

Minutes of a meeting of Full Council
Held on Wednesday, 17th May 2023
At School Green Centre commencing at 20:24

Present: Cllrs Clarke, Emmet, Grimes, Jahromi, James, Jones, Lias, Masseron, Montgomery, Peer and Tatla

Attending: BCLrs Glover, Gray & Rance
B Winton (Clerk), S Herring (Deputy Clerk)
One members of the public

23/54 Welcome to new Borough Councillors

The Chairman welcomed BCLrs Glover and Gray to the meeting and congratulated them on their success in the recent elections.

23/55 Public Questions

- 55.1 BCLlr Glover asked what progress been made by the University of Reading (UoR) and Shinfield Parish Council (SPC) on the consultation about Sport and Recreation in Shinfield:

UoR are taking the lead in following up the consultation on their areas as follows:

- 10th May – There was a meeting with cheerleading club and gymnastics club to establish what requirement would be for a permanent fully equipped gym for these sports as there is a lack of access across the region. UoR now able to consider as and when possible options may present themselves
- 20th May – First 6 monthly footpaths and cycle group being held; Cllr Masseron attending for SPC
- 24th May – Inviting stakeholders to a discussion about Northern pitches

SPC have set up a Sports Working Party to progress the plans for the redevelopment of Millworth Lane

- 55.2 BCLlr Glover asked what progress has been made on the School Green improvements

The Parish Clerk had advised that this was currently in abeyance until a quote had been received to indicate the level of costs for the initial proposals, to help shape future discussions. More priority has been given to the Traffic and Sports working parties. The outcome of the discussions were on the agenda at Item 12. Future Council Strategy will hopefully help place the School Green Centre in the council's overall plans for the coming four year cycle and will form part of the agenda for the Facilities Committee.

23/56 Apologies and declarations of Members' Interest

- 56.1 Apologies had been received from Cllr Boyer
Apologies had been received from Borough Cllrs Johnson and Munro
- 56.2 There were no declarations of members' interests
- 56.3 There were no changes to members' declarations of pecuniary interest

23/57 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 57.1 Cllr Lias had advised, prior to the meeting, that the first bullet point on 43.7 (page 7) should read "Grazeley Village Hall" and not "Grazeley Village School". This had been corrected in the version ready for signature. The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2023 were approved as a correct record on that basis and signed as such by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Jahromi
Seconded: Cllr Peer
Approved: Unanimously

57.2 The following matters arising were discussed:

- 23/40.1 Clerk to invite the Chief Executive of Wokingham Borough Council to a future meeting of the full council. This invitation to be extended to the Leader of WBC.

This will be done

- 23/42.2 22/104.3(i) Clerk to continue to arrange visits to schools attended by SPC children to seek ideas for their needs in the Parish

The Clerk advised that he had not arranged any further visits and that it may be prudent to defer any visits until after the summer holidays as many students will now be involved with exams. This would then provide an opportunity to use future visits as an opportunity to ascertain feedback on developments from the sports working party and other relevant council initiatives

ACTION – Clerk to provide a list of schools he intends to visit

- 23/42.2 23/21.3 BCllr Rance to investigate whether there was a budget available for officers to travel to meetings in the borough

BCllr Rance reported that she would know who to approach following the meeting of WBC. There had been a six week delay due to the elections.

ACTION – BCllr Rance to report back once she had a response

- 23/42.2 23/27.3(ii) Clerk to investigate multi-agency support and establish a working party in respect of Anti-Social Behaviour

The Clerk advised that Finance & General Purposes had considered the subject of Safer Neighbourhoods and it would be brought to Full Council when there was more room on the agenda to allow a discussion of the topic. This would direct how we work with third-parties in respect of Anti-Social Behaviour.

- 23/42.2 23/27.3(iv) Cllr Peer to raise at the NAG meeting on 25th April for TVP to be more involved with ABS

Cllr Peer reported that Thames Valley Police (TVP) responded that there were no additional Police due to lack of funding. The existing support officers were now covering an extended area as there was less staff and less money.

ACTION – Clerk to obtain details of the new policing areas and to invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to talk to SPC at a future meeting

- 23/42.2 23/27.5(i) Clerk to raise the question of co-opting residents at the next Traffic Working Party

There had been no interest expressed from those invited to participate and so the traffic working party was proceeding as before without any additional inputs.

