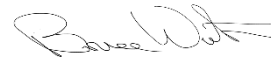


To all members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

Notice is hereby given and you are summoned to attend a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on **WEDNESDAY 3rd May 2023 at School Green Centre, commencing 19.30hrs.**



Bruce Winton, Clerk
27 April 2023

Members: I Clarke, A Grimes, L James (Ch), I Montgomery, and D Peer.

Agenda

1. Public Questions

- 1.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** public questions

2. Apologies and declarations of members' interests

- 2.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** approval of apologies for absence
- 2.2 To **RECEIVE** members' declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the meeting on 23rd February 2023

- 3.1 To **APPROVE** the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 23rd February 2023 as a correct record of the meeting*
- 4.2 To **CONSIDER** matters arising from the meeting on 23rd February 2023

4. Risk Register

- 4.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** an update from the Clerk on the Shinfield Parish Council Risk Register*

5. Financial reports

- 5.1 To **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** a verbal report on bank reconciliations at 30th April 2023
- 5.2 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** the latest Room Hire report for School Green Centre and Spencers Wood Pavilion (to 30th April 2023)*
- 5.3 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** the actual vs budget vs forecast expenditure as of 31st March 2023*
- 5.4 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** the balance and purpose of individual cash reserves*

6. Financial Reserves and CIL

6.1 To **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** an update on CIL*

7. Land Issues

7.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a verbal update on Land Registrations including list of properties

7.2 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a verbal update regarding proposed land swaps

8. Investment Policy

8.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a verbal update on investment policy

9. Safer Neighbourhoods Scheme

9.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** an outline proposal for Safer Neighbourhoods scheme to tackle anti-social behaviour*

10. Electricity Supply

10.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a proposal for electricity contracts**

11. Financial Regulations

11.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a verbal update from the Clerk on Financial Regulations

12. Dates of future Meetings

12.1 To **NOTE** the date of the next meeting is subject to discussion at the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 17th May

* Paper attached

** Paper to follow

Minutes of a meeting of
Finance & General Purposes Committee
Held on Thursday 23rd February 2022
At School Green Centre commencing at 19.30

Present: I Clarke, A Grimes, L James (Chair), I Montgomery, D Peer

Attending: B Winton (Clerk), J Mason (Finance Manager)

23/FGP/1

Public Questions

- 1.1 There were no public questions.

23/FGP/2

Apologies and declarations of Members' Interest

- 2.1 There were no apologies for this meeting.
- 2.2 There were no declarations of members' interests.

23/FGP/3

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 3.1 The minutes of the committee meeting of 22nd December 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by Cllr. James.

Proposed: Cllr Peer
Seconded: Cllr Grimes
Approved: Unanimously

23/FGP/4

Actions and Matters Arising

- 22/FGP/43.1 Clerk to add Risk Register to the agenda for February meeting
- This was on the agenda at Item 4
- 22/FGP/47.1 Clerk to ensure that Land Registrations to remain on the agenda for February 2023 meeting
- This was on the agenda at Item 7.1

- 22/FGP/47.2 Clerk to arrange a full list of all properties requiring land registration and their status

This was on the agenda at Item 7.1

- 22/FGP/47.3 Clerk to investigate ownership of the School Green car park

The Clerk had visited Berkshire Records Office to inspect the parish minutes from 1988. As part of development in the area the developer built what is now the School Green Car Park and paid sums of money to both SPC and the then Wokingham District Council. The minutes record that SPC agreed to transfer the ownership of the car park to WDC. Although not stated it is assumed that the much smaller SPC of that time did not wish to take on the upkeep or management of the car park.

23/FGP/5

Risk Register

5.1 New format Risk Register

The Clerk set out the work that had been carried out on the new format risk register and advised that there were no items where the overall risk (after mitigation measures) was currently High or Very High.

Members resolved to recommend the risk register to the next meeting of Full Council. The Clerk was asked to add the Risk Register as an occurring item for this committee's agenda on a report by exception basis.

Where an item was identified as becoming High or Very High risk the Clerk should advise the Chair of Finance & General and ensure that Full Council was formally notified.

Proposed: Cllr Peer
Seconded: Cllr Clarke
Approved: Unanimously

ACTION – Clerk to add as a recurring item to Finance & General Purposes Committee agendas

- 5.2 The Clerk was asked to add the Risk Register as a recurring item to the agenda for the Annual Council Meeting in May to ensure that the council fulfilled its obligation to formally review the Risk Register each financial year.

ACTION – Clerk to add as a recurring item to the Annual Council Meeting agenda

Financial Reports

6.1 Bank Reconciliations

Cllr. James confirmed that he had reviewed the bank reconciliations to the end of January 2023 on 22nd February and that all was in order. Members **NOTED** the report.

The Clerk was asked to ensure that copies of the reconciliation were provided at future meetings should members wish to inspect them.

ACTION – Clerk to ensure that copies of the reconciliations were available for inspection at future meetings

6.2 Room Hire Report for School Green Centre and Spencers Wood Pavilion

The Clerk advised that he had updated the booking report based on actual bookings completed to the end of January and that the forecast for the rest of the year was relatively firm as only a small amount of income was being anticipated for bookings not yet made.

Members **NOTED** the report.

6.3 Actual vs Budget vs Forecast Expenditure as of 31st January 2023

Overall the forecast of outturn was an adverse variance of £5k against the approved budget. This was an improvement from a previously reported position of an adverse variance of £15k.

