

Winnersh Parish Council

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Minutes of the Informal FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE meeting held remotely on Tuesday 24 May 2022.

PRESENT: Cllrs J. Southgate (Chairman); P. Bray; P. Fishwick; D. Green; G. Harper; R. Shepherd-DuBey; L. Wooldridge.

IN ATTENDANCE: P. Stoneman (Parish Clerk); K. Simpson (Assistant Parish Clerk).

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

- Nominations were sought for the position of Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Cllr Harper **PROPOSED** Cllr John Southgate, **SECONDED** by Cllr Fishwick. There being no other nominations, Cllr John Southgate was appointed as Chairman.
- 1.2 Nominations were sought for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Cllr Southgate **PROPOSED** Cllr David Green, **SECONDED** by Cllr Harper. There being no other nominations, Cllr David Green was appointed as Vice-Chairman.
- 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr R Nicholson.
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.**
- 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2022
- 4.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on the 25 January 2022, approved at Full Council on 8 February 2022, were noted and the following matters were raised.

- 4.2 Item 4.1 (8.4): The Clerk suggested that the unmetered electric supply to the lamp column in the community centre car park be replaced with a metered supply from the Allnatt Pavilion at the same time the CCTV was upgraded. The proposal received support.
- 4.3 Item 9.1: The Clerk advised that he had cancelled the TV Licence and that a small refund was due.
- 5 PUBLIC SESSION There were no members of the public or press in attendance.

6 DONATIONS AND REFERRALS

- 6.1 Six grant applications had been received and were considered. The following awards would be recommended to Full Council for approval:-
 - 1) Me2Club £500
 - 2) Wokingham Job Support Club £500
 - 3) The Cowshed £500
 - 4) Berkshire Vision £300
 - 5) Wokingham CAB £1,000
 - 6) Bearwood Primary School as an award of £500 had been made in April 2022, it was agreed to defer consideration for any additional funding until later in the year.
- 6.2 The Clerk advised that if all the grants were approved, £3,300 of the £3,500 budget would be spent.
- 6.3 A grant of £2,000 had been made to Keep Mobile on 9 November 2021 and that related to the 2022/23 financial year. It was likely that the next application would be around September 2022 for the 2023/24 financial year.
- Readibus had advised that, given the likely financial pressures on the Parish Council, they would not be seeking financial assistance in the 2022/23 financial year.
- 6.5 There were no referrals from other Committees.

7 INTERNAL AUDIT 2021/22

- 7.1 The committee were informed that Claire Connell, the Internal Auditor, had completed her audit and the written report would follow. The Clerk advised that the audit had not identified any significant issues and the committee thanked the Clerk, APC and CELO for assisting with the audit and for ensuring compliance with procedures.
- 7.2 The Clerk confirmed that the written final audit report would be circulated upon receipt.

 ACTION: CLERK

8 QUARTER 4 ACCOUNTS (2021/22) AND AGAR

- 8.1 The Clerk presented the Q4 accounts (Appendix 1) that would be recommended to Full Council for approval.
- 8.2 It was noted that the expenditure on Pest Control (Code 340/4450) was high. The Clerk explained that the expenditure for the service relating to Winnersh Community Centre had been miscoded to the allotments and this would be correctly applied in 2022/23.

- 8.3 Cllr Harper had circulated his annual solar energy report (Appendix 2) in advance of the meeting that showed the total savings by using solar energy in 2021/22 was £801.
- 8.4 The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2021/22 was presented (Appendix 3) and the committee requested that it be recommended to Full Council on the 14 June for approval.

 ACTION: CLLR SOUTHGATE
- 8.5 A discussion took place about earmarked reserves (EMR) for 2022/23 and the committee agreed that Account 325 (Full Council Projects) and Account 326 (R&A Projects) should no longer remain in EMR, as budget provision had been made (200/4300 and 200/4360) in the 2022/23 annual budget. A recommendation would be made to Full Council to remove these items from the EMR list.

