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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY ON TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2021

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

IN ATTENDANCE: P Stoneman (Clerk) and one member of the public, Mr Tony Johnson.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: An apology was received from Cllr K Bradeepan.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

The Chairman read out a statement expressing the condolences of Winnersh Parish Council and the appreciation of the contribution that Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, had made to public service and his support as consort to her Majesty the Queen. A minute's silence followed as a mark of respect.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

3.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9 March 2021 were **APPROVED**, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** that the Chairman should sign them as a true record.

3.2 Matters arising:

Item 6.17: Presentations had been given by ward councillors to the Winnersh Allotment Association (WAA) about the proposed SEND school, housing development and green space between the allotment garden and British Legion Social Club.

Cllr Harper expressed concern that as not all allotment holders were represented by the WAA that many allotment holders would not have been aware of the presentation.

Cllr Fishwick advised that when the planning application for the proposal had been submitted there would be another opportunity to attend a presentation. **ACTION: CELO**

Item: 11.4: The Clerk advised that he had sent details of the cladding and insulation being fitted to the community centre to Berkshire Fire & Rescue service.

4 PUBLIC SESSION

- 4.1 The Chairman welcomed one member of the public, Mr Tony Johnson, to the meeting who had submitted questions in advance (Appendix 1). Mr Johnson asked two supplementary questions, and these are also shown in Appendix 1, together with a response from the Chairman, Cllr Fishwick.

5 COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- 5.1 The Clerk gave an update on the re-opening of parish facilities in line with the government's roadmap to lifting lockdown.
- 5.2 The outdoor gym had re-opened on the 29 March, and the community centre re-opened on the 12 April. A small number of activities were returning, and these would be children related (Tumble Tots, Music with Mummy etc.) and educational.
- 5.3 The next milestone would be the 17 May at which time several other hirers would be able to return, subject to restrictions including the rule of six.
- 5.4 Use of the facilities was expected to return to normal from the 21 June, but this would be subject to review by the government nearer the time.

6 WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

- 6.1 Borough Cllrs Bray, Fishwick and Shepherd-DuBey had circulated reports in advance of the meeting relating to WBC matters (Appendix 2), and these were noted.

7 PARISH COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON PARISH MATTERS

- 7.1 There were no questions on Parish matters.

8 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 8.1 Cllr Hanna and Cllr Harper reported that they had both attended the Borough/Parish Liaison Forum meeting on the 12 April and would provide a report at the next meeting of Full Council.

9 PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 9.1 The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 12 April 2021 were **APPROVED**, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** that they be signed as a true record.
- 9.2 Cllr Taylor explained that a letter had been received from Wokingham Borough Council advising that Bearwood Recreation Ground had been nominated for potential designation as a Local Green Space as part of WBC's review of the local plan that sets out the council's planning policies.
- 9.3 WBC had requested confirmation of the extent of the area that fell within the Parish Council's ownership and any comments about the potential to nominate the land as Local Green Space. After this had been submitted, the suitability of the nominated green area would be considered with a recommendation to WBC's Executive later in 2021. This would be followed by a formal consultation on a draft local plan.

- 9.4 The Recreation & Amenities committee considered the request and agreed to recommend to Full Council that as there was a covenant in place, that should protect Bearwood Recreation Ground from development, that it was considered unnecessary to designate the land as Local Green Space. The recommendation from R&A Committee was **APPROVED** and the Clerk was asked to inform Wokingham Borough Council accordingly. **ACTION: CLERK**

10 RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

- 10.1 The minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting held on the 6 April 2021 were **APPROVED**, and the Parish Council **RESOLVED** that they be signed as a true record.
- 10.2 Cllr Wooldridge explained that options for capital projects were being developed by the R&A Committee, but these were not yet ready for presentation to, and consideration by, Full Council. It was expected that proposals and supporting business case/s would be available in around 3 months. **ACTION: CLERK /CLLR WOOLDRIDGE**

11 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

- 11.1 The schedule of payments, due since the last meeting, was circulated in advance of the meeting (Appendix 3), and upon the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Bray, **SECONDED** by Cllr Southgate the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to make payments totalling £10,413.69.
- 11.2 It was agreed that the payment of £694.95 to Castle Water would be withheld until the Clerk had investigated, and was satisfied, why the company had issued an invoice for payment based on 2 months in arrears and 4 months in advance. **ACTION: CLERK/APC**
- Post Meeting Note:** The matter had been investigated and a satisfactory explanation had been received about the billing process.