The reasons for the variance were discussed and included higher utilities costs and lower than expected rental income. It was noted that about 40% of electricity used at the School Green Centre was being provided by the PV panels but the unit rate for electricity was a significant concern.

There had been some savings on salary with the gapping of the Deputy Clerk post and the Clerk did not intend to replace the Jo Skidmore role.

Members **NOTED** the current position.

Financial Reserves & CIL7.1 Members **NOTED** that the balance of unexpended CIL was currently £1,055,000 with potentially a further £1,034,000 still to come.

8.1 Land Registrations

Cllr Clarke updated members on the recent progress with Katherine Lamprell on land registrations. These were with the Land Registry but could take up to 18 months to be formally registered.

8.2 The Clerk provided a list of the council's properties and the status of each for ease of reference.

The Clerk was asked to check if the council had extinguished the lease on the Parish Hall leasehold.

ACTION – Clerk to check position on Parish Hall leasehold

8.3 The Clerk was also asked to check on the lease for Millworth Lane.

ACTION – Clerk to check position on Millworth Lane lease

8.4 Current Position regarding Land Swaps

The Clerk had met with the Head of Estates (Craig Hoggeth) on 3rd February and the key points were:

SPC wanted to see matter resolved but we are still at a position where we have an imbalance in the areas to be included in the swap.

Mr Hoggeth disputes the fact that we would not be able to justify the swap as it stands as, in his opinion, he believes they are in the public good and would be admissible.

The Clerk advised that was not the SPC opinion and that we wanted to see more land included in the swap. Specifically SPC wished to have the School Green Car Park back.

The recent possibility that charges might be introduced for this car park showed how our bookings at School Green Centre could be affected by any decision made by WBC.

Mr Hoggeth said he would talk to the Car Park department about this.

He has now responded to advise that:

“The land is part of the WBC’s car parking management strategy for the borough, so it is not surplus to requirements and therefore not available for disposal.

The School Green car park has, along with all Council car parks, been included in the Off-Street TRO which will enable the Council to administer control over them for the benefit of users. There are no plans to introduce charging at the School Green car park. The TRO will allow for the enforcement of any disabled bays and EV charging bays in car parks which have them and that currently have no enforcement abilities. It will also provide for restrictions being introduced such as time limits to ensure bays are being used for the right reasons. From our discussion, I took it that these restrictions are something the Parish Council would like to see introduced. If you would like to outline the restrictions the PC would like to see put in place at School Green Car Park, I'd be happy to pass them onto the Council's Car Parks manager so they can review and consider whether/how these can be introduced."

Cllr James reported that he and the Clerk had discussed the situation with the Internal Auditor on the subject. They did not raise any issue directly but did refer to the fact that SPC had a legal opinion that the land areas needed to be in balance

ACTION – Clerk to arrange a meeting with Cllr James and Craig Hoggeth

8.5 Ryeish Green Pavilion

The Clerk was asked to get quotes for both the demolition and the sale of Ryeish Green Pavilion

ACTION – Clerk to obtain quotes in relation to Ryeish Green Pavilion

23/FGP/9

Investment Policy

- 9.1 It was agreed to consider moving the £70k currently in the sinking fund into CCLA property investment funds for a minimum of 3 years and £250k into a CCLA standard investment fund.

23/FGP/10

Annual Audit

- 10.1 The Clerk advised that the initial visit by the Internal Auditor had taken place on 21st and 22nd of March. One issue had been identified regarding incorrect National Insurance rates being applied November to January and this will be corrected before the year end. No other material issues had been identified during the visit.

23/FGP/11

Financial Regulations

- 11.1 The Clerk advised that he would start a full review of Financial Regulations in March as this is part of his CiLCA training in any case.

23/FGP/12

Date of Next Meeting

- 12.1 Next meeting was scheduled for 27th April 2023. As the Chairman would be absent then it was agreed to reschedule the meeting for Wednesday 3rd May

The meeting ended at 21.05

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Risk Register Update

Introduction

It was agreed at the previous F&GP meeting that the Clerk would provide an update on the Risk Register at future meetings.

Recommended Changes to Risk Ratings

The Clerk has no recommendations to change any of the current risk ratings.

Additional Comments on Items on the Risk Register

CG1.2 – Meeting Governance

The Clerk has now completed CiLCA and the Deputy Clerk is about to begin her training

CG2.3 – Legislation – Equality and Diversity

Have ensured that the new Manor Ground is fully DDA compliant and have also taken into account the needs of those suffering from Dementia

FM1.2 – Responding to sudden drops in income

New Terms & Conditions have been approved for room lettings and these are being applied to new bookings.

FM3.1 – Failure to maintain adequate insurance

The Manor Ground pavilion has been added to the council's insurance coverage

PE1.1 – Failure to recruit staff

Currently recruiting for a replacement Customer Care Team member and have had 12 applications

PI1.1 & PI1.4 – Overall threat of physical damage/Other Buildings

CCTV, shutters, PIR lights and lockable storage area have all been provided for the new Manor Ground. A regular weekday hirer will also significantly reduce the amount of time the building is unoccupied

Income - By Room by Month

Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar TOTAL

School Green Centre

Grazeley	Actual	2,114												2,114
	Booked		1,625	2,164	1,506	277	576	186	92	45				6,471
	Projected		500	500	500	1,750	2,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	20,750
	TOTAL	2,114	2,125	2,664	2,006	2,027	2,576	3,186	3,092	2,045	2,500	2,500	2,500	29,335
	Prior Year Variance	941	1,575	2,012	1,480	1,628	1,895	3,369	3,346	1,638	2,204	2,357	2,266	24,710
		1,173	551	652	526	399	680	(183)	(254)	408	297	143	234	4,625