ACTION:CLLR SOUTHGATE/CLERK/APC

9 DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

9.1 The newly appointed Assistant Parish Clerk (APC) had started working through the list of aged debtors and creditors from October 2020 to date, and a mix of unpaid invoices and some accounting issues had been identified. The APC had already contacted some debtors and payments were being received.

10 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

- 10.1 The Clerk had circulated a report from Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) that set out the CIL payments received since October 2017. The spend to date had been £8,382.00 that left £75,792.89 available to spend. The Clerk highlighted the need to ensure that £8741.88 would need to be spent by April 2023 to avoid potential clawback. In the event that the Parish Council failed to spend CIL receipts within a period of 5 years from the date of initial receipt, or does not spend it on initiatives that support the development of the area, then WBC can serve a Repayment Notice requiring repayment of some, or all, of the receipts that had been transferred to them.
- 10.2 WBC had requested that WPC consider making a contribution towards the cost of footpath enhancement works at Winnersh Meadows, from Arbor Meadows, Wharfdale Road and Primrose Lane. The committee considered the request and agreed to recommend to Full Council that a contribution of 50% (£5,150) be made towards the total cost of £10,300.

ACTION: CLLR SOUTHGATE/CLERK

11 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WORKING GROUP

- Due to other work pressures the working group had not met (since the inaugural meeting) to progress the review of policies and procedures. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Green would liaise to find a date to meet (including the CELO and APC).
- 12 **CORRESPONDENCE** There were no items of correspondence.
- 13 ANY OTHER ITEMS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN None
- **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 26 July at 19.30 (in person at Winnersh Community Centre).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:40

PART II - Confidential Session

The Council **RESOLVED** in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussion of the following personnel or confidential matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

16 STAFFING

- 16.1 The committee agreed to the award one incremental point on the NJC pay scales (2021/22) for the Clerk and CELO. One increment would move the CELO from Scale Point 13 to Scale Point 14 and the Clerk from ScP27 to ScP28. The increase would be applicable from the 1 April 2022.
- 16.2 Following the resignation of the Parish Clerk the committee discussed the process for the recruitment of a replacement.

It was agreed that the job would be advertised with Jobsgopublic, NALC, SLCC and on the Wokingham Borough Council job site.

Cllr Harper advised that BALC would advertise the vacancy at no cost.

The hours/week would remain unchanged at thirty-two hours/week.

The closing date for applications would be the 21 June, 2022.

The interviews would be held on the 6 and/or 7 July and the panel would be made up of Cllr Wooldridge (to lead), Cllr Bray and Cllr Harper. Cllr Fishwick would be in reserve in case any of the panel members were unable to attend.

A discussion took place about interim arrangements and the Clerk advised that he was seeking support from other Wokingham Parish and Town Councils. Cllr Harper suggested that, as had been the case in the past, that councillors may be required to volunteer to minute committee meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:30

