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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY ON TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2021**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs P Fishwick (Chairman); K Bradeepan; P Bray; S Hanna; G Harper;  
B Krauze; F Obileye; R Shepherd-DuBey; J Southgate; C Taylor; L Wooldridge.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** P Stoneman (Clerk).

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

#### **3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12 January 2021 were **APPROVED**, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** that the Chairman should sign them as a true record.

3.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting.

**4 PUBLIC SESSION:** There were no members of the public or press in attendance.

#### **5 COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

5.1 The Clerk advised that he had sent an email to Wokingham Borough Council offering the Community Centre as a facility for vaccinations and lateral flow testing.

#### **6 WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS**

6.1 Borough Cllrs Bray, Fishwick and Shepherd-DuBey gave an update on WBC matters (Appendix 1), and these were noted.

- 6.2 Cllr Fishwick advised that the planned closure of the A329 to enable overhead works to the M4 motorway bridge had not taken place due to the cold weather. There had been a communications issue as the ward councillors had not been informed that the works were postponed and the Wokingham Borough Council website had not been updated. The ward councillors did a leaflet drop to help inform local residents.

## **7 PARISH COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON PARISH MATTERS**

- 7.1 There were no questions on Parish matters.

## **8 RIVER LODDEN FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME**

- 8.1 The Chairman presented his report (Appendix 2) on the Parish Councils support for the River Lodden Flood Relief Scheme and the following recommendation:-

Whilst the Parish Council supports the River Loddon Flood Relief scheme in principle, it is with regret that it is not able to provide a financial contribution during 2021/22 due to the continued significant impact on its income from the Covid pandemic. However, the Council will consider a financial contribution when setting its budget for the 2022/23 financial year.

- 8.2 The Parish Council agreed the recommendation and **RESOLVED** to review possible funding at F&GP in January 2022, taking into account the councils likely financial position at year end.

- 8.3 The Clerk was asked to inform Francesca Hobson at Wokingham Borough Council of the decision. **ACTION: CLERK**

## **9 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

- 9.1 Cllr Hanna and Cllr Harper reported that they had attended the Borough Parish Liaison Forum on the 8 February, 2021 and summarised the presentations that had been given on the Census 2021, the Borough-Town/Parish Charter, Wokingham Borough Councils response to COVID-19, and proposed changes to the Planning System.

## **10 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- 10.1 The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 11 January, approved at Planning Committee on the 8 February 2021, were noted.

## **11 RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

- 11.1 The minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting held on the 19 January 2021 were **APPROVED**, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** that they be signed as a true record.

## **12 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

- 12.1 The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 26 January 2021 were **APPROVED**, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** that they be signed as a true record.

### **13 QUARTER 3 ACCOUNTS, BUDGET AND PRECEPT**

- 13.1 Cllr Southgate explained that the Q3 accounts, and proposed annual budget 2021/22, were set out in the report, circulated in advance (Appendix 3).
- 13.2 Upon the **RECOMMENDATION** of the Finance & General Purposes Committee the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the 2020/21 Quarter 3 Accounts.
- 13.3 Upon the **RECOMMENDATION** of the Finance & General Purposes Committee the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the 2021/22 Annual Budget.
- 13.4 Cllr Southgate explained that the calculation for the proposed precept had been shown in the budget summary, circulated in advance (Appendix 4).
- 13.5 Upon the **RECOMMENDATION** of the Finance & General Purposes Committee the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that the Parish Precept be set at £174,675 for the 2021/22 financial year. The Clerk was asked to inform Wokingham Borough Council accordingly. **ACTION: CLERK**

### **14 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

- 14.1 The schedule of payments, due since the last meeting, was circulated in advance of the meeting (Appendix 5), and upon the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Hanna, **SECONDED** by Cllr Taylor, the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to make payments totalling £17,678.03.
- 14.2 Cllr Harper asked about the payment to Nick Robins (Grounds Maintenance Contract) that appeared to be higher than normal. The Clerk explained that it included the cost of the recently completed tree survey.
- 14.3 The bank balance at the 31 January 20210 was confirmed as £179,599.47.

### **15 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY**

- 15.1 The Chairman had circulated a Climate Change Emergency Report (Appendix 6) in advance of the meeting and there were no questions.