- 11.3 It was noted that payments of £11,345.34 had been made since the last meeting.
- 11.4 Credits totalling £14,576.69 had been received since the last meeting and the Clerk explained that £3,755.40 had been recovered as a duplicate payment had been made to ABA Construction. A receipt of £10,832.29 related to a VAT refund and Cllr Bray asked about the period that it related to. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification from the APC and provide a note in the minutes. **ACTION: CLERK/APC**

Post Meeting Note: The Clerk confirmed that the VAT return related to Q2/Q3 2020/21.

- 11.5 The bank balance at the 31 March 2021 was confirmed as £151,012.76.
- 11.6 The Clerk advised that a process was being put in place to ensure that the authorising councillors could see, and sign off, the bank reconciliation on a monthly basis. A discussion took place about what information councillors could see on UNITY Bank and it appeared that access was limited to authorising transactions only. **ACTION: CLERK/APC**

12 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

- 12.1 The Chairman advised that as there had not been a Climate Change Emergency working group meeting this month, a written report had not been produced. The recycling and general waste bins for Bearwood Recreation Ground had not been delivered and the Clerk was following up why there was a delay. **ACTION: CLERK**

13 THE WINNERSH SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT GROUP (WINNERSH & WINNERSH TRIANGLE RAILWAY STATIONS ADOPTION)

- 13.1 The Chairman had circulated a Station Adoptions report (Appendix 4) in advance of the meeting and the report was noted.

14 HISTORY PROJECT

- 14.1 Cllr Wooldridge had circulated a History Project report (Appendix 5) in advance of the meeting and the report was noted.

15 WINNERSH FETE

- 15.1 Cllr Southgate updated councillors on progress with the planning for the Fete. Around twenty-four traders/exhibitors had responded positively and were intending to participate. The feeling was that people were enthusiastic about the event and with the on-going lifting of coronavirus restrictions, there appeared to be no reason why the Fete should not proceed.
- 15.2 The WBC Tennant Involvement Team had not been able to confirm their attendance as there were concerns about the safety of their staff. Cllr Southgate was hopeful that WBC would review that position given the planned lifting of restrictions over the coming weeks.
- 15.3 Cllr Southgate reminded councillors that the next Fete Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday 22 April at 19.30.

16 VIRTUAL MEETINGS

- 16.1 The Clerk updated councillors on the legislation relating to the holding of virtual meetings. With effect from the 7 May 2021 The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, will no longer apply.
- 16.2 HALC and NALC were recommending that councils hold their annual council meetings remotely on, or between the 1st and 6th May.
- 16.3 To ensure compliance with the legislation it was **PROPOSED** by the Chairman and **RESOLVED** that the Recreation & Amenities (R&A) Committee would not now be held on the 4 May, as scheduled, and that the Annual Council Meeting be brought forward from the 11 May to the 4 May 2021. A date for an R&A meeting, or Capital Projects Working Group, would be identified before the next meeting scheduled for the 1 June 2021.
- 16.4 Consideration was given to the holding of the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and it was **PROPOSED** by the Chairman and **RESOLVED** that this would not now be held on the 11 May but potentially a date would be found later in the year.

17 CHARTER BETWEEN THE TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS OF WOKINGHAM AND WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

- 17.1 The Clerk explained that a draft Charter had been produced by the Clerks of Winnersh and Finchampstead Parish Councils' and Wokingham Borough Council's Monitoring Officer. The Charter was designed to provide a framework for how all local authorities within the Wokingham Borough area would work together.
- 17.2 During the drafting process, the Clerks Forum and officers from WBC had been fully consulted and had refined the document that was now considered to be fit for purpose. All Town & Parish Councils and Wokingham Borough Council were being asked to approve and sign the Charter.
- 17.3 Upon the **PROPSAL** of the Clerk it was **RESOLVED** that Winnersh Parish Council would approve and sign up to the Charter.