Pound Green	Actual	2,637												2,637
	Booked		3,520	3,306	1,532	267	677	806	483	231				10,822
	Projected		250	250	750	1,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	23,750
	TOTAL	2,637	3,770	3,556	2,282	1,767	3,677	3,806	3,483	3,231	3,000	3,000	3,000	37,209
	Prior Year Variance	1,030	1,933	1,749	1,578	1,545	5,214	3,340	3,829	2,898	3,171	3,021	4,086	33,392
		1,607	1,837	1,807	704	222	(1,536)	466	(346)	334	(171)	(21)	(1,086)	3,817

Ryeish Green	Actual	2,259												2,259
	Booked		2,660	2,082	1,445	413	420	669	126	63				7,877
	Projected		250	250	750	1,250	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	17,000
	TOTAL	2,259	2,910	2,332	2,195	1,663	1,920	2,169	2,126	2,063	2,500	2,500	2,500	27,136
	Prior Year Variance	1,183	2,006	1,746	1,390	1,400	1,223	2,361	2,168	1,756	1,767	2,356	2,156	21,513
		1,076	904	586	805	262	697	(192)	(42)	307	733	144	344	5,623

Shinfield	Actual	116												116
	Booked		87	45	36	0	0	0	0	0				168
	Projected			100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,000
	TOTAL	116	87	145	136	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,284
	Prior Year Variance	172	141	137	180	493	120	342	241	190	58	158	149	2,380
		(56)	(54)	8	(44)	(393)	(20)	(242)	(141)	(90)	42	(58)	(49)	(1,096)

Spencers Wood	Actual	99												99
	Booked		257	134	0	0	0	0	0	0				391
	Projected			100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,000
	TOTAL	99	257	234	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,490
	Prior Year Variance	10	70	58	30	70	115	339	230	287	249	83	187	1,727
		89	187	176	70	30	(15)	(239)	(130)	(187)	(149)	18	(87)	(238)

Three Mile Cross	Actual	942												942
	Booked		1,441	646	597	91	91	140	0	0				3,005
	Projected			250	250	250	250	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	6,500
	TOTAL	942	1,441	896	847	341	341	640	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	10,447
	Prior Year Variance	226	320	209	337	204	287	732	989	630	795	722	1,326	6,776
		716	1,121	687	510	137	54	(92)	11	370	205	278	(326)	3,671

Tower	Actual	1,097												1,097
	Booked		928	504	66	0	0	265	159	0				1,921
	Projected		250	500	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	7,500
	TOTAL	1,097	1,178	1,004	816	750	750	1,015	909	750	750	750	750	10,518
	Prior Year Variance	0	75	0	0	399	2,338	1,293	437	587	416	879		6,423
		1,097	1,103	1,004	816	750	352	(1,323)	(384)	313	163	334	(129)	4,095

Other resources PA Screen & Projector Kitchen	Actual	179												179
	Confirmed		151	120	85	20	10	110	10					506
	Projected			200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	96	1,896
	TOTAL	179	151	320	285	220	210	310	210	200	200	200	96	2,581
	Prior Year Variance	30	40	10	10	50	50	350	250	1,010	175	82	40	2,097
		149	111	310	275	170	160	(40)	(40)	(810)	25	118	56	484

TOTAL FOR SGC	Actual	9,443	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,443
	Booked		10,668	9,000	5,267	1,067	1,774	2,176	870	339	0	0	0	31,160
	Projected		1,250	2,150	3,400	5,900	7,900	9,150	10,150	9,150	10,150	10,150	10,046	79,396
	TOTAL	9,443	11,918	11,150	8,667	6,967	9,674	11,326	11,020	9,489	10,150	10,150	10,046	120,000
	Prior Year Variance	3,592	6,159	5,921	5,005	5,390	9,303	13,171	12,345	8,846	9,006	9,194	11,089	99,018
		5,851	5,759	5,230	3,662	1,577	371	(1,845)	(1,325)	644	1,144	956	(1,043)	20,981

Budget for 2023/24	VAT Inc	120000
Projected Performance against Budget	VAT Inc	(0)

Income - By Room by Month

Spencers Wood Pavilion

Meeting Rooms	Actual	270	324	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	654
	Booked												0
	Projected		200	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	986	5,686
	TOTAL	270	524	500	560	500	500	500	500	500	500	986	6,340
	Prior Year Variance	437	578	485	643	478	498	533	626	464	494	448	6,258
		(167)	(54)	15	(83)	22	2	(33)	(126)	36	6	52	82

Pre-School	Actual												0
	Booked												0
	Projected	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	28,800
	TOTAL	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	28,800
	Prior Year Variance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,000	21,000
		2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	(18,600)	7,800

Community Room	Actual	731											731
	Booked		1,282	1,353	810	313	310	250	313				4,629
	Projected				500	500	750	750	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	7,500
	TOTAL	731	1,282	1,353	1,310	813	1,060	1,000	1,313	1,000	1,000	1,000	12,860
	Prior Year Variance	743	1,003	825	1,115	560	1,145	1,283	1,490	1,040	878	1,157	12,459
		(12)	279	528	195	253	(85)	(283)	(178)	(40)	123	(157)	(223)

Other resources (PA, screen & projector)	Actual	0											0
	Confirmed		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Projected												0
	TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Prior Year Variance	40	0		20	10	20	10	10	0		10	120
		(40)	0	0	(20)	(10)	(20)	(10)	(10)	0	0	(10)	(120)