### **16 WINNERSH/WINNERSH TRIANGLE RAILWAY STATIONS ADOPTION**

- 16.1 The Chairman had circulated a Station Adoptions Report (Appendix 7) in advance of the meeting and explained that he had contacted Network Rail about the graffiti and litter (trackside) at Winnersh railway station. The response was that these matters were not a priority and there were limited funds to deal with such matters. As a consequence, they would be added to the work list to be completed in due course and possibly at a time when other projects required closure of the line.

### **17 HISTORY PROJECT**

- 17.1 Cllr Obileye had circulated a History Project update (Appendix 8) in advance of the meeting and there were no questions. Cllr Fishwick explained that the spoons displayed during 'Spoonville' had been passed on to the Clerk for storage at the Parish Council office.

## **18 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES**

- 18.1 The Clerk informed the meeting that former Cllr Amanda Greenwood had stood down and was no longer a councillor with Winnersh Parish Council. The notice of vacancy for a parish councillor had been issued and Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) would inform the Clerk whether an election would be required or whether the seat could be filled by co-option. Members thanked Amanda Greenwood for her service and support and asked that these be passed on to her. **ACTION: CLERK**
- 18.2 Members considered options for filling the vacancies and whether it would be possible to wait until such time as this could be done in person rather than virtually. It had already been confirmed by WBC that the two vacancies held since 2020 could be filled by co-option. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to delay a decision about how to fill the vacancies until further government guidance, expected on the 28 February, had been received.

## **19 WINNERSH FETE 2021**

- 19.1 Cllr Southgate advised that a Fete Working Group meeting had taken place on the 28 January, 2021 at which the various tasks were discussed and allocated to members of the group. The next meeting of the group was scheduled for the 11 March, 2021.

## **20 CORRESPONDENCE:** There were no items of correspondence.

- 20.1 Cllr Bray asked whether any updates had been received around legislation for holding virtual meetings. The Clerk advised that there were no updates, but that national bodies including NALC and SLCC were pressing the government to extend the regulations beyond the 7 May 2021.

## **21 URGENT MATTERS:** There were no urgent matters.

## **22 DATES OF UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- 22.1 The following dates were noted:-  
Planning Committee - Monday 1 March 2021.  
Recreation & Amenities Committee - Tuesday 2 March 2021 (not the 4 March as had been shown on the agenda).

## **23 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

- 23.1 The next meeting would be held on Tuesday **9 MARCH 2021** at 19:30.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.43.

Signed: Cllr P Fishwick \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman of Winnersh Parish Council

# APPENDIX 1

## Winnersh Parish Council Full Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### River Loddon Flood Relief Scheme

At the Full Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the Council was given a presentation by Francesca Hobson (Service Manager for Community, Heritage, Green and Blue Infrastructure) from Wokingham Borough Council related to the River Loddon Flood Relief scheme (minute 3.1 to 3.14 refers).

It was **PROPOSED** by the Chairman and **SECONDED** by Cllr Harper and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council agree in principle to support this project with a potential financial contribution that would be agreed at the February 2021 meeting of Full Council when budgets were set for the next financial year.

As we are aware, the Parish Council relies heavily on income from the hiring out of its facilities and it is estimated that this income will have fallen by around 77% during the 2020/21 financial year against the expected budget due to the Covid pandemic.

Unfortunately, it is anticipated that the current lockdown situation will only ease slowly during the forthcoming year therefore affecting our income further and severely limiting our ability to fund projects during the 2021/22 financial year.

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that the Council informs Wokingham Borough Council as follows:

Whilst the Parish Council supports the River Loddon Flood Relief scheme in principle, it is with regret that it is not able to provide a financial contribution during 2021/22 due to the continued significant impact on its income from the Covid pandemic. However, the Council will consider a financial contribution when setting its budget for the 2022/23 financial year.

### **Borough Councillor Report's to the Parish Council Meeting on the 9 February 2021**

**Cllr Paul Fishwick**

#### **Borough Council committee meetings**

The following are a summary from meetings held at the Borough Council that I have attended since the Winnersh Parish Full Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### **19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The key items on the agenda were.