18 CORRESPONDENCE

- 18.1 The Clerk advised that Wokingham Borough Council (S106/CIL Monitoring Officer) had advised that a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment, in relation to planning application 171358, was being made to WPC in the sum of £10,775.82.

19 URGENT MATTERS:

- 19.1 The Clerk updated councillors on a claim that was being made by a motorist who had hit a traffic cone and bollard in the Community Centre car park. The claim was being dealt with by the Council's insurer and whilst the damage to the claimant's car had been covered by the claimant's insurer, a claim was being progressed (by the claimant) through Reading County Court for the insurance excess.
- 19.2 The Clerk attended the virtual court hearing on the 9 April having provided the written defence and witness statement. The solicitor acting for WPC's insurer had instructed a barrister to defend the claim. Having heard the case, and viewed the evidence, including CCTV footage, the Judge ruled that it was driver error and that the claim be dismissed.

20 DATES OF UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 20.1 The following dates were noted:-
- Winnersh Fete Working Group - Thursday 22 April 2021 at 19.30
 - Finance & General Purposes Committee: Tuesday 27 April 2021 at 19.30 - Postponed
Post Meeting Note: F&GP now rescheduled to Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 19.30
 - Annual Parish Meeting: 11 May 2021 - Postponed until a later date.
 - Recreation & Amenities Committee - Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 19.30

21 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING (THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

- 21.1 The next meeting would be held on Tuesday **4 MAY 2021** at 19:30.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.52.

Signed: Cllr P Fishwick _____

ITEM 4 – PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public, Mr Tony Johnson, submitted the following questions in advance and asked supplementary questions, as set out below, at the meeting.

Question 1 (submitted in writing in advance)

It would seem that the Borough Council's recent planning decision to approve the change of use of Grovelands Park to C3 Residential and to replace twelve mobile homes with 11 two storey and one single storey permanent dwellings appears to have contravened the Borough Council's own design standards and resulted in a decision notice whereby a number of material considerations, including but perhaps not limited to ... scale, overlooking, design style, fire safety, loss of light, lack of amenity space, sewage capacity and function, WBC highways officer's professional judgement ... have been treated in a way that is tantamount to them being overlooked or having a blind eye turned towards them or being totally ignored.

If it could be shown that the Borough Council had, perhaps inadvertently, placed the lives of some of the future residents of these permanent dwellings at risk of death or serious injury, would the Parish Council be interested to make such representations to the Borough Council as to request or require them to reconsider their decision?

Q1 Response from the Chairman of WPC, Cllr P Fishwick (responded to in writing in advance)

Grovelands Park Planning Application Number: 203439

Site Address: 36 and 39-48 Grovelands Park, Winnersh, RG41 5LD,

Proposal: Full application for the proposed removal of 12 No. existing mobile homes and the erection of 11 No. two storey pre-fabricated temporary accommodation units (plots 39-48) and one single storey mobile house (plot 36).

Winnersh Parish Council objected to the Planning Application at its Planning Committee held on 11th January 2021 and made the following points to WBC:-

Winnersh Parish Council have reviewed the above application and would like to make the following objections:

- The site is a mobile home park with single story mobile homes, the proposed new 2 storey prefabricated ones are out of character and will look unsightly.
 - The existing sewage system is not fit for purpose currently, it constantly fails and would not cope with a further 11 homes.
 - The proposed 2 storey dwellings will overlook the existing properties.
 - The plans show the proposed dwellings have a single access point which is a potential fire risk.
- WPC would have no objections to the replacement of existing homes with single storey units subject to the issues with the sewage system and pumping station being resolved.

The Parish Council also made representation at the Borough Council Planning Committee on 10th February 2021 and gave the following statement:-

On behalf of Winnersh Parish Council I would like to Object to the application (203439).

Groveland's Park is a mobile home site and as such consists of single storey homes. Replacing single storey homes with two storey homes would be out of character and overbearing on neighbouring properties.

Also, the current Sewage system and Pumping station is badly maintained and does not cope with the current number of homes. This needs to be addressed as part of the application.

We would support the replacement of homes with single storey homes.

