

Minutes of a meeting of
the Arts, Culture and Events Committee
Held on Thursday 6th March 2025
at School Green Centre commencing at 19.30

Present: Cllrs Jahromi, James, Jones, Matic (Chair), Montgomery & Tatla

Attending: B Winton (Clerk)

25/ACE/20 Public Questions

20.1 There were no public questions

25/ACE/21 Apologies and declarations of Members' Interest

21.1 There were apologies from Cllr Peer

21.2 There were no declarations of members' interests

25/ACE/22 Minutes of the previous meeting

22.1 The minutes of the committee meeting of 6th February 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed as such by Cllr Matic

Proposed: Cllr Jahromi
Seconded: Cllr Tatla
Approved: Unanimously

22.2 Actions and Matters Arising

6.1 Clerk to assist the Youth Club in arranging a Games Evening for the Easter period

The Clerk confirmed that the Youth Club would be holding a games night on Wednesday 9th April during the Easter holiday period. New games and two additional controllers had been ordered.

11.1 Clerk to investigate the potential for a parish council minibus

This is on the agenda at Item 4.4

- 11.2 Clerk to work with WBC to co-ordinate Christmas events in the north of the parish

This was on the agenda.

- 11.3 Clerk to investigate the potential for a funfair on Frensham Green

A site visit had been arranged for 17th March with the funfair operator who uses School Green to establish site viability.

ACTION – Clerk to report back on the viability of Frensham Green as a site for a funfair

- 15.1 Clerk to meet with Cllrs Peer and Tatla to discuss marketing of the cinema and report back to the committee

The meeting took place on 10th February and would be covered further at Item 5.1

25/ACE/23

Developing Arts & Culture in the parish

23.1 Art Exhibition

Review of 2025

The Clerk advised that the cash costs of the event had been £5,105 including the purchase of the hanging fittings which would be useable in future years.

Most of the staffing provision for the event would be taken as TOIL.

Comparing the actual bookings for the same period last year indicated that the potential opportunity cost of lost room hire was £1,150 although this was largely mitigated by redirecting actual bookings to other dates and/or locations.

The overall budget was £10,000

Income generated was £971 from artists entrance fees and commissions. £575 was also raised from the sale of artwork provided by David Cotton sold to raise funds for the Alexander Devine Hospice.

Attendance at the event was:

	Visitors
Preview	90
Friday	157
Saturday	295
Sunday	197
TOTAL	<u>739</u>

The immediate feedback from public and artists was very positive, and further comments had been sought from artists after the event which will be incorporated for the future.

Art Exhibition 2026

Proposed: Cllr Tatla
Seconded: Cllr Montgomery
Approved: Unanimously

It was **AGREED** that the Art Exhibition should be repeated in 2026.

Therefore, the preview evening would be Thursday 19th February 2026 followed by the exhibition on Friday 20th, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd.

It was not proposed to change the opening times (10.00 to 20.00 Friday and Saturday and 10.00 to 16.00 Sunday).

The intention was to arrange more workshops during the days of the exhibition itself. The Fans of Art activity would also be repeated.

For 2025 artists could enter up to 6 pieces of artwork for a