- 23/42.2 23/33.4 Clerk to give an update on the footpath work on Hyde End Lane at the next meeting

This is on the agenda

- 23/42.2 23/36.1 Cllr Grimes to circulate a Close Out report for School Green Centre when this has been received

This was on the agenda

- 23/43.4 Clerk to add to the agenda of the next Planning and Highways Committee an item to review planning applications for Foxglades

This had been done.

- 23/43.6 Clerk to arrange for Alison Foster, Programme Manager at the Royal Berkshire Hospital (RBH) to talk to the full council about proposals for the RBH

To be arranged for a future meeting.

- 23/43.7 Cllr Peer to provide a contact for the Clerk to arrange a speaker

This had been done and the speaker had attended the Planning & Highways meeting on 11th May.

- 23/46.1 Clerk to pursue proposals with WBC regarding the potential location of a 3G pitch

The Clerk reported that he had prepared a letter and this would be sent when the elected members of WBC had been declared. This was also on the agenda.

- 23/47.1 Clerk to report back once the second valuation for Ryeish Green Pavilion had been received

This was on the agenda

- 23/48.1 Clerk to arrange a meeting with Craig Hoggeth (WBC) and Cllr James

This had been on hold but would be picked up again.

- 23/51.1 Clerk to contact local teams to see if they had received any awards.

Clerk advised that he will include this in his letters to bodies who have previously requested grants from the council.

- 23/52.1 Clerk to number items on list of payments for Cllrs to easily identify an item that required further information

This had been done

23/58

Reports

58.1 Reports from Borough Councillors

Members **NOTED** the written reports from Borough Councillors Glover, Johnson, Munro & Rance

58.2 Questions for Borough Councillors

There were no questions for the Borough Councillors

20:49 BClr Rance left the meeting

58.3 Minutes of Recreation & Amenities Committee 4th May 2023

Cllr Clarke gave the following update:

- Plans for the toilets for the tennis club at Millworth Lane were proceeding
- The Volunteer Group had raised concerns about the community orchard next to Deardon Field
- The Sports Working Party had held a positive first meeting and plans would be submitted shortly
- Recreation and Amenities Committee to split into two; a) Facilities b) Arts, Culture and Events
- Discussions taking place on Milworth Lane, High Copse and the northern pitches.

Members **NOTED** the minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting held on 4th May 2023.

58.4 Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee 11th May 2023

- Concern had been expressed about retrospective planning permission from a house on Brookers Hill. They were due to plant more trees. WBC offices were investigating the dropped kerb.
- Biodiversity Net Gain talk was interesting
- Report of dumping garbage
- Ensure residents are aware of what is happening on Hyde End Lane
- Rubbish bins needed consideration on new housing estates where there are currently no bins, this needs to be addressed with the identified management companies for each area
- Requested that the Clerk plots the current bins as had been done for streetlights

Members **NOTED** the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 11th May 2023

ACTION – Clerk to plot on a map current bin locations and who owns them

58.5 Working Parties

School Green Working Party:

As reported earlier there had been no movement on this topic.

Traffic Working Party:

Cllr James gave a brief update from the Traffic Working Party. The Clerk had prepared a letter setting out the parish council's position on traffic improvements in the parish which would be sent to key members of Wokingham Borough Council's executive and asking for a meeting to discuss how things could be taken forward. The letter emphasised that there was much common ground between the SPC and WBC positions. Borough Councillors would also be invited to attend. It was reported that speeding was significantly higher in the Grazeley area.

Sports Working Party:

A small working party has been set up to develop the plans for Millworth Lane building on the feedback received from the sports consultation. Outline plan was for

- One 'pay as you go' Tennis Court
- Two padel tennis courts
- Climbing wall
- Netball court
- Basketball court
- A running track
- A fitness training provision
- Redecoration of the pavilion
- Storage containers
- Seating
- Increased car parking
- Provision for Refreshment van

58.6 Chairman's Report

Cllr Grimes advised that:

- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 24th May at 19:30 and will include his report as Chairman; this will fulfil the Council's statutory obligations
- A second Parish Meeting will be held on 29th June at 19:30 with a quiz and cash prize for a 'parish charity' of the winning team's choice
- He and the Clerk had been invited to the opening of Reading Green Park Station on 25th May 2023
- He was still working with Spencers Wood Village Hall on governance issues
- The Coronation tea party at Spencers Wood went well

