



WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL

Winnersh Community Centre
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Minutes of the meeting of Winnersh Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st February 2023
at Winnersh Community Centre from 7.30pm to 9.47pm.

Councillors:

Cllr L Doyle

Cllr G Harper

Cllr P Fishwick

Cllr R Shepherd-Dubey

Cllr D Green (Chairman)

Cllr J Southgate

Officers:

Marcia Milsom, Clerk

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Boadu, Bray, Hanna, Nicholson and Taylor.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Fishwick declared an interest in item 5 - Local Government Boundary Commission as he is a member of the WBC Electoral Boundary Review Working Group.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2023 be confirmed and signed.

4 PUBLIC SESSION

Two residents had attended and spoken to Councillors prior to the meeting to raise concerns about planning issues, parking, rubbish and rodent activity at a property on Welby Crescent. Cllrs Fishwick and Shepherd-Dubey would liaise with the residents directly.

5 COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence had been received:

- Local Government Boundary Commission – details of draft proposals following initial consultation. Full details can be found at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/36653>. The Clerk was asked to submit a response on the portal to confirm WPC's support of the draft proposals.

ACTION: CLERK

- Email from Neil Carr, WBC – Overview & Scrutiny Committees seeking suggestions from T&PC's for consideration for work programmes. Issues considered should affect residents of the Borough, not individual complaints.

It was **AGREED** to submit the following items for consideration by the WBC Overview & Scrutiny Committees:

- i. Quality and condition of roads and pavements within the Borough.
- ii. Delivery of agreed infrastructure by developers on new estates i.e., community centres.

ACTION: CLERK

- Email from Insight, Strategy and Inclusion Team, WBC – invitation to attend Community Futures Event on 6th March 2023, 4pm – 6pm. Invitation attached at Appendix 1.

It was **AGREED** that Cllrs Doyle and Southgate would attend with the Clerk.

ACTION: Cllrs Doyle, Southgate & CLERK

6 MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

The minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting held on 7th February 2023 were attached as Appendix 2.

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting as a true record.

Cllr Harper noted the following:

- Rainbow Park Youth Club attendance was steady. The report given by Gareth Mephram was comprehensive and showed the quality of work being undertaken.
- Work was being carried out with WBC and WPC solicitors on the required changes to the allotment lease in relation to the access road.
- Play area repairs were now mainly complete with some parts awaited.
- A new toddler unit had been ordered and was awaited.
- The metal basketball nets had been removed on the advice of ARD Playgrounds and replacement nylon nets were being sourced.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation to increase facility hire charges by 7% from 1st April 2023.

- ii. The Council does not currently have a policy for allowing memorial benches on the Bearwood Recreation Ground. The Clerk had drafted a policy which was attached at Appendix 3.

It was **AGREED** to defer this to the next meeting to enable the Clerk to carry out some minor changes to the draft policy.

ACTION: CLERK

- iii. On the last play inspection report additional play area repairs were identified totalling £883.80 + VAT.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote for the additional repairs to the play area.

ACTION: CLERK

The minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee meeting held on 14th February 2023 were attached as Appendix 4.

- ii. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting as a true record.

Cllr Fishwick noted had prepared a response to application 230208 (Land located to the east of Watmore Lane/Maidensfield) which had been agreed by Cllrs Green and Harper and duly submitted to WBC – attached as Appendix 4a.

It was noted that the date of the May meeting had been amended to 25th April 2023.

Cllr Southgate advised that the minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 17th January 2023 would be circulated and approved at the next meeting.

7 QUESTIONS

None received.

8 REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS/OFFICERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OTHER BODIES.

Cllr Harper reported that Cllr Hanna had attended the Parish & Town Liaison Group meeting and would report at the next meeting.

9 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was attached as Appendix 5. **Noted.**

Cllr Fishwick advised that he was meeting with representatives of Aldi on 22nd February 2023.

10 REPORTS FROM WBC WARD AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

- i. A written report from Ward Councillors was attached at Appendix 6. **Noted.**

Cllr Southgate noted the seemingly excessive diversion routes for the planned road closures which he felt could be shortened. Cllr Fishwick advised that diversion routes were planned in conjunction with other known works which could lead to longer routes but he would check this with WBC.