TOTAL FOR SWP	Actual	1,001	324	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,385
	Booked	0	1,282	1,353	810	313	310	250	313	0	0	0	4,629
	Projected	2,400	2,600	2,900	3,400	3,400	3,650	3,650	3,900	3,900	3,900	4,386	41,986
	TOTAL	3,401	4,206	4,253	4,270	3,713	3,960	3,900	4,213	3,900	3,900	4,386	48,000
	Prior Year Variance	1,220	1,581	1,310	1,778	1,048	1,663	1,826	2,126	1,504	1,372	1,605	39,837
		2,181	2,625	2,943	2,492	2,665	2,297	2,075	2,087	2,396	2,529	2,296	(18,421)

Budget for 2023/24	VAT Inc	48000
Projected Performance against Budget	VAT Inc	0

Village Green	Actual	0											0
	Booked		1,197	756	0	0	0	0	0	0			1,953
	Projected												0
	TOTAL	0	1,197	756	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,953
	Prior Year Variance		1,080	810		0	0						1,890
		0	117	(54)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63

Budget for 2023/24	VAT Inc	1200
Projected Performance against Budget	VAT Inc	753

Bookings - In Hours By room

Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar TOTAL

School Green Centre

Grazeley	Actual	86												86
	Booked		93	96	82	22	32	12	11					348
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	86	93	96	82	22	32	12	11	0	0	0	0	434
Prior Year		46	70	81	77	77	89	142	142	85	117	97	130	1,152
	Variance	40	23	15	5	(55)	(57)	(130)	(131)	(85)	(117)	(97)	(130)	(718)
Pound Green	Actual	95												95
	Booked		126	114	51	6	29	26	23					375
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	95	126	114	51	6	29	26	23	0	0	0	0	470
Prior Year		48	66	56	55	54	194	113	144	102	124	118	149	1,224
	Variance	47	59	58	(4)	(48)	(165)	(87)	(121)	(102)	(124)	(118)	(149)	(755)
Ryeish Green	Actual	119												119
	Booked		131	95	69	20	22	29	6					371
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	119	131	95	69	20	22	29	6	0	0	0	0	490
Prior Year		66	93	78	63	68	78	139	103	98	107	119	109	1,119
	Variance	54	38	17	5	(48)	(56)	(110)	(97)	(98)	(107)	(119)	(109)	(629)
Shinfield	Actual	18												18
	Booked		33	22	17	9								80
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	18	33	22	17	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
Prior Year		22	13	12	16	50	42	62	43	41	33	27	37	398
	Variance	(4)	20	10	1	(41)	(42)	(62)	(43)	(41)	(33)	(27)	(37)	(300)
Spencers Wood	Actual	9												9
	Booked		42	12	3									57
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	9	42	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
Prior Year		9	7	5	5	22	50	36	76	80	49	18	22	377
	Variance	0	36	7	(2)	(22)	(50)	(36)	(76)	(80)	(49)	(18)	(22)	(312)
Three Mile Cross	Actual	78												78
	Booked		117	52	48	7	7	11						241
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	78	117	52	48	7	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	319
Prior Year		41	30	27	32	34	59	77	99	74	97	66	111	747
	Variance	37	87	25	16	(27)	(52)	(67)	(99)	(74)	(97)	(66)	(111)	(428)
Tower	Actual	57												57
	Booked		73	39	14	9	8	19	18					178
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	57	73	39	14	9	8	19	18	0	0	0	0	235
Prior Year		28	28	15	9	9	52	197	61	57	56	45	68	623
	Variance	29	45	25	5	0	(44)	(178)	(44)	(57)	(56)	(45)	(68)	(388)
Other resources PA Screen & Projector Kitchen	Actual	79												79
	Confirmed		88	45	30	4	2	26	2					197
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	79	88	45	30	4	2	26	2	0	0	0	0	275
Prior Year		6	13	35	53	111	68	172	143	89	98	85	77	951
	Variance	73	75	10	(24)	(107)	(66)	(146)	(141)	(89)	(98)	(85)	(77)	(676)
TOTAL FOR SGC	Actual	541	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	541
	Booked		701	474	313	77	100	122	60	0	0	0	0	1,846
	Projected		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	541	701	474	313	77	100	122	60	0	0	0	0	2,387
Prior Year		265	320	309	311	425	630	938	811	625	681	575	702	6,591
	Variance	276	382	165	1	(348)	(530)	(815)	(751)	(625)	(681)	(575)	(702)	(4,205)