**Item 68 Burial capacity update**

**Item 69 Update on Shared Internal Audit and Investigation Service**

**Item 70 Community and Corporate O & S Committee Report on Draft MTFP**

Further details can be found here;

[Agenda for Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 19th January, 2021, 7.00 pm - Wokingham Borough Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

#### **20<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee**

The key items on the agenda were:-

**Item 67 – WBC Response to the Covid 19 pandemic**

**Item 68 – Overview and Scrutiny work programmes 2021/22**

**Item 69 – Consideration of current Executive and IEMD Forward Programmes**

Further details can be found here:-

[Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on Wednesday, 20th January, 2021, 7.00 pm - Wokingham Borough Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

#### **Winnersh specific**

##### **Winnersh Relief Road Phase 2 – opening in early 2021**

Work is progressing to extend Longdon Road to a new roundabout on Reading Road by the M4 overbridge (Winnersh side) but there have been some delays. The councils plan to open the new roundabout in January 2021 and reported at the last meeting to early February 2021 has been delayed further by poor weather conditions and unexpected utility apparatus as well as some planned Highways England works. The road is now anticipated to be open at some point between the end of this month and mid-March 2021.

Temporary traffic lights will remain in operation at Woodward Close junction until late April 2021. However, a right-turn ban on traffic entering Woodward Close from the A329 Reading Road will be brought into operation when the new roundabout opens.

When the Phase 2 section opens, the current temporary right-turn facility at King Street Lane to Hatch Farm Way will cease and this movement will be banned. This is because the traffic signal cycles will change to allow more 'ahead' traffic flows and make the junction more efficient.

### **Street and footway sweeping**

Street and footway sweeping is still an issue and I continue to report problems. However, officers are working hard with the contractor to resolve these and a number of my reported problems have now been tackled. [Street cleaning - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

### **Gully Cleansing**

I have continued to report problems with blocked gullies but in discussion with officers at Wokingham BC I am aware that they are working hard with the contractor to resolve these problems.

### **B3030 King Street Lane Zebra crossing**

Just a reminder that the petition is still available to sign and can be found on Winnersh and Sindlesham Forum [Winnersh and Sindlesham Forum Group | Facebook](#) or [Make King Street Lane Safer \(wokinghamlibdems.org.uk\)](#)

### **B3030 Mole Road closed between Mill Lane and A327 Arborfield Cross (Thames Water)**

The road will be closed to through traffic between 8<sup>th</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to enable Thames Water to carry out essential works. The road will be accessible for residents / Reading Football Club from the north up to a point near Mole Lodge.

### **Cllr Prue Bray**

#### **The pandemic: summary so far**

Cases of coronavirus in the Borough have fallen substantially since the beginning of the year but that fall has now plateaued. The council has done well in establishing testing centres and the Clinical Commissioning Group is doing well with the vaccination programme. The council has received around £10 million in extra grants to help deal with the crisis, but has lost a good deal of income and has been unable to achieve some of the savings required under this year's budget. This is likely to leave the council slightly worse off than planned but not in the catastrophic situation that some councils find themselves in.

#### **Children and schools**

In the first lockdown about 2% of pupils were physically in schools. The figure now is about 12%. This includes just under half of children who would qualify as vulnerable, because they have an Education Health and Care Plan (42% in school) or a social worker (47% in school). This may sound low, but all vulnerable children are being monitored to check on their situation. It can be more appropriate for them to be at home, depending on their health,

their family's health, what their siblings or other children in their foster family are doing, whether they have the right facilities at home etc.

We know that some key worker children are attending school, but the council can't give a percentage because they don't keep records of who key workers are.

We also know that some children are attending school because of inadequate facilities at home, but this information is hard to collate because it depends on individual decisions by individual schools. Work is still going on to source laptops and ensure internet access.

About 19% of children eligible for Free School Meals are attending school. Either vouchers or hampers are being provided for all eligible children. The quality and quantity of the food in the hampers has been checked by the council to make sure it is of an acceptable standard. The council has now confirmed that it will offer meals to all eligible children during all the school holidays in 2021.

The staff in schools are doing a magnificent job – as are the parents who are home-schooling their children.

### **Standards Committee**

The Standards Committee has been wrongly constituted since May 2019. The Council's Constitution says that only one Executive member can be on the committee and that this person cannot be the Leader. The Leader and 2 other Executive members have been sitting on the committee. This was pointed out by a member of the public at the committee's January meeting.

The council has circulated a statement to the effect that this was not a significant problem because the council had voted for the people in question to be members of the committee. Even though it did so in ignorance that it was acting against the Constitution. My personal view – shared with many other councillors – is that this may be legally arguable, but is very questionable, because it implies that the council is able to act against its own Constitution without any consequences. In which case one might query the point of having a Constitution in the first place.