The points that you raise in your question, such as scale, overlooking, design style, loss of light, sewage capacity and function were highlighted by the Parish Council and considered by the Borough Councils own Planning Committee but following a vote by its members the decision was to approve the application with conditions. [00687568.pdf \(wokingham.gov.uk\)](#)

The Parish Council feel that they have been consulted on this application and given the opportunity to put its objections forward to the Borough Council Planning Committee, of which some of these objections have been included as conditions.

Therefore, the Parish Council do not consider taking this matter any further.

Question 1b (supplementary) - Grovelands Park: (Question asked at the meeting).

Having looked at the planning application for Grovelands Park it was noted that Celotex insulation, that Mr Johnson informed the council was known to produce the poisonous gas hydrogen cyanide, was to be used. Was the Parish Council aware of this and if so, was the council satisfied with the use of the product?

Answer: The Chairman agreed to investigate and provide a written response.

Mr Johnson advised that he would send an email providing more details about the product GA4075.

Question 2 (submitted in writing in advance)

It would seem that the Borough Council's planning decisions have culminated in the loss of hundreds of mature trees around Bearwood Lake and that residential property development for new dwellings in the area around the sawmill could materially increase the number of lives at risk were Bearwood Dam to rupture or undergo some form of significant failure to retain water.

At the most recent meeting of Wokingham Borough Council's Full Council, a ward question in regard to this matter was put down to be asked but was lost when the meeting appeared to be taking such action that was tantamount to filibustering.

Is the Parish Council satisfied with the actions of Wokingham Borough Council in relation to any duty to preserve and safeguard the lives of future residents of the new dwellings on the Reading Football Club site?

Q2 Response from the Chairman of WPC, Cllr P Fishwick (responded to in writing in advance)

The Parish Council discussed the loss of around 450 semi-mature, mature and veteran trees, including some trees up to 300 years old at its Planning Committee on held on 1 March 2021 (item 8.2 refers) [W \(winnersh.gov.uk\)](#)

The committee raised the following:-

The Council would therefore request Wokingham Borough Council as Planning Authority to provide evidence on the following:

- Details of the latest annual inspection of the dam related to the trees
- What improvements were required to the dam and when?
- Why was it necessary for the trees to be removed under a 5-day notice?
- What replacement tree programme has been put in place, as the loss of 400-500 semi-mature, mature and veteran trees is of huge detriment to Bearwood park which is listed as a historic park

At the Parish Council Planning Committee held on 22nd March 2021, the committee discussed the response received from the Borough Council and submitted the attached document and asked the following question; The Parish Council now wish to know what action the Borough Council is going to take? including its own investigation by its Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Although, the Parish Council has not received a formal response from the Borough Council to date, it is understood that the Borough Council has now agreed to an investigation by its Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Question 2b (supplementary) - Bearwood Park Dam (Question asked at the meeting).

Mr Johnson felt that Winnersh Parish Council's concerns about the removal of a large number of trees, submitted to Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) (Planning Services), was being disrespected.

Answer: The Chairman advised that he had followed up the concerns that had been submitted to WBC and agreed to provide Mr Johnson with a response when more information had been provided by WBC.

APPENDIX 2

Borough Councillor Report's to the Parish Council Meeting on 13 April 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 9th March 2021. Please note that due to Purdah, all committee meetings have ceased until after the elections.

18th March 2021 - Council

As indicated at the last Full Council meeting (9th March 2021) I had submitted a question related to the felling of circa 450 semi-mature, mature and veteran trees at Bearwood Park, some 300 years old.

A copy of my question, and supplementary and the Executive Member response are attached.

The key items on the agenda were.

Item 104 - TRADING STANDARDS, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND LICENSING

Item 105 - EQUALITY PLAN

Item 106 - TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2020-21

Item 107 - OFFICER RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT - WBC'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Item 108 - ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES 2020/21

Item 109 - STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

Further details can be found here:

[Agenda for Council on Thursday, 18th March, 2021, 7.00 pm - Wokingham Borough Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/agenda-for-council-on-thursday-18th-march-2021-7.00-pm-wokingham-borough-council)

23rd March 2021 – Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

The key items on the agenda were:-

Item 87 – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMMES 2021/22 It was agreed at that the felling of trees on developments would be investigated by a Task & Finish Group of this committee including Bearwood Park.

