security	Annual Charge for Intruder & Fire Alarm System	1,056.00	7694
BALC	Subscription for 2015 - 2016	1,471.22	7695
Broker Network Limited	Annual Insurance	3,524.84	7696
OCS Group UK Limited	Cannon - Annual Sanitary Disposal	199.73	7697
Corona Energy Retail 4 Limited	Gas Charges to 1 Mar15 - £216.22	408.78	7698
	Gas Charges to 1 Apr15 - £192.56		
D. Knight Esq.	Window Cleaning Mar & Apr15	180.00	7699
Geoff Harper	Fete - Deposit for Climbing Wall	100.00	7700
Nick Robins Limited	Groundworks March15	739.80	7701
SSE Contracting Limited	Q4 Street Lights Maintenance	65.57	7702
SSE	Street Lights Useage for Year 2015 / 2016	403.52	7703
Easycopiers Limited	603259 Billing Period 1 - 31 Mar15	42.00	DD 30/4
Plusnet	60099714 Telecoms Charges to 9 May15	55.47	DD 10/4
Risc Group	43830 PC Back Ups	22.74	DD 13/4
Thames Water Utilities Limited	8 December 2014 - 9 March 2015	974.66	DD 30/3
Wokingham Borough Council	Council Tax - Month 2	97.00	DD 1/5

**Total for the month**

**15,148.52**

**Payments made after last meeting**

NatWest OneCard	AVG Annual Renewal for Office PC	49.99	DD 10/3
		<b><u>49.99</u></b>	

**Financial Position as at 31 March 2015**

Bank Balance	£	77,900.58
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**16 ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

**16.1** none

**17 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**17.1** The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 at 7.30pm in the John Grobler Room.

**17.2** The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 at 8.30pm in the John Grobler Room.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

## APPENDIX 1

### Items of correspondence received prior to the issue of the 14 April 2015 Full Council Meeting Agenda

- 1 Girl Guides; invitation to County Annual meeting, 24 April, Sindlesham
- 2 Berks LGPS; Employers meeting presentations
- 3 TVP; Thames Valley Alerts
- 4 WBC; contact details for new Parks & Open Spaces team
- 5 WBC; What's On in libraries, 7 – 17 April 2015
- 6 NALC; LCR magazine, spring 2015
- 7 Wokingham Town Council; permission for mayor to wear ceremonial chain, 17 April
- 8 NHS Blood service; posters for blood donor day, 9 April
- 9 WBC; newsletter, refurbished Bulmershe Leisure Centre
- 10 WBC; Gypsy Roma Traveller Cultural Awareness Course
- 11 CCB; link to Action for All bulletin, 20 March 2015
- 12 WBC; Mayor's engagements, 21-27 March
- 13 NALC; DIS newsletter, including election guidance
- 14 WTC; request contacts of local historians for local paper
- 15 WBC; Rainbow youth consultation and Easter events
- 16 BALC; March newsletter
- 17 WBC; newsletter, Garden Village approved for Arborfield garrison site
- 18 WBC; request to enable scheduling of grass cutting around event dates
- 19 Involve; link to training dates
- 20 WBC; Rainbow Centre, word processing course and cooking course
- 21 WBC libraries; April talks
- 22 WBC; confirmation of bookings for Mayor, 12 May & 20 June
- 23 Came & Co; insurance renewal and newsletter
- 24 BALC; working with nature / River Loddon courses
- 25 Involve; newsletter and voluntary sector meeting dates
- 26 WBC; Rainbow Centre Community News, April 2015