The whole sorry saga is now going to Overview & Scrutiny to be looked at.

### **Councillor Allowances**

At the January council meeting, the council voted to keep allowances at the same level this year. A change was made to the level of expenses that can be claimed by councillors who need to pay for someone to take over their caring responsibilities while they are at meetings, to try to reflect the actual costs incurred.

This was the first report from this incarnation of the Independent Review Panel. There is likely to be a bigger shake-up of the allowances system next time.

### **Council Budget**



More of the budget proposals have been looked at by Overview & Scrutiny this year than ever before. However, no final figures are yet available, despite the fact that the budget meeting is on 18<sup>th</sup> February, only just over a week away. This is disappointing for those of us who favour transparency, and means that it is very difficult to assess the budget papers in time to have a meaningful debate at the budget meeting.

### **Cllr Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey**

There are few planning issues that are active except for the local plan update. We've had one meetings o far and the officers have gone back out to access and evaluate previously refused sites. But that will take then until March or April. The previously approved self-build sites off Moll Road have problems and may or may not be built. There are a few more sites proposed for housings for Winnersh, hopefully they should appear at the Parish planning committee in the next few months. The Borough seems be stalling in providing information on the how the 250 homes at Winnersh Farm and 100 homes around the SEND school (as well as the school itself), this is a planning consideration and how it will affect traffic on Woodward Close as well as the arm of the new Relief Road Roundabout. I have asked for the data three times in full council and executive meetings ( as has Paul) but no response so far.

# **Budget**

## APPENDIX 4

### WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET SUMMARY 2021/22 Full Council Meeting 9 February 2021

		2020/21 £	2021/22 £
a	Expenditure excluding Capital/Special Projects	147,295	160,835
b	Income excluding Precept	62,130	32,420
c=a-b	<b>Excess of Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>85,165</b>	<b>128,415</b>
d	General Reserves	40,000	40,000
e	Bank Balance Brought Forward	68,803	600
f=c+d-e	<b>Balance to be Funded excluding Projects</b>	<b>56,362</b>	<b>167,815</b>
g	Capital / Special Projects (see below)	70,500	40,000
h	Other Projects	30,000	5,000
i	Funding from CIL	0	38,140
j=f+g+h-i	<b>Total for Funding by Precept</b> <i>Change from Previous Year</i>	<b>156,862</b> +14.2%	<b>174,675</b> +11.4%
k	<i>Tax Base (nominal number of Band D properties)</i>	4,214.2	4,117.7
m=j/k	<b>Council Tax Charge for Band D Property</b> <i>Change from Previous Year</i>	<b>37.22</b> +11.6%	<b>40.64</b> +9.2%
<b>OTHER PROJECTS (Full Council)</b>			
	Climate Change Emergency Initiatives		5,000
h	<b>Total Other Projects</b>		<b>5,000</b>
<b>CAPITAL/SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>			
n	<b>Total F&amp;GP</b>		<b>0</b>
p	<b>Total Planning</b>		<b>0</b>
	Facility Improvements		40,000
q	<b>Total R&amp;A</b>		<b>40,000</b>
g=n+p+q	<b>Total Capital / Special Projects</b>		<b>40,000</b>
	<b>Total of all projects in 2021/22</b>		<b>45,000</b>
<b>Note:</b>			
<b>The following earmarked reserves are not included in the above summary:</b>			
	Allotments (payment in lieu of storage units)	32,623	
	Winnersh history project	2,379	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>35,002</b>	
<b>The following projects are not included in the above as provision has been made in 2020/21</b>			
	Extension/cladding	61,000	
	Recycling bins	4,300	
	Stations Adoption project	700	
	Hand dryers	1,500	
	Youth Club	2,500	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>70,000</b>	