Bookings - In Hours By room

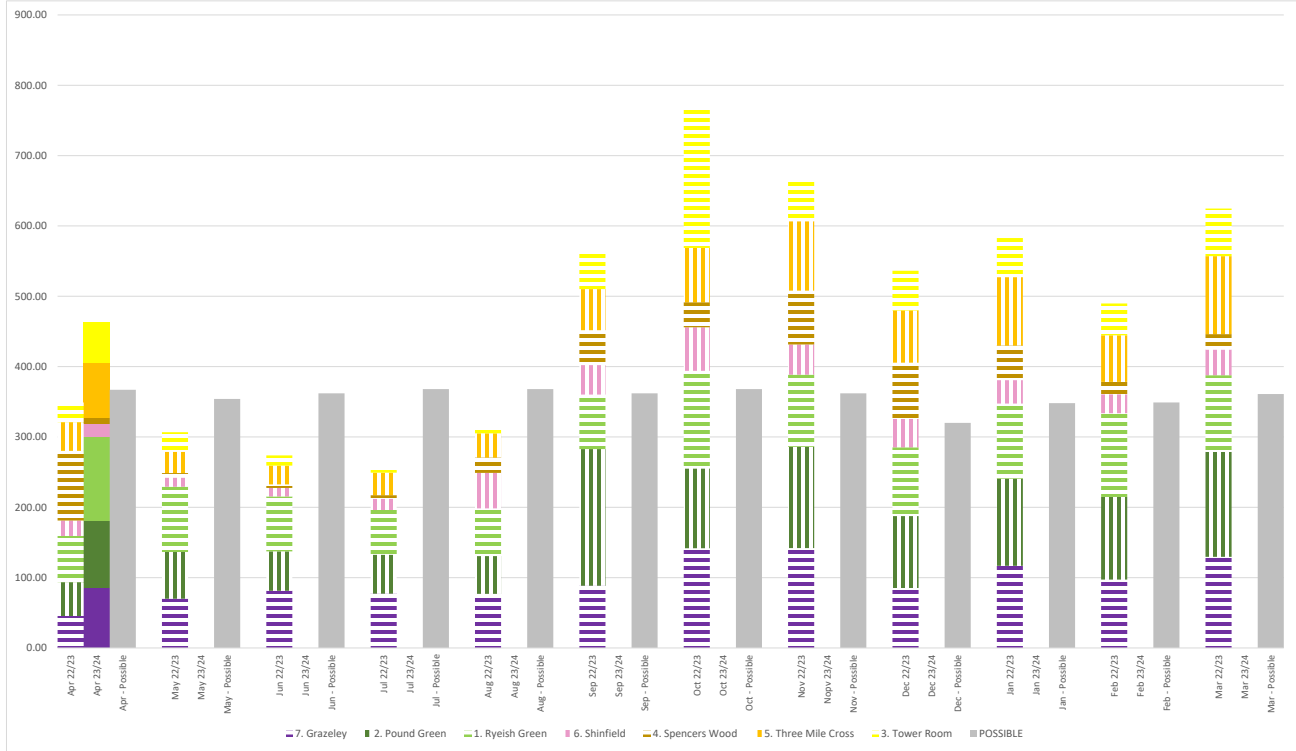
Spencers Wood Pavilion

Meeting Rooms	Actual	87												87
	Booked		124	44	23	15	30	12	13					260
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	87	124	44	23	15	30	12	13	0	0	0	0	347
Prior Year		93	105	101	103	105	101	127	134	103	118	105	130	1,324
	Variance	(6)	20	(57)	(80)	(91)	(71)	(115)	(122)	(103)	(118)	(105)	(130)	(977)
Pre-School	Actual													0
	Booked													0
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prior Year		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Variance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Room	Actual	52												52
	Booked		85	84	42	13	28	10	13					274
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	52	85	84	42	13	28	10	13	0	0	0	0	326
Prior Year		58	80	70	74	48	95	86	113	71	75	87	91	945
	Variance	(6)	5	14	(32)	(35)	(67)	(76)	(101)	(71)	(75)	(87)	(91)	(620)
Other resources (PA, screen & projector)	Actual	0												0
	Confirmed		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prior Year		8	9		7	6	9	4	3	13			7	66
	Variance	(8)	(9)	0	(7)	(6)	(9)	(4)	(3)	(13)	0	0	(7)	(66)
TOTAL FOR SWP	Actual	139	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	139
	Booked	0	209	128	65	27	58	22	25	0	0	0	0	534
	Projected	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	139	209	128	65	27	58	22	25	0	0	0	0	672
Prior Year		159	194	171	184	159	205	217	250	187	193	191	228	2,335
	Variance	(20)	16	(43)	(119)	(132)	(147)	(195)	(225)	(187)	(193)	(191)	(228)	(1,663)
Village Green	Actual		137	61		9	9							216
	Booked													0
	Projected													0
	TOTAL	0	137	61	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	216
Prior Year		0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Variance	(0)	137	61	0	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	214