APPENDIX 1

Q4 Accounts 2021/22

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/03/2022

Month No: 12

		Actual Last Year	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
100	Office & General								
1076	6 Precept	156,862	174,675	174,675	0			100.0%	
1090) Bank Interest	5	3	20	17			16.4%	
1100	FIT	578	494	500	6			98.9%	
1130	CIL Income	14,965	10,790	0	(10,790)			0.0%	10,790
1400	Small Business Grant - Covid	11,334	0	0	0			0.0%	
1452	Misc Income	10	1,034	0	(1,034)			0.0%	
	Office & General :- Income	183,754	186,996	175,195	(11,801)			106.7%	10,790
4000	Salaries	72,121	66,802	72,800	5,998		5,998	91.8%	
4020	Employers NI	4,891	3,804	4,300	496		496	88.5%	
4025	Employers Pension	15,281	16,203	17,100	897		897	94.8%	
	Stationery/Office Supplies	521	670	500	(170)		(170)	134.1%	
	IT Infrastruture (Hardware)	8,853	169	500	331		331	33.8%	
	IT Support (itQED)	0	3,116	3,600	484		484	86.5%	
	Web Hosting & Support	0	1,875	2,000	125		125	93.8%	
	IT Rialtas/SAGE	0	2,702	1,750	(952)		(952)	154.4%	
	Copier	19	256	200	(56)		(56)	127.8%	
	Insurances	3,290	3,386	3,300	(86)		(86)	102.6%	
	Training - Councillors	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
	Training Staff	490	1,615	2,000	385		385	80.8%	
	Chairman's Allowance	120	160	160	0		0	100.0%	
	Parish Expenses	29	0	100	100		100 (369)		
	Employment Advertising Subscriptions	150	369	0	(369)		(369) 45 9		
	Professional Fees	1,950 1,675	2,455 1,010	2,500 2,000	45				
	Bank Charges	246	228	170	990	990		50.5%	
	Credit Card Fee	0	18		(58)		(58)	134.0%	
	Telecoms	819	764	0 800	(18)		(18)	0.0%	
	Postage	0	0	50	36		36	95.6%	
	Travel & Subsistance	0			50 75		50	0.0%	
	Health & Safety		0	75	75		75	0.0%	
	COVID & WFH Expenses	201 296	0	100	100		100	0.0%	
	Scheduled Maintenance	290	0 100	300 0	300 (100)		300	0.0%	
	Unscheduled Maintenance							0.0%	
				0	0.0% 0.0%				
	Write off old pension b/f 2018	0	1,151	0	(9) (1,151)		(9) (1,151)	0.0%	
	Office & General :- Indirect Expenditure	111,002	106,863	114,605	7,742	0	7,742	93.2%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	72,751	80,134	60,590	(19,544)				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	307	1,211						
6001	less Transfer to EMR	26,299	9,579						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	46,759	71,766						
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120	Street Lights									
423	D Electricity	600		600 767 500		(267)		153.5%	, D	
	Street Lights :- Indirect Expenditure		767	500	(267)	0	(267)	153.5%		
	Net Expenditure		(767)	(500)	267					
140	Other Expenditure									
4270	O Grants Made	4,156	3,090	3,000	(00)		(00)	400.00/		
4280		1,000	2,000	4,000	(90) 2,000		(90) 2,000	103.0% 50.0%		
4290	Youth Club	0	2,250	5,000	2,750		2,750	45.0%		
4900	Bad debt w/o	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%		
	Other Expenditure :- Indirect Expenditure	5,156	7,340	12,300	4,960	0	4,960	59.7%	0	
	Net Expenditure	(5,156)	(7,340)	(12,300)	(4,960)					
200	Major/Special Projects		(4,5.4.7)	(12,000)	(1,000)					
200										
	R&A F&GP	36,192	69,844	99,705	29,861		29,861	70.1%	4,602	
4360		0 3,950	499	0	(499)		(499)	0.0%		
4000	4000 1 0		6,247	8,688	2,441		2,441	71.9%	1,235	
Ma	Major/Special Projects :- Indirect Expenditure		76,589	108,393	31,804	0	31,804	70.7%	5,837	
	Net Expenditure	(40,142)	(76,589)	(108,393)	(31,804)					
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	25,897	5,837							
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(14,245)	(70,753)							
300	Community Centre									
1300	Bookings-Winnersh Hall	5,016	37,780	21,000	(16,780)			179.9%		
1305	Bookings-John Grobler Room	72	0	0	0			0.0%		
1310	Bookings-Sindlesham Room	723	7,767	4,000	(3,767)			194.2%		
1330	Franchise Fee Bar	91	0	0	0			0.0%		
	Community Centre :- Income	5,902	45,547	25,000	(20,547)		-	182.2%	0	
4110	Licence Fees	338	497	350	(147)		(147)	142.0%	v	
4145	Health & Safety	258	187	0	(187)		(187)	0.0%		
4195	COVID & WFH Expenses 0		885	0	(885)		(885)	0.0%	885	
4200	Scheduled Maintenance 1,46		1,273	4,000	2,727		2,727	31.8%	000	
4205	Unscheduled Maintenance	1,510	1,541	1,000	(541)		(541)	154.1%		
4207	Unscheduled Covid Expense	163	0	0	0		Ó	0.0%		
4215	Waste Management	767	816	1,000	184		184	81.6%		
4230	Electricity	300	1,533	2,000	467		467	76.7%		