- ii. There were no verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters within their wards.

11 CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

An update on 2022-23 capital projects was attached at Appendix 7. **Noted.**

Cllr Fishwick raised the following points:

- 10 – Climate Change Emergency Initiatives – a grant for the CCTV was awarded by TVP and should be spent against this project.

- 10 – Climate Change Emergency Initiatives – the solar panel battery storage costs should be funded by CIL funds but any costs above this should be allocated to this budget.
- 10 – Climate Change Emergency Initiatives – costs for moving the Allnatt Pavilion/car park streetlight supply to the solar panels should be allocated to this budget.
- 10 – Climate Change Emergency Initiatives – costs for the immersion diverter should be allocated to this budget.
- 11 – Station Adoption Initiatives – costs for the station artwork should be allocated to this budget.
- 12 – Speedwatch – costs for the yellow jackets, clicker and radar gun should be allocated to this budget.

The Clerk would arrange for the relevant journals to be completed.

ACTION: CLERK

12 CIL CO-FUNDING REQUEST

Wokingham Borough Council had submitted a request for CIL co-funding for lakeside upgrade works at California Country Park – bid form extract attached at Appendix 8.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree a contribution of £5,000.00 from WPC CIL funds.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Southgate queried whether the agreed contribution to the Loddon Valley Flood Prevention Scheme was still required. Cllr Fishwick advised that the Environment Agency had chosen a different site in Oxford to carry out the works.

Cllr Fishwick reported that £5,000.00 had also previously been offered by WPC for work at Winnersh Meadows but not accepted and therefore the project had been abandoned.

13 WINNERSH FETE

Cllr Southgate gave an update on the fete preparation as follows:

- Cllr Green preparing the arena programme. The Clerk was asked to approach Bearwood Primary School to request maypole dancing.
- Saxophone octet keen to attend.
- Cllr Harper arranging for cadets to assist in parking.
- Cllr Southgate to investigate alternative food options as long as there was no cost to WPC and that it didn't adversely affect the Scout group.
- Cllr Fishwick started the process of sponsorship. He has approached the schools for children and parent tug of war teams.
- Morris dancers unable to attend.
- Cllr Southgate liaising with WBC Tenant Services.
- Cllr Southgate has started sending invitations out.
- Cllr Southgate will review the previous year's actions list and allocate tasks accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

14 KING CHARLES III CORONATION

A report from Cllrs Bray and Doyle was attached at Appendix 9.

It was **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the three primary schools in Winnersh inviting them to submit artwork for the Winnersh Community Centre and to allocate £1,000.00 for coronation expenses, budget line to be agreed.

15 ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Schedule of Payments attached at Appendix 10.
- ii. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Doyle and Green would examine and authorise the payments listed on the schedule.

ACTION: Cllrs Doyle & Green

16 ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE CONSULTATION

People living, working or travelling in Berkshire were being encouraged to have their say on the future of Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS). Details of the consultation could be found at <https://www.rbfrs.co.uk/latest-news/2023/have-your-say-on-the-future-of-your-fire-and-rescue-service/> .

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Harper work with the Clerk to submit a consultation response on behalf of WPC.

ACTION: Cllr Harper & CLERK

17 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

A report by Cllr Fishwick had been previously circulated and is attached at Appendix 11.

Cllr Southgate noted that he had not received the latest e-newsletter. The Clerk would investigate to confirm the date sent out.

ACTION: CLERK

18 WINNERSH SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

A report by Cllr Fishwick had been previously circulated and is attached at Appendix 12.

Cllr Fishwick noted the following:

- South West Railways are looking for groups or individuals to be nominated for their Sustainability Award in the category 'Outstanding contribution for the community. The community group or adoption group which has made the biggest difference at their station or location.' It was suggested that WPC nominate itself for the station adoption works and this was **AGREED**.
- Suggestions received from ticket staff at Winnersh Triangle for artwork improvement works to the bridge and wildflower planting on the platform access embankment and he would put these forward to the Community Rail Partnership for consideration.
- It was intended that the Park & Ride facility would be complete by June 2023.

ACTION: Cllr Fishwick

The meeting closed at 9.47pm.