58.7 Reports from Outside Bodies

The following were reported:-

Members noted Cllr Montgomery's reports on attendance at the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) Local Liaison Committee meetings

23/59 Traffic & Sports Consultations

59.1 Previously discussed at 23/58.5

23/60 Sports and Recreation Items

60.1 3G Pitch

The Clerk advised that he had prepared a letter proposing the site north of Mere oak park & ride as a possible location for a 3g pitch location and this was ready to go to the relevant member of the WBC executive

60.2 Manor Ground – Lease

The Clerk reported that he was awaiting the lease to come back from UoR, however, we were operating on the basis of the previously agreed heads of terms

23/61 Ryeish Green Pavilion

- 61.1 The Clerk reported that he had now received two valuations for the pavilion both of which were above the bid tabled from the interested party. The Clerk recommended that we formally put the pavilion up for sale. While this is necessary to show the Council has achieved the best possible return there is a small risk that the one interested party for the building may withdraw their offer.

ACTION – Clerk to arrange for Ryeish Green Pavilion to be advertised for sale

23/62 Land Swaps

- 62.1 The Clerk has yet to arrange the meeting with Craig Hoggeth

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

23/63 School Green Centre

63.1 Update from Cllr Grimes

Cllr Grimes reported on the following

- An architectural report and the benefits to the community of the School Green Centre had been published in the Observer on 30th April 2023
- Footpath repairs were taking place on 2nd June
- Courtyard work was commencing on 5th June to make the area 'accessible' friendly

23/64 CIL Funding

64.1 Bus Route

Cllr Grimes reported that WBC had requested £118,933.87 from SPC to support the bus service from CIL money. Members did not feel this was an appropriate request as CIL money was for the purpose of capital work not revenue. WBC had not supplied any details of the tender and what the proposals were, therefore, it was felt the council could not respond to the request until further information was available.

ACTION – Clerk to contact WBC that the decision would be deferred until further information was provided

64.2 Hyde End Lane Footpath

WBC had requested co-funding of 70m of path in Ryeish Green. Members decided to decline this suggestion as the installation of the path was the responsibility of WBC. Cllr Masseron suggested that a temporary path be laid by SPC to enable residents to walk in this area at an approximate cost of £3,000 to £4,000, however, members did not agree this to be appropriate.

ACTION – Clerk to respond to WBC that SPC were not prepared to co-fund this work

Proposed: Cllr Emmment
Seconded: Cllr Lias
Approved: Unanimously

The Chairman requested that the meeting be extended to discuss item 14 of the agenda

23/65 Future Council Strategy

65.1 This item would be deferred to the next meeting due to insufficient time available

23/66 Correspondence

66.1 There was no correspondence

23/67 Invoices for Payment

67.1 Members NOTED the following payments:-

- Payments made within the Clerk's financial delegation
- Payments made on Barclaycard within the Clerk's financial delegation
- There were no payments due to be made that are outside the Clerk's financial delegation

21:59 *Ian Young left the meeting*

23/68 Date of Next Meeting

68.1 The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, 28th June 2023.

The meeting ended at 22:14

List of Actions

23/57.2	23/42.2 Clerk to provide a list of schools he intends to visit	Clerk
23/57.2	23/42.2 BCllr Rance to investigate whether there was a budget available for officers to travel to meetings in the borough	BCllr Rance
23/57.2	23/42.2 Clerk to obtain details of the new policing areas and to invite the Police and Crimes Commissioner to talk to SPC at a future meeting	Clerk
23/58.4	Clerk to plot on a map current bin locations and who owns them	Clerk
23/61.1	Clerk to arrange for Ryeish Green Pavilion to be advertised for sale	Clerk
23/62.1	Clerk to arrange a meeting with Craig Hoggeth (WBC) and Cllr James	Clerk
23/64.1	Clerk to contact WBC that the decision on a request from WBC requesting the use of SPC CIL money for the bus route be deferred until further information was provided	Clerk
23/62.2	Clerk to respond to WBC that SPC were not prepared to co-fund the work on Hyde End Lane Footpath	Clerk