## APPENDIX 5

### Winnersh Parish Council Meeting - 9 February 2021 Schedule of payments February 2021

Payee	Description	Amount	Comments	Approved by
Salaries (PS-CF-KL-JN)	Salaries for February	£ 4,520.11		
HM Revenue & Customs	Month 10 Year 2020/21	£ 1,173.63		
The Berkshire Pension Fund	Pension Contributions February 2021	£ 1,643.16		
Playfix	Outdoor gym works	£ 1,560.00	New footpath & Drainage	
Butler Signs	Allotments Notice Board	£ 1,393.06	This is a 40% Deposit payment for the creation and installation of notice boards. The balance of £2,089.58 is outstanding	
ITQED	Monthly support	£ 98.80	January Invoices were too late for the Jan schedule and are therefore being processed this month for payment	
ITQED	365 support & maintenance	£ 133.02		
ITQED	365 & Sharepoint backups	£ 55.20		
ITQED	Anti-virus & Monitoring	£ 35.64		
ITQED	Monthly support	£ 98.80	February invoice	
ITQED	365 support & maintenance	£ 133.02	February invoice	
ITQED	365 & Sharepoint backups	£ 55.20	February invoice	
ITQED	Anti-virus & Monitoring	£ 35.64	February invoice	
Peter Amor	Allotment Deposit return	£ 35.00		
Debbie Ashford	Allotment Deposit return	£ 35.00		
Michael Roberts	Allotment Deposit return	£ 35.00		
Nicky Wiseman	Allotment Deposit return	£ 35.00		
Louise King	Allotment Deposit return	£ 35.00		
Joseph Njenga	Allotment Deposit return	£ 35.00		
Web Marketing Matters	Monthly Support & Maintenance	£ 164.00	Parish Website - Feb	
Dave Knight	Window Cleaning	£ 100.00		
Rachael Bichard-Marshall	Relief Caretaker	£ 83.52	Relief caretaker Jan 8 Hours @ £10.44p/h	
Geoff Harper	Fuel for strimmer	£ 5.85		
Berkshire Youth	Rainbow Park Youth Club	£ 1,034.00	Weekly sessions for the Youth club Oct - Dec 2020	
Nick Robbins	Monthly Maintenance January	£ 1,389.60		
Playfix	Installation of Spica	£ 1,027.20	Replacement of spica spinner	
Prestige Plumbing & Heating	New toilet cistern & Flush Allnatt Pavilion	£ 150.00		
Keep Mobile Community Transport	Grant	£ 1,000.00		
St Catherine's Church	175th Anniversary Appeal	£ 50.00		
Kate Lang	Paper & Ink	£ 60.26	Working from home office supplies	
Berkshire Youth	Q4 Sessions	£ 1,222.00	Jan-March 2021	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 17,431.71</b>		
Direct Debits				
Daisy	Caretaker Mobile Phone bill	£ 11.09		
Gulf	Electricity - Allnatt Pavilion	£ 39.77		
Gulf	Gas - Allnatt Pavilion	£ 25.97		
AVG Internet Security	Annual Subscription	£ 49.99		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 126.82</b>		
Payments not made from last meeting				
SSE Lampost		£ 41.42	These were marked as DD on the Jan Schedule but are invoices that need to be paid. The payments will need to be authorised on Unity this month	
SSE Lampost		£ 78.08		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 119.50</b>		
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL SPEND</b>		<b>£ 17,678.03</b>		
Bank Balance				
Unity Bank Balance		£ 166,663.16		
Natwest Current Account		£ 2,500.00		
Natwest Reserve Account		£ 10,436.31		
<b>Bank Total</b>		<b>£ 179,599.47</b>		

### Winnersh Parish Council

Item 15

### Climate Change Emergency Report

### Actions and Forward Planning items from Working Group Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### Education / Publicity

Cllr Ben Krauze

Cllr Krauze has contacted Bearwood School and The Forest School. Looking to prepare talks on Climate Change. This links in with our Station Adoptions as well.

Action: Cllr Krauze, propose roll out Winnersh and Wheatfield schools once the process has been adopted.

**Update** – Update (13<sup>th</sup> January) – The Forest School, Cllr Krauze has produced a presentation based on 3 sections:-

Section 1 we will examine where we are today.

Sections 2 you must demand that those running governments make the necessary changes.

Section 3 what you need to be doing to prepare yourselves with a very different world of the future.

Cllr Fishwick was invited by Wheatfield School to give a presentation on Pollution to the Year 6 just before Christmas. This was a virtual presentation that lasted an hour and covered pollution, waste, recycling, and the impact on Climate Change. The students were very enthusiastic.

#### Paperless meetings

Cllr Alex Caston

Whilst meetings are currently 'virtual' and copies of reports are being sent electronically, if meetings return to 'in person' what measures can be introduced so that the Parish Council can reduce the paper copies required for meetings to zero.

**Update** - Cllr Caston was not at the meeting, therefore no further update.

#### Energy of the future

Cllr Alex Caston

This topic is to look at what the Parish Council could do to generate its own energy requirements in the future. Cllr Krauze to assist.