Item 88 – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MEMBER TRAINING

Further details can be found here:

29th March 2021 – Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Item 87 - LOCAL FIRE SERVICE UPDATE

Further details can be found here:

[Agenda for Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 29th March, 2021, 7.00 pm - Wokingham Borough Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Winnersh specific

Winnersh Relief Road Phase 2 – opening in early 2021

The new ‘northern’ roundabout was opened to traffic on 31st March 2021.

Work continues to extend the Longdon Road section to create the Winnersh Relief Road (Phase 2). It is envisaged that this section of road will open to traffic early May after the elections.

As a reminder, 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.

Temporary traffic lights will remain in operation at Woodward Close junction until the summer of 2021 and a right-turn ban was introduced into Woodward Close on 31st March.

Grass cutting.

Grass cutting has commenced across the Borough in March and the schedule for Winnersh will be posted on the **Winnersh and Sindlesham Forum**. [Winnersh and Sindlesham Forum Group | Facebook](#)

Highway maintenance schemes programme 2021/22

The highway maintenance schemes programme has been published by the Borough Council and for the Parish Council/ward area the following roads are planned for treatment (no dates have yet been set).

Carriageway resurfacing

A329 Reading Road between Old Forest Road and Simons Lane

B3030 King Street Lane between Hatch Farm Way and Bearwood Road.

B3030 Robin Hood lane between Danywern Drive and 40mph speed limit signs.

Mayfields between Mole Road and St Mary’s Road including St Mary’s Road to turning head.

Surface dressing

There are no surface dressing schemes planned in Winnersh ward.

Micro asphalt

Garth Cloe – whole carriageway

Sadlers Lane from outside 9 to end of road.

Eden Way – whole carriageway

Isis Close – whole carriageway

Arun Close – whole carriageway

Cllr Prue Bray

The borough council is now in purdah for the elections and very few meetings of any kind are scheduled.

As with the parish council, the borough council is obliged to go back to face-to-face meetings from 7th May. Unlike the parish, the borough does not have any rooms big enough to hold all the councillors and observe social distancing. Emergency arrangements are being considered for the Annual Meeting of the Council. The arrangements are likely to mean that only 16 councillors can be physically present in the chamber and that some form of block voting will be required. This is undemocratic. For the Annual Meeting it is less problematic than for other meetings, because the main speakers are the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition and the voting is on committee places and similar items, where block voting by party group is the norm in any case. However, for subsequent meetings, it is difficult to see how items such as public and member questions, ward questions, motions and so on can be managed to allow all members to participate fairly but with social distancing or to allow the public access to the meetings, which is a requirement. The way the government has handled this is quite shocking and flies in the face of their own advice on keeping control of coronavirus.

At the March Council meeting, it was agreed that Wokingham would give notice to West Berkshire and Bracknell Councils that it was pulling out of the Public Protection Partnership and from April 2022 would provide Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licencing itself as a stand-alone authority. All 3 Winnersh councillors voted against, on the grounds that not enough had been done to explore improvements that could be made to the partnership, too little was known about the costs and risks, and that too little planning and preparation work had been done to ensure a satisfactory service would be in place by April 2022. We understand that the decision is irreversible.

We expect the Department for Education to begin the pre-application consultation on the proposed SEND school this week. I understand that there have been something over 50 responses to the council on their pre-application consultation on the school and the proposed housing.

Paul has covered the Winnersh Relief Road in his report.

Prue Bray
10th April 2021

Cllr Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey

Borough Councillors Report

I am investigating a reported problem with the sewage treatment plant at Grovelands park, I've asked WBC officers for an update and what the problem is and whether the additional sewage from the Prefabs will affect the pumping station. I am also looking at a planning application for the proposed development of 87 House and a very large SANG on Mill Lane.