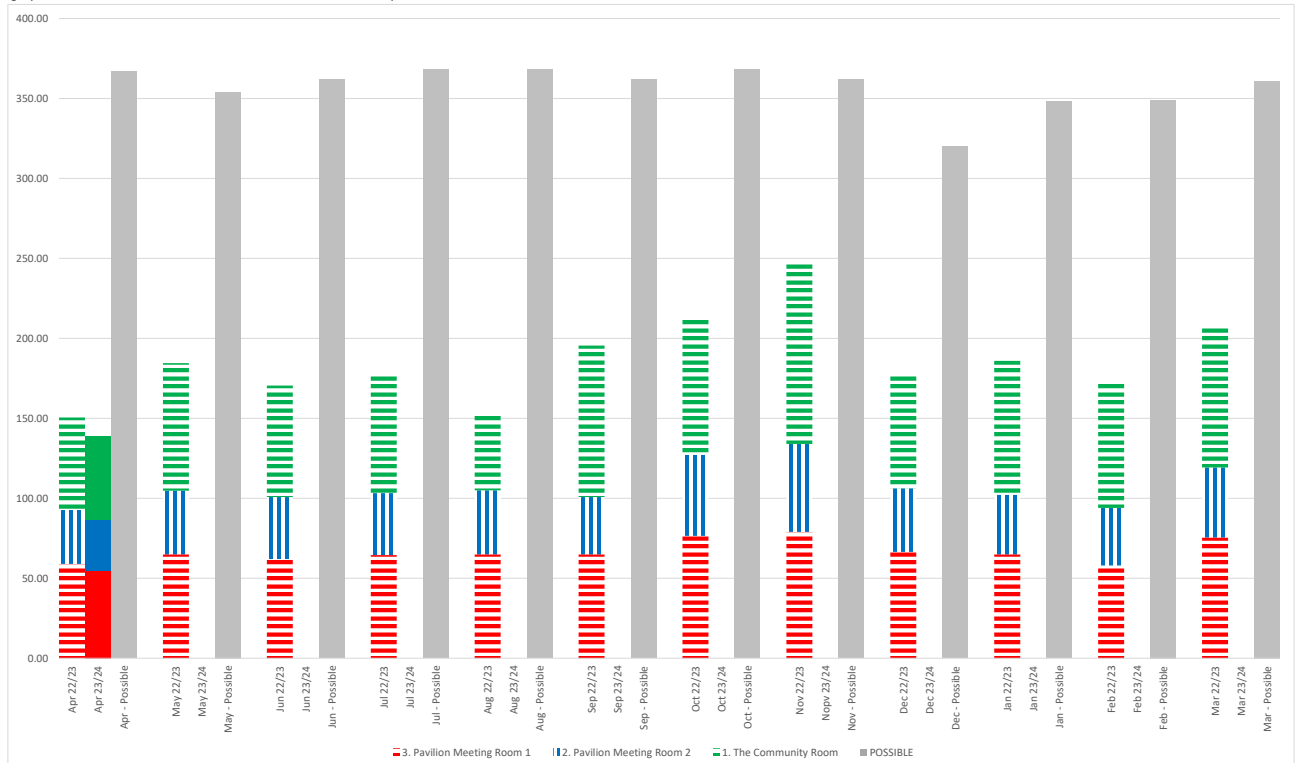
Utilisation Rates By Room

School Green Centre

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**Spencers Wood Pavilion**

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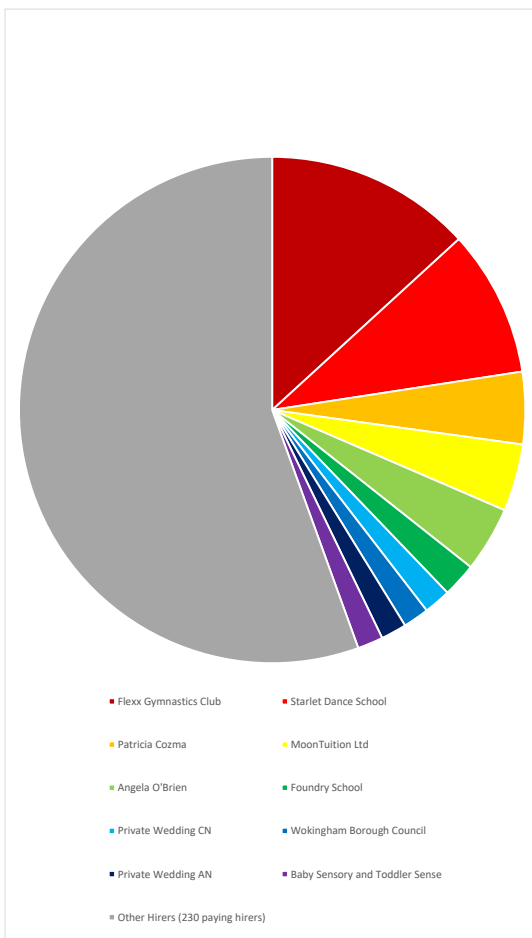


Analysis of Start time for Bookings

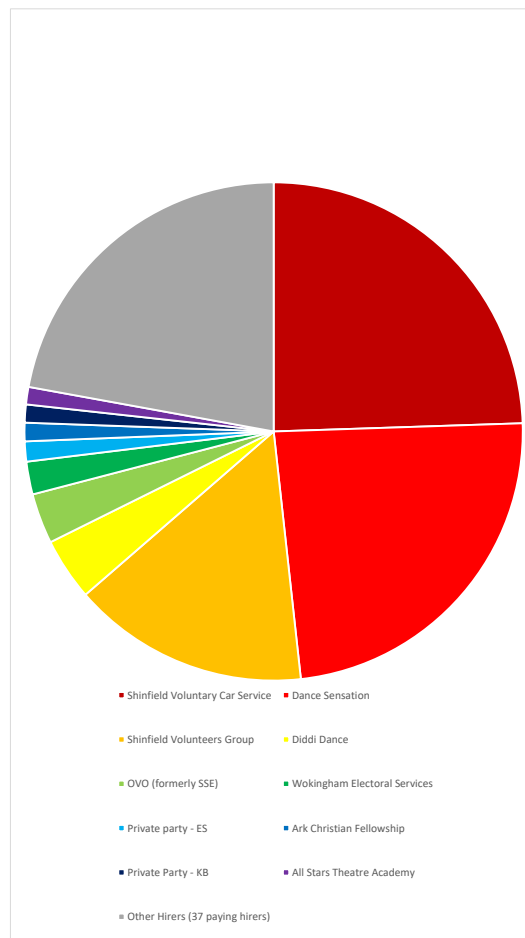
Income from Main Hirers - since 1st April 2022

School Green Centre

Rank		£
1	Flexx Gymnastics Club	12818
2	Starlet Dance School	8994
3	MoonTuition Ltd	4462
4	Patricia Cozma	4440
5	Angela O'Brien	4020
6	Foundry School	2646
7	Private Wedding CN	1656
8	Wokingham Borough Council	1592
9	Private Wedding AN	1581
10	Baby Sensory and Toddler Sense	1530
	Other Hirers (242 paying hirers)	55280
		99018

