

Minutes of a meeting of
Children and Young Adults Committee
Held on Tuesday 11th March 2025
At School Green Centre commencing at 19:30

Present: Cllrs Grimes, Matic, Montgomery (Chair) & Tatla

Attending: B Winton (Chief Executive and Clerk to the Parish Council)

25/CYA/10

Public Questions

- 10.1 There were no public questions.

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Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

- 11.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Fernandes
11.2 There were no declarations of members' interests.

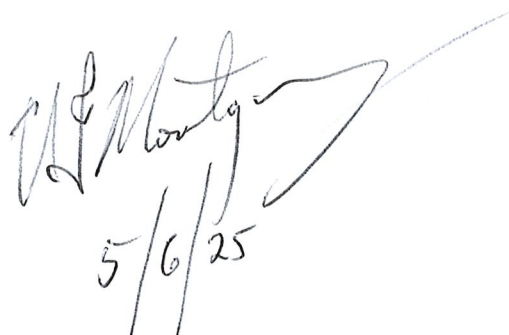
It was **NOTED** that Councillors Fernandes, Johnson and Matic have children of school age.

25/CYA/12

Minutes of the previous meeting

- 12.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Tatla
Seconded: Cllr Grimes
Approved: Unanimously



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12.2 Matters arising from the minutes

- 24/CYA/35.2 Clerk to arrange the next Education Working Party meeting and invite representatives of Oakbank School and Swallowfield Parish Council to attend

This had been in abeyance while discussions were taking place regarding Oakbank, but it was agreed that the next meeting should be scheduled for April.

ACTION – Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Education Working Party for April

- 24/CYA/37.3 Clerk to request the Youth Club to design posters aimed at directing young people to websites relevant to them

This has not been progressed due to the schedule that the Youth Club already had in place but was now in hand.

ACTION – Clerk to request the Youth Club to design posters aimed at directing young people to websites relevant to them

- 24/CYA/38.1 Clerk to follow up with Facilities Manager regarding arranging options for displaying activities within the café area

The Clerk set out an idea to use a touchscreen photo frame mounted alongside the main display to enable visitors to search for information as required. If this proved successful then it would be possible to install similar screens elsewhere.

ACTION – Clerk to trial touchscreen

- 24/CYA/38.1 Clerk to arrange introduction of “user-friendly” agendas to be displayed on noticeboards

This had not been progressed, but it is something the Clerk would be bringing into action.

ACTION – Clerk to produce samples of “user-friendly” agendas to be displayed on noticeboards

- 24/CYA/45.2 Clerk to chase for a response from PCC and Chief Constable to letter sent to them dated 16th December 2024

This was on the agenda item 5.1

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- 24/CYA/52.3 Clerk to follow up Oakbank school's interest in the mobile pouch proposal

There had been no further response from the school to the previous correspondence. Members discussed other technology which had been in the news in recent weeks, but it was agreed that there were other proprieties at Oakbank, and this matter would be followed up once the new trust was in place.

- 25/CYA/4.1 Clerk to prepare a proposal for the next meeting setting out how SPC could offer additional social media safety training to primary schools within the parish

This was on the Agenda at 4.3

- 25/CYA/4.2 Clerk to include SPC providing similar information as for 4.1 directly to interested parents/guardians in the discussions with the provider

As above

- 25/CYA/4.3 Clerk to follow up with Yuan Yang's Constituency office after their next meeting with the DfE

This was done and Yuan Yang attended the meeting at High Copse on 13th February.

- 25/CYA/4.4 Cllr Fernandes to advise the outcome of the St Mary's Governor's meeting on 28th January

This was on the agenda at Item 4.4

- 25/CYA/5.1 Clerk to prepare a report for Full Council to consider options for enhanced security provision within the parish

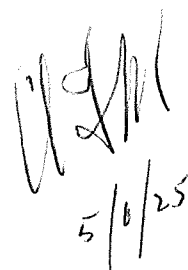
The Clerk advised that he had not followed up on this item.

- 25/CYA/6.1 Clerk to establish interest of local groups (ACF, Scouts and Guides) in participating in a "Sleep Out" event in 2025

This was on the agenda at Item 6.1

- 25/CYA/6.2 Clerk to ask Oakbank School for permission for SPC to address a students' assembly to establish matters of interest to students

This was on the agenda at Item 6.2



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- 25/CYA/6.3 Clerk to develop proposals for the use of the cinema equipment for youth club film evenings and gaming sessions

The Youth Club will be using the cinema on the 9th April for a gaming night. They are acquiring some additional controllers and new games for the event.