APPENDIX 3

Winnersh Parish Council Meeting - 9 April 2021 Schedule of payments April 2021

Payee	Description	Amount	Comments	Approved by
Salaries (PS-CF-KL-JN)	Salaries for April	£ 4,322.93	The salary and HMRC amounts have changed slightly from last year due to legislative changes in NI and PAYE. The total cost has reduced by £2.76	
HM Revenue & Customs	Month 01 Year 2021/22	£ 1,117.49		
The Berkshire Pension Fund	Pension Contributions April 2021	£ 1,643.16		
Dave Knight	Window cleaning April	£ 100.00		
Web Marketing Matters	March website maintenance	£ 164.00		
ITQED	March Support	£ 98.80		
ITQED	Anti-virus & Back ups March	£ 35.64		
ITQED	365 & Exchange March	£ 133.02		
ITQED	365 & Sharepoint Backup March	£ 55.20		
Richard Tilbe	Allotment Deposit return	£ 35.00	This has been paid already - no need to authorise the payment. There were issues with the account number, but it did get resolved at the end of last month.	
Rachael Bichard-Marshall	Interim Caretaker	£ 93.96		
Nick Robbins	March Maintenance	£ 775.20		
Wokingham Borough Council	Allotment lease	£ 1,000.00	Annual Fee	
Castle water	Water and waste Feb - July 21 Community Centre	£ 694.95		
Paul Fishwick	Chairmans Allowance Q4	£ 40.00		
Claire Connell	Interim Audit Part 2	£ 105.00		
ARD	Replace slam plate and rubber to gate	£ 78.00		
Pumpmaster	Annual service	£ 118.20		
TOTAL		£ 10,610.55		
Direct Debits				
R Collard	January Invoices	£ 117.50		
Daisy	Caretaker Mobile Phone bill	£ 11.49		
Hub Energy	Electricity - Community Centre	£ 296.03	19th sept - 28th feb	
Hub Energy	Electricity - Community Centre	£ 48.05	1-31 March	
Hub Energy	Gas - Allnatt Pavilion	£ 9.51		
Sage	April - Sage accounts	£ 54.00	KL - This account needs to be deleted, reports to be printed and saved this month and account deleted before May. An update meant that I couldnt log in without speaking to Sage - this has been done and I can access the account.	
Sage	April Sage Payroll	£ 8.40		
Plusnet	April	£ 70.61		
TOTAL		£ 498.09		
MONTHLY TOTAL SPEND		£ 11,108.64		
Paid since the last meeting				
Berkshire Construction		£ 11,094.29		
Chris Fazey	Salary underpayment	£ 0.20		
Prestige Plumbing	This was on Febs schedule but supplier bank details were incorrect	£ 150.00		
Plusnet	March Internet and phone	£ 63.65		
Bank Charges	Service charges March (Unity)	£ 37.20		
Total		£ 11,345.34		
Credits March				
ABA Construction	Duplicate payment returned from 201	£ 3,755.40		
HMRC	VAT refund	£ 10,821.29		
		£ 14,576.69		
Bank Balance				
Unity Bank Balance		£ 127,377.74		
Natwest Current Account		£ 2,500.00		
Natwest Reserve Account		£ 21,135.02		
Bank Total		£ 151,012.76		

The Winnersh Sustainable Transport Group – Stations Adoptions Report

As reported at Full Council on 9th March 2021, Network Rail had informed the Parish Council that they would remove the litter and the graffiti from Winnersh station during a closure of the railway in March 2021.



The photo on the left shows the station embankment and walls, trackside before and after the clearance work by Network Rail. This has made a significant improvement to the look and feel of the station.

However, all the graffiti was removed by Network rail except for the word *Awful* on the parapet of the road over bridge. It is disappointing that this has not been removed at that time, but as it is over the tracks and only Network Rail are legally allowed to remove it. Network Rail are aware of it.

The Parish Council are grateful for the efforts of Network Rail for their clearance work during March 2021.

The Forest School have now responded to the South East Communities Rail Partnership and discussions are now ongoing with the school over when they can fit the artwork design into their busy schedule.

Councillor Paul Fishwick, Chair of the Winnersh Sustainable Transport Group.

History Project Report for Full Council Meeting on 13th April 2021

- Each member of group has tagged an area of focus for their involvement.
- Work on validating and indexing artifacts is still progressing.
- Expert help on conservation of fragile records, photographs, and how to deal with records found to be inaccurate is being sought.
- Checklist and guide for collecting memories being trialed.
- Stories shared and potential projects identified including collecting memories of Covid and shielding.

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