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423	5 Gas	11,411	4,183	1,500	(2,683)		(2,683)	278.8%	
4240) Water	963	354	750	396		396	47.2%	
4410	Cleaning	832	2,008	0	(2,008)		(2,008)	0.0%	
	Community Centre :- Indirect Expenditure	18,004	13,278	10,600	(2,678)	0	(2,678)	125.3%	885
	Net Income over Expenditure	(12,102)	32,269	14,400	(17,869)				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	108	885						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(11,994)	33,154						
320	Allnatt Pavilion								
1315	Bookings-Allnatt Pavilion	351	3,606	1,000	(2,606)			360.6%	
	Allnatt Pavilion :- Income	351	3,606	1,000	(2,606)			360.6%	
4200	Scheduled Maintenance	0	0	400	400		400	0.0%	
	Unscheduled Maintenance	150	247	200	(47)		(47)	123.3%	
4230	Electricity	431	538	400	(138)		(138)	134.4%	
4235	Gas	902	704	200	(504)	(504)		352.2%	
4240	Water	125	470	200	(270)		(270)	235.0%	
	Allnatt Pavilion :- Indirect Expenditure	1,608	1,959	1,400	(559)	0	(559)	139.9%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(1,257)	1,647	(400)	(2,047)				
340	Allotments								
1450	Allotment Income	2,908	3,005	2,900	(105)			103.6%	
	Allotments :- Income	2,908	3,005	2,900	(105)			103.6%	0
4200	Scheduled Maintenance	91	0	0	0		0	0.0%	
4205	Unscheduled Maintenance	0	286	0	(286)		(286)	0.0%	
4240	Water	0	2,000	1,000	(1,000)		(1,000)	200.0%	
4250	Allotment Expense	6,449	1,241	0	(1,241)		(1,241)	0.0%	398
	Pest Control	763	1,033	430	(603)		(603)	240.3%	
4455	Rent to WBC	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
	Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	7,304	4,560	2,430	(2,130)	0	(2,130)	187.6%	398
	Net income over Expenditure	(4,397)	(1,555)	470	2,025				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	398						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(4,397)	(1,157)						
360	Bearwood Recreation Ground								
1320	Bookings-Bearwood Rec. Ground	8,266	7,704	3,000	(4,704)			256.8%	
	Bearwood Recreation Ground :- Income	8,266	7,704	3,000	(4,704)		-	256.8%	0