- 25/CYA/7.1 Clerk to add the committee's decision on future meeting schedule to the next Full Council agenda

This had been done.

- 25/CYA/8.2 Clerk to prepare proposals for the next meeting for a summer holiday coach excursion

This was on the agenda at Item 6.3

25/CYA/13

Education

- 13.1 Oakbank School – Change of Trust

Cllr Grimes and the Clerk advised members of their conversation with the CEO of Greenshaw Learning Trust who are the nominated trust to take over Oakbank Secondary School (GLT). The discussions covered the challenges for the school and how GLT would address each of these. GLT were fully cognisant of those challenges, intended to tackle the immediate concerns of safety at the school and support for those about to take their GCSEs and were confident in their ability to turn the school around.

The next meeting on Oakbank was on 28th March where GLT and WBC would be represented.

ACTION – Clerk to arrange streaming and promotion of the meeting to the general public

- 13.2 Secondary School admission figures 2025-2026

Members discussed and **NOTED** the allocation of secondary school places for 2025-26.

- 13.3 Social media safety training

The Clerk had not been able to progress the proposals for social media training.

ACTION – Clerk to prepare a proposal for the social media training for schools for the next meeting

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13.4 St Mary's Junior School – governor appointment

Cllr Fernandes has now been appointed as a governor to St Mary's Junior School and had been attending meetings since 12th February 2025.

13.5 Other Education matters in the Parish

There were no other updates for the meeting.

25/CYA/14

Anti-Social Behaviour

14.1 Response from Thames Valley Police Chief Constable

Members considered the detailed response from the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police dated 27th February 2025 to the letter sent by the Clerk on 16th December 2024.

The Clerk was asked to reply thanking for the response but also

- Asking for clarification as to why TVP could not give a definitive response on current levels of policing compared to 18 months ago
- asking how SPC could help improve the low response rate to surveys conducted by TVP
- Giving the example of the TVP response to a theft of a bicycle from the School Green Centre

ACTION – Clerk to reply to the response received from the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police dated 27th February 2025

14.2 Update on Anti-Social behaviour within the Parish

On 24th February 4 youths entered the male toilets by Reception in the School Green Centre and locked the door from the inside. When challenged they opened the door and left. There was no damage, but footprints were noticed on the toilet seat. Further inspection suggests that something had been stored in the suspended ceiling but had been removed by the youths. The twist lock has been removed from the inside of the toilet doors and staff advised to be aware but to challenge only where safe to do so.
Facilities

A bicycle had been stolen from the rear of the School Green Centre on 11th March.

The Facilities committee has been considering the provision of a youth shelter for the Spencers Wood Recreation ground with the intention of encouraging youths not to congregate under the portico to the pavilion. This is subject to finding a suitable shelter and achieving planning permission.

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Youth Matters**15.1 Youth Event**

The Clerk advised that ACE had approved a miniature garden competition for the summer holiday period and also a desire to organise a children's art exhibition. As a result the Clerk was intending to recommend running both of these in two blocks of two weeks each and adding in a photography exhibition as well. Each would have workshops and activities leading up to a weekend long exhibition. Schools be incentivised with a small cash sum for the school generating the most involvement from their students.

If the focus was on delivering these three events the Clerk would not be able to deliver the previously discussed Sleep Over event and it was agreed to support the summer holiday activities and defer the Sleep Over event until at least 2026.

It was also suggested that some form of "Beating the Bounds" event be considered for the future.

ACTION – Clerk to develop the summer series of events

ACTION – Clerk to investigate a "Beating of the Bounds" type event

15.2 Young Councillors Working Party

This has not been progressed due to the change of trust at Oakbank but once this had begun to bed in then we could make an approach to the school for such a discussion with students.

ACTION – Clerk to arrange a meeting with students of Oakbank School, to discuss a Young Councillors Working Party and other relevant topic, at an appropriate time after Greenshaw Learning Trust have had an opportunity to bed in at the school

15.3 Engagement with children and young adults

There was a discussion on the possibility of organising a seaside excursion in the summer holidays with a view to providing an opportunity to help those who may not otherwise be able to go on such a trip and to help promote community engagement.

Members were prepared to consider underwriting the commitment to coaches and asked the Clerk to undertake some further research into options for a trip to Bournemouth and the possibility of collaboration with other councils.

ACTION – Clerk to further develop the concept of a summer seaside excursion

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25/CYA/16

Correspondence

- 16.1 There were no items of correspondence

25/CYA/17

Date of Next Meeting

- 17.1 The date of the next Children and Young Adults Committee meeting will be 5th June 2025

The meeting ended at 21.25

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List of Actions

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