**Spencers Wood Pavilion**

Rank		£
1	Shinfield Voluntary Car Service	4568
2	Dance Sensation	4468
3	Shinfield Volunteers Group	2888
4	Bethany Bianga (Diddi Dance)	740
5	OVO (Formerly SSE)	588
6	Wokingham Electoral Services	400
7	Private Party - ES	245
8	Ark Christian Fellowship	225
9	Private Party - KB	220
10	All Stars Theatre Academy	213
	Other Hirers (37 paying hirers)	4284
		18837



Service	Budget 2022/23	Actual	Actual V Budget	Variation From Feb Forecast
101Parish Council Administration	-216,400	-186,995	29,405	5,360
102Precept	552,300	552,370	70	0
104Sinking Fund Contribution	-30,000	-30,000	0	0
201School Green Centre	-49,900	-129,113	-79,213	-6,296
202Ryeish Pavilion & sports pitch	-1,000	-1,132	-132	168
203Spencers Wood Pavilion	2,300	933	-1,367	-4,431
204Playgrounds	-6,000	-13,617	-7,617	-384
205Recreation Grounds and Street Furniture	-72,000	-52,768	19,232	3,509
206Allotments	-8,200	-9,750	-1,550	277
207Deardon Field	0	-1,200	-1,200	-1,200
208Youth Services	-15,200	-11,736	3,464	-636
209Facilities Management Team	-71,400	-69,486	1,914	1,203
210Millworth Recreation Grd	-1,100	-4,756	-3,656	-229
211Planning and Surveys to Implement Sports Strategy	-10,000	-2,450	7,550	0
212MUGA	0	0	0	261
304Feasibility Costs of Potential New Schemes	-10,000	0	10,000	0
401Communications	-12,000	-5,304	6,696	96
402Community Development	-7,100	-4,957	2,143	143
501Street lighting	-3,300	-6,955	-3,655	1,045
502Planning reviews	-11,000	-5,146	5,854	1,004
601Community Grants	-30,000	-24,212	5,788	-512
Grand Total	0	-6,274	-6,274	-622

Review Balance and Purpose of Reserves

Introduction

Attached is a list of reserves and their balances. Members are asked to review each and decide on whether they wish to maintain or amend each of the reserves.

Balance and Purpose of Reserves held at 31st March 2023

Item 5.4

Reserve	Balance at 31st March 2023	Committee	Purpose	Estimated Life	Source of Funds -
General Reserve **	151,159	Full Council	To fund operational expenditure, unexpected or extraordinary costs (25% Precept)	1 Year	Accumulated revenue underspends
General Reserves	151,159				
CIL					
Earmarked					
Spencers Wood Recreation Ground	16,300		Access to MUGA		
School Green Centre	50,000		Improvements / Finishing (eg landscaping Quadrant)		
The Manor - Fit Out & Maintenance Equipment	55,100		Approved 2022/2023		
School Green	100,000		Earmarked for Working Group		
Allotment Improvements	15,000		Match Funding WBC S106 Developer Contributions (£15,000)		
Traffic Calming	250,000		Set aside for Traffic Calming & Speed Reduction in the Parish		
Millworth Lane Recreation Ground	500,000		Set aside for potential recreational improvements		
Unallocated	481,476		New Schemes		CIL Developers Contributions October 2021 to April 2023 to be committed in full by 31/03/2027 - Priorities ?
Total CIL	1,467,876				
Other Earmarked Reserves					
Allotments	85,572	R & A	Future extension to allotments at Deardon Way Improve Orchard Rise, Millworth, Clares Green Road & Hartley Court Rd.	10 years	University £70,000 (2022) & S106 Developers Contributions £15,572 (2023)
Major Repairs and Renewals	72,966	F & GP	Funds being set aside for future major repairs / refurbishments		Annual Contribution from Revenue - No Planned Programme In Place
Highways / Footpaths	48,696	P & H	Footpath 11 (£32,000) and Speeding Initiatives (£16,696)	1 Year	Revenue Underspend 2019/20 - Is the Transprot Working Party Using CIL to achieve the same objectives
Planning	23,500	P & H	Unexpected Costs incurred for planning advice and contribution to appeals	Ongoing	Revenue Underspend 2020/21
Millworth Lane Remedial Works	19,405	R & A	Works to bring the pavilion and grounds up to an acceptable standard for use by clubs (toilets)	2 Years	Revenue Underspend 2019/2020
Website	10,000	F & GP	Further Development of Website required for expanding the Parish and rebranding.	1 Year	Revenue Underspend 2020/21
Youth Initiatives	8,703	R & A	To fund one off initiatives to educate and support the youth population	1 Year	Revenue Underspend in 2019/20
Pride in The Parish	6,993	R & A	Improving the appearance of the Parish	1 Year	Revenue Underspend 2019/2020 - this theme discontinued so transfer to General Reserve ?
Parish Election	4,000	Full Council	Available for any contested Parish Election.	Ongoing	Set Aside Several Years Ago - Review amount
Total Other Earmarked Reserves	279,833				

Total Reserves at 31st March 2022 1,898,868 Council Approval Required for Release of Reserves to Schemes