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4200 4205 4210 4500		Actual Last Year	Actual Year To Date	Current	Variance	Committed	Funds	% Spent	Transfer
4205 4210		40.464		Annual Bud	Annual Total	Expenditure	Available	и орен	to/from EMR
4210	Unscheduled Maintenance	12,161	8,833	10,000	1,167		1,167	88.3%	
				59.2%					
4500	Play Area Repairs & Maintenanc	0	1,436	2,000	564		564	71.8%	
	Tree Husbandry	537	55	1,000	945		945	5.5%	
	Bearwood Recreation Ground :- Indirect Expenditure	15,032	10,916	14,000	3,084	0	3,084	78.0%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(6,765)	(3,212)	(11,000)	(7,788)				
400	Pavilion House								
4200	Scheduled Maintenance	0	225	1,000	775		775	22.5%	
4205	Unscheduled Maintenance	62	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
	Pavilion House :- Indirect Expenditure	62	225	2,000	1,775	0	1,775	11.2%	
	Net Expenditure	(62)	(225)	(2,000)	(1,775)				
800	R&A General								
5505	Allotment Transitioning	2,176	0	0	0		0	0.0%	
	R&A General :- Indirect Expenditure	2,176	0	0	0	0	0		0
	Net Expenditure	(2,176)	0	0	0				
910	Fete								
1600	Fete Sponsorship	(500)	200	0	(200)			0.0%	
1605	Fete Stallholders Donations	0	476	0	(476)			0.0%	
1610	Fete Raffle	0	500	0	(500)			0.0%	
	Fete :- Income	(500)	1,176	0	(1,176)				0
5000	Fete Expenditure	0	4,872	2,500	(2,372)		(2,372)	194.9%	
	Fete :- Indirect Expenditure	0	4,872	2,500	(2,372)	0	(2,372)	194.9%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(500)	(3,697)	(2,500)	1,197				
920	Winnersh Newsletter								
1700	Newsletter Income	0	160	0	<u>(</u> 160)			0.0%	
	Winnersh Newsletter :- Income		160		(160)				0
	winnersh Newsletter :- Income			500			(20E)	101.007	-
5010 1	Newsletter Expenditure	0	805	500	(305)		(305)	161.0%	
			805 	500	(305)		(305)	161.0%	0

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	Actual Last Year	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
Grand Totals:- Income	200,680	248,194	207,095	(41,099)			119.8%	
Expenditure	201,086	228,174	269,228	41,054	0	41,054	84.8%	
Net Income over Expenditure	(406)	20,019	(62,133)	(82,152)				
plus Transfer from EMR	26,312	8,331						
less Transfer to EMR	26,299	9,579						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(393)	18,772						

APPENDIX 2

SOLAR REPORT

ANNUAL SOLAR ENERGY REPORT Period 1st Apr 2021 – 31st Mar 2022

Solar Energy generated

14060Kwh

Own solar energy consumption

4389Kwh

Total consumption

9834Kwh

Revenue from BG

14060Kwh X 0.99p + 7030Kwh X 5.57p

£530

Savings using own energy to Sept 21 2696Kwh X 15.06471pKwh £406

Savings using own energy Sept 21 – Mar 22 1693Kwh X 23.33pKwh

£395

Total Savings using own energy

£801

Environmental benefits

Total Co2 saved since April 2016

17,027kg

Equivalent Trees planted

779

There are 64 solar panels on the Community Centre roof in three banks each connected to an inverter. There has been no inverter outages in the period.

The total energy generated this year (2021 -2022) was lower (14060kwh) than last year (15.259kwh)

There are now five solar panels not working according to the Solaredge monitoring system.

Draft Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2021/22

ANNUAL RETURN - ENGLAND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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SECTION 2 - THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

I certify that the accounts contained in this return present fairly the financial position of the council, are consistant with the underlying financial records and have been prepared on the basis of Income and Expenditure.

Responsible Financial Officer			l Officer	Date					
I confirm that these accounts are approved by the Council and recorded as council minute reference			d by the ference	Dated					
	Signed on behalf of the above Council (Chair)		(Chair)	Date					
		Last Year £	This Year £	General Notes for Guidance					
1	Balances brought forward	153,514	153,108	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.					
2	(+) Precept or Rates and Levies	156,862	174,675	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.					
3	(+) Total other receipts	43,818	73,519	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received					
4	(-) Staff costs	92,294	86,810	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.					
5	(-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).					
6	(-) All other payments	108,792	141,365	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).					
7	(=) Balances carried forward	153,108	173,127	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. [Must equal (1+2+3)-(4+5+6)]					
8	Total value of cash and short term investments	151,020	170,376	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.					
9	Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	415,121	480,120	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.					
10	Total Borrowings	0.	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).					

The following documents should accompany the accounts when submitted to the auditor:

- * A brief explanation of significant variations from last year to this year in Section 2;
- * Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March