**Update** - Cllr Caston was not at the meeting, therefore no further update.

#### Environmental Efficiency of the Parish Councils buildings

Cllr Ben Krauze

This topic area is to look at the environmental efficiency of the buildings and what improvements could be made and at what cost.

**Update** – Cllr Krauze will investigate once the outline plans are available for the facilities improvements.

**Waste recycling bins**

Cllr Paul Fishwick

To replace existing litter bins with recycling and waste bins to match the new Collards contract.

**Update:** There are 5 existing single use litter bins allocated around Bearwood Recreation Group. Several different types of multi-use Recycling and General Waste bins have been identified and a budget of £4,000 has been approved to replace the existing single use bins.

Officers and delegated councillors are considering which type of replacement bins should be installed during February/March 2021.

**EV charge points**

Cllr Paul Fishwick

Investigate the feasibility of installing Electric vehicle charging points at Bearwood Recreation Ground car parking area.

**Update** The Climate Change Working Group recommended a provisional sum of £28,000 to be considered by F & GP at its 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 meeting to recommend to Full Council and be included in the 2021/22 budget, based on one of the potential financial options indicated at the last update. However, due to limited finance available during 2021/22 this scheme may not move forward until the feasibility study ordered with Hampshire CC has been considered further.

**Secure cycle storage**

Cllr Paul Fishwick

Investigate the feasibility of secure cycle storage at Bearwood Recreation Ground.

**Update:** No progress on this item but could be considered within any facilities improvements.

**New Item (13<sup>th</sup> January 2021)**

Cllr Paul Fishwick

**Wildflower Seeding** – Consider wildflower seeding at Bearwood Recreation Ground and Hatch Farm Way ‘bund’.

Cllr Fishwick has made enquiries as to the possibility that the developer/Management Company will allow the earth bund located adjacent to Hatch Farm Way to be seeded with wildflowers.

This location and the provision of a ‘wildflower corner’ at Bearwood Recreation Ground will be considered by Recreation and Amenities Committee at their next meeting (19<sup>th</sup> January 2021).

**Additional Hedging at Bearwood Recreation Ground**

Cllr Paul Fishwick

Nick Robbins has been asked to consider locations for additional hedging around the Recreation Ground. These include but not full inclusive to Mole Road (opposite Mayfields to Bearwood Road). Bearwood Road (Mole Road to New Road), New Road (gaps in existing hedging).

These could be obtained through the Woodland Trust [Plant Hedges on Your Land with MOREwoods - Woodland Trust](#)

### **River Loddon Flood prevention scheme –**

Cllr Paul Fishwick

At the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Full Council were given a presentation by Fran Hobson on the River Loddon Flood Prevention scheme. It was agreed that a possible contribution would be considered at the February 2021 Full Council.

**Update:** It is suggested that a sum of £10,000 is put forward by the Working Group to the Full Council using CiL funding. However, due to the limited finance available it is likely that any financial support for this project will need to be considered again for the 2022/23 financial year.

### **Completed topics**

**External street lighting** – The existing street lighting in the car park and walkway to the Parish Council facilities were replaced from low pressure sodium lighting (orange) to LED in 2016.

**64- panel solar system** – Fully functioning from April 2019 generated approximately 13.56 MWh in the 12-month period ending March 2020.

**Conversion of lighting to LED** – replacement of the more ‘energy hungry’ fluorescent tube lighting in the Main Hall, Sindlesham Room, Allnatt Pavilion, the John Grobler Room, and office were all completed during the period January to May 2020.

**Waste collection** – contract of waste collection mixed with recycling material terminated May 2020. New recycled waste collection and general waste contract operational from September 2020.

**Food Recycling** – Wokingham Borough Council cannot include Food Recycling from the Parish Council as it is not within their contract. Food Recycling now being investigated within Waste Collection.

**Bonfires** – Eradicate bonfires from all Winnersh Parish Council controlled land.

Bearwood Recreation Ground – Bonfires are prohibited.

Woodward Close Allotments – New allotment agreements issued September 2020 prohibit bonfires.

**Single use plastic cups** – No single use cups to be purchased/used in Council facilities by staff or members of the council.

**Energy supply** – The energy supply for ‘green’ electricity and gas was completed in September 2020.

**Tree Replacement at Bearwood Recreation Ground** – 7 new trees have been planted at Bearwood Recreation Ground. 6 supplied by Nick Robbins and 1 grown from an acorn taken from the Sindlesham Oak.