Date Paid to SPC	CIL Receipt & Potential Receipts	Millworth Lane Playground	Spencers Wood Pavilion	Exp for Community Centre	Exp Lap Tops	Bollards	Spencers Wood Recreation Grd	The Manor Cricket Ground	Balance CIL Reserve AFTER Estimated Expenditure on Approved Schemes	Earmarked (not approved) for Millworth Lane	Earmarked (not approved) for Allotments 2022/2023	Earmarked (not approved) School Green	Balance of CIL After Potential Schemes	Expiry Dates
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
May-17	33,854	-33,854							0				0	Spent
Oct-17	315,098	-63,659	-251,439						0				0	Spent
Apr-18	315,709		-147,161	-168,548					0				0	Spent
Oct-18	246,209			-246,209					0				0	Spent
Apr-19	79,810			-79,810					0				0	Spent
Oct-19	25,000			-25,000					0				0	Spent
Apr-20	45,644			-45,644					0				0	Spent
Oct-20	35,849			-35,849					0				0	Spent
Apr-21	985,328			-618,403	-12,915	-19,966	-133,000	-42,816	158,228	-158,228			0	Committed
Oct-21	1,094,192			-300,000				-12,284	781,908	-341,772	-15,000	-100,000	325,136	Oct-26
Apr-22	115,915								115,915				115,915	Apr-27
Total	3,292,608	-97,513	-398,600	-1,519,463	-12,915	-19,966	-133,000	-55,100	1,056,051	-500,000	-15,000	-100,000	441,051	

Note - Scheme in infancy but nothing earmarked - Transport Consultation

Potential Receipts													
Apr-24	174,297	*										174,297	Apr-29
Oct-24	348,595	*										348,595	Oct-29
Apr-25	174,297	*										174,297	Apr-30
	697,190		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	697,190

Note Assumption: * Potential CIL Receipts April 2024 - October 2025 (most likely schemes to progress and when receipt anticipated)				
212914 Land At Stanbury House, Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood	£336,885.08	25%	£174,297.45	Apr-24
220922 Foxglade, Brookers Hill, Shinfield	£10,304.70	50%	£348,594.89	Oct-24
West of Kingfisher Grove - Estimate	£350,000.00	25%	£174,297.45	Apr-25
	£697,189.78		£697,189.78	

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Safer Neighbourhoods

Introduction

***** This item was previously discussed at Full Council in October 2022 *****

***** The figures quoted below have NOT been updated for this discussion*****

Thames Valley Police (and police forces in general) are finding that their resources are being stretched and to focus on the more severe crimes they are assigning fewer resources to tackling what would be termed as anti-social behaviour (ASB).

As a response to this Wokingham Borough Council introduced a new ASB enforcement team from 1st April 2022 which aims to tackle

- Fly tipping
- Car Meets
- Construction site noise
- Problems in parks and open spaces

Shinfield Parish Council has received complaints about ASB in recent months including fires at Millworth Lane and motorbikes on Spencers Wood Recreation Ground.

The Clerk has received an outline proposal for how SPC could specifically target ASB in the parish and this is set out below.

Safer Neighbourhood Proposal

The Clerk has received a proposal from a security company called Code 9 Security who he has previously had dealings with. Code 9 have also worked directly for Wokingham Borough Council and Wokingham Town Council (the latter are reportedly considering a similar proposal from Code 9). Code 9 are also involved with other councils including Basingstoke & Deane, Hook Parish Council and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

The proposal is to co-ordinate community safety across the parish as follows:

- Provide a Safer Neighbourhoods Officer
 - Actively engaging with Shinfield communities via foot patrols, cycle patrols and vehicle patrols
 - Patrols to be targeted according to needs and ASB activity
 - Will also address minor issues such as littering, dog fouling and unlawful or inconsiderate parking
 - Assisting and advising on ASB matters
 - Working with partner agencies (in particular WBC ASB team)
 - Running surgeries and public engagement
 - Allows residents an opportunity to report matters of concern or provide information to help address these
 - Engaging with schools, residential homes, churches

- Attempt to prevent young people being drawn into ASB by linking with Youth Club, other youth groups, Scouts, Guides etc.
 - Providing support for Speedwatch as required
 - Being a visible presence at community events e.g. Spencers Wood Carnival and SPC organized events
- Supporting Patrols
 - These would come from within the Code 9 team and be targeted by the Safer Neighbourhoods Officer as required
- Control Room Personnel
 - Code 9 Control Room could allow a 24/7 monitoring and initial handling of ASB concerns
 - This would be by phone, email, webchat, social media etc.
 - Control Room could also remotely view SPC CCTV
- Supporting businesses
 - Operating a membership scheme for local businesses to e.g. respond to persistent offenders, reducing crime against businesses
 - Code 9 propose facilitating business access to the above on a commercial basis which may partially offset the cost of the service to SPC
 - This would also involve engaging with WBC as a stakeholder to this element as they receive the business rates
- All of the above would be coordinated with WBC ASB team. PCSOs and the police to avoid duplication of effort and achieve the best overall outcome for residents

Initial Cost Estimate

Based on providing the Safer Neighbourhoods Officer for 30 hours per week, 20 hours of supporting officer time and 10 hours of additional patrols per week and including the uniform and core equipment costs, training etc. the initial estimate of cost is in the region of £78,000 + VAT per annum.

This cost could be reduced by

- Reducing the number of direct hours per week
- Looking to partner with neighbouring parish/town councils to share costs and resources
- Offsetting costs by income from business
- Offsetting costs by seeking sponsorship

Summary

This is an initial outline of the type of support that is possible to identify whether members feel there is any merit in investigating the subject further.

If so, then further work could be carried out to refine the proposal (including the costs) to best reflect the objectives of Shinfield Parish Council.