

MINUTES

1. Questions/comments from members of the public.

None

- 2. Present:** - Sue Tulloch (ST) -Chair, Councillors: - Jonathan Rabbitts (JR), Chris Tonge (CT) and Deana Carpenter (DC)
District Councillor: Clive Hooker (CH)
Clerk: Sonia Coyle (SC).
Apologies received: Anabelle Eyre & Peter Smith
Meeting started at 7:07pm

- 3. Declarations of Interest:** JR declared an interest in planning application 22/01423/HOUSE

- 4. Minutes** of the annual meeting held on 16th May were signed as a true and accurate record.

5. Receive Reports

Representatives from Outside Bodies – District Cllr Hooker.

CH apologised for missing recent meetings. CH explained he covers 7 parish councils and the main issues across all of them are speeding, pot holes and VAS (vehicle activated signs). CH is also the Chairman of Western Area planning, he has had a very enjoyable year as Chairman of West Berks Council – further details are in his newsletter. CH also informed the PC that there have been over 600 Ukrainian applications to come into West Berks and 50% have been placed in accommodation. Funding for this has come from the West Berks council budget and also Greenham Trust (£25k each).

Chairman's Report

ST attended the District PC meeting in person where the main discussion topic was climate change and what we can do as a parish – minutes not yet received.

Cricket nets are being installed on Monday 4th July – ST to meet on arrival.

Thames Water have been out and dug holes in the Millennium Field (for the sewer repair project) and will send a report of their findings.

An email had been received regarding anti social behaviour. ST has visited the correspondent to discuss.

Clerk's Report

New mobile phone number for the PC 07553061884 – SC to ensure details are updated on website/stationery.

SC had received quote to clean the war memorial from IMI £2160. CH will pass details on to clerk for a local representative to obtain another quote who has carried out work on local memorials.

SC reminded the council of wedding taking place in the village on the 2nd July and also informed council of road closure taking place that afternoon.

SC has contacted Caloo to review recent ROSPA report – an engineer is being sent out to review "reported issues" with the gym equipment.

6. Planning matters

22/0759/LBC2 Mask Cottage Front Street

Removal of existing tiles and replacement with new handmade plain clay

REFUSED

22/00763/HOUSE The Sheiling

Demolition of garage & replacement with garage/workshop & home office above

WITHDRAWN

22/01423/HOUSE The Sheiling

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NO OBJECTIONS however, due to the size of this development there are concerns and Councillors proposed that a condition should be added that this not be converted to a residential property in the future.

7. Finance and Compliance:-

A. The Clerk presented the payments

1. Paid since last meeting

Name	Goods or Service	Amount inc VAT	Approved
Rospa	Safety Inspection	£105	ST/DC
BALC	Subscription	£126.63	ST/DC

Signed



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Date

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Scofell	May & June	£576	ST/DC
David Weller	Internal Audit	£60.80	ST/DC
Clerk's expenses	A4 paper	£5	ST/DC
Clerk's salary	May & June	£413.13	ST/DC
HMRC	2 nd quarter	£134.60	ST/DC
Autella	Payroll costs	£50.40	ST/DC
Unity	Bank charges	£18	ST/DC
Zurich	Insurance	£516.05	ST/DC
Harry Stebbing	Noticeboard key	£5.34	ST/DC

2. To be paid by next meeting

Name	Goods or Service	Amount Inc VAT
Scofell	July & August	£576
Clerk's expenses	Telephone call & top-up	
Clerk's salary	Jul & August	£366.36
Autella	Payroll costs	£50.40
Unity	Bank charges	£18

3. Received since last meeting

Name	Goods or Service	Amount Inc VAT
Greenham Grant	Cricket Wicket	£1500

- B. Clerk presented Councillors with latest Code of Conduct issued by the LGA (issued prior to the meeting) DC proposed the PC adopt the Code and CT seconded.
- C. The Clerk informed Councillors that the notice of public rights and publication of annual governance & accountability return (exempt authority) accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 had been published on the website.

8. Jubilee Meadow

ST to obtain quotes for rubber chippings as an alternative to the bark chippings.

Following a discussion on carrying out repairs to the gate post, CH suggested considering removing the gate at some time in the future.

9. Village Maintenance & Millennium Field

Post meeting note: Thames Water contractors will be carrying out non intrusive walkover surveys on Wednesday 6th July, in relation to the Thames Water Bockhampton sewer repair project in the Millennium Field.

10. Speedwatch

Clerk confirmed dates with Councillors.

11. AOB

JR has had a request for a tennis court in the village. The PC has looked into this before, unfortunately the costs make this prohibitive.

Meeting ended – 8.47pm
Next meeting – Thursday 1st September 2022 at 7.00pm

Signed

Steve Tuller

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Date

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