### **In progress topics**

### **Station Adoptions – Winnersh and Winnersh Triangle**

£600 funding has been allocated towards the Stations Adoptions project specifically for the Artwork to the shelters as a contribution. The Forest School and CLASP are being engaged to design the artwork themed on Climate Change and links with the Return Rail as sustainable and active travel following the Covid pandemic.



## APPENDIX 7

### Station Adoptions Report

### Agenda Item 16

I attended a North Downs Line Community Rail Partnership meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and can provide a summary update as follows;

The meeting was attended by 22 people representing a range of interested groups, including South Western Railway, Network Rail, Reading Football Club, Reading Buses, Wokingham History Society, and a number of local councils including Wokingham Borough Council and Andrew Mickleburgh of Earley Town Council who progressing to adopt Earley station.

There were some useful discussions held and some highlights for this area included, In preparation for the return to rail Maddy wants to focus on developing walking guides. Guy Grannum from The Wokingham Society has carried out some research for a historic walk around Wokingham Town Centre. The Winnersh Triangle Business Park are happy to let us encourage walkers through their park (making use of the café, toilets and free Wi-Fi) to access Winnersh Meadows and Dinton Pastures.

CLASP in Wokingham) are creating a photographic guide to Wokingham station. CLASP is a member of the Learning Disability Partnership Board Wokingham who have agreed to adopt Wokingham station.

The Wokingham Arts Society are creating posters to encourage passengers to travel to destinations available on the SWR network. Maddy to ask other SWR CRPs about their destinations that they would like to advertise.

It was reported that Winnersh Parish Council has adopted both Winnersh and Winnersh Triangle stations. The Council want to create Art Shelters on their platforms and decorate the shelters with artwork printed onto vinyl. The local schools are due to COVID are limited and too busy to help with the artwork, so CLASP have now been formally asked to assist. Maddy Mills will be joining their coffee morning in mid-February to tell them more about the project.

The group also commented on the draft Action Plan for the line (Reading to Redhill) for the 2021/22 financial year.

My key topic theme is return to rail with active travel to and from the station (walking, cycling or bus). An action from this was to investigate working with Sustrans (for cycling) and Living Streets (for walking) to encourage more sustainable travel to and from the stations.

Wokingham BC are developing a QR trail (walking or cycling). QR codes are put up around the town and people find the QR sign, scan it, answer the question and use the clue to find the next QR sign.

**Councillor Paul Fishwick, Chair of Stations Adoptions Working Group.**

## APPENDIX 8

### Cllr. Olufemi Obileye

AGENDA ITEM	
REPORT TITLE	HISTORY PROJECT
WPC MEETING DATE	9th of February 2021
AUTHOR	FEMI OBILEYE
CIRCULATION	COUNCILLORS - WINNERSH PARISH COUNCILLORS (current) / SUCCESSORS IN TITLE
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VERSION	4.0

*This update must be read in conjunction with previous ones to assume its full meaning.*

#### 1. VALIDATION EXCERCISE

Mary and Joyce presented their progress report and supporting spreadsheet that met with full endorsement and in particular their classification technique for the themes under which artefacts are grouped.

The group was content with progress and they will see this through to completion.

#### 2. SPOONVILLE

Cllr. Fishwick provided no update, citing Lock-down restrictions. The artefacts continue to be held in his garage until such a time the selection work can re-start.

#### 3. DOCUMENTS

The project's key documents, listed below and available on demand, were shared with the members for consideration and approval. There were no objections in this regard.

- a) Artefact Catalogue
  - The structure of this has changed slightly with the addition of new columns to accommodate Mary and Joyce's work.
- b) Project Matrix
  - No changes to this document

#### 4. OTHERS

The chair mentioned considerations around stepping down to help remove/limit the risk, however perceived, to the group's objectives and the following were suggested:-

1. That Cllr. Southgate rotates to become chairman.
2. That he remains as chair because there is no risk to the group's delivery of its objectives, etc.
3. That, in any event, things should remain as it is.
4. Mary Challenger was mentioned as a suitable candidate given her great enthusiasm and long-standing history in the community.

Website section for the working group is ready and Cllr. Southgate will draft the content of the landing page. The contact us link on the page to also point to the Winnersh.org email of the chair.