### Items of correspondence received since the issue of the 14 April 2015 Full Council Meeting Agenda

- N1 WBC; major projects meeting, Tuesday 14 April, 10.00am
- N2 CCB; Action For All newsletter, April 2015
- N3 WBC; temporary road closures, Wokingham Station Link Road, 15-17 April
- N4 WBC; confirmation of uncontested election
- N5 Sophie Royall; Wokingham Bridleways Group, request to speak to Council
- N6 WBC; Northern Distributor Road Briefing, Thursday 16 April, 2.00pm at Shute End
- N7 WBC; grass cutting briefing note
- N8 WBC; VE Day anniversary celebrations Friday 8 May from 8.30pm at Shute End
- N9 WBC; training courses at Rainbow Community Centre
- N10 WBC; newsletter, landlord of illegal flats to repay £35,000 rent
- N11 Healthwatch Wokingham; Learning Difficulties Forum, Wednesday 6 May
- N12 WBC; newsletter, Better Street Lights Saving Millions
- N13 WBC; Adoption of Arborfield & Newland Village Design Statement
- N14 Hurst PC; traffic problems Robinhood Lane / Davis Street
- N15 Keep Mobile; invitation to AGM
- N16 notification of death of Mr Brian Eighteen

## APPENDIX 2

### Report from Cllr R Shepherd-DuBey

#### 1. Hatch Farm Dairies Residents group

I met with Winnersh residents concerned about Hatch Farm Dairies and the Developers of the site. There was still some confusion about when the application was approved. The outline planning application was approved by the planning committee in 2011. The developers signed their Section 106 agreement a few months ago. The residents thought that was the final reserved matters application. They do have approval to start building the intersections on King Street Lane and the one on Lower Earley Way. This is something called a section 278 where the developer builds roadworks at a less expensive cost to WBC than it would if WBC built the junctions. They would like to start working on these intersections in September, they will still have to talk with WBC to set a date for the construction.

There will be future meetings dealing with flooding.

2. Bike paths phase 3 in Winnersh from the Crossroads to Simons Lane is penciled to start construction in October or November 2015. I have asked for a consultation with the parish council before they begin construction. Hopefully we can get some input into the design earlier this time. They were not aware that the proposed Winnersh Bypass is in the middle of this proposal.

3. The latest software change on the crossroads seems to have slowed traffic on King Street Lane and Robin Hood Lane with no appreciable difference to the Reading Road either from Wokingham or The Showcase roundabout. They may tweak the software again but the crossroads is operating above its capacity and nothing will help except for the proposed Bypass. The Northern Distribution Road looks like it will be coming forward subject to ecological surveys of the land, the actual route is still to be determined.

I am still trying to make sure that it goes along next to the M4 to cause the least disruption to the Allotments, the Millennium Arboretum and the Winnersh Fuel Allotment Trust. I am still pursuing WBC to guarantee us access to the field next to the allotments to move the effected allotments.

Cllr Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey  
Cllr, Winnersh Ward

## APPENDIX 3

### **Note by Councillor Philip Houldsworth to the Council Meeting of Winnersh Parish Council**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

I regret I cannot attend tonight's meeting but I attach my comments on the month.

I am grateful to Mr Hanna for asking questions at Council about the **Winnersh Relief Road**, which I hope have clarified the position. It is fully funded and as soon as Bovis is on site it will be built. I know that John Kaiser has instructed the Officers to work on the preliminary designs.

My work on Affordable Housing continues and we are achieving provision in line with our policy. If I don't think that a site is appropriate then we seek a commuted sum which can be used for social housing elsewhere. The amount raised in Commuted Sums now stands at £31m and we have a further £72m under negotiation. We have now set up a Commuted Sums Panel to receive applications for the use of this money. It will be an open Panel with cross party membership including a representative from the Tenants. It is very important that this operates entirely in the open.

As you can see our work on Decent Homes continues with the roofing of the Courts. This is funded by Government by the work has to be completed to a very tight schedule.

Option B has been confirmed for the Arborfield Relief Road and there is to be a briefing this week on the Northern Distributor Road for Winnersh Councillors

The Care Act is now in force which combines NHS and Social Services as far as the care of the elderly and vulnerable are concerned. It is very early to say how this will all work out and WBC together with West Berkshire is taking legal action to try to get the proper funding for the service.

Not quite Winnersh but the proposals for Elms Field are out to consultation.

Philip Houldsworth  
14<sup>th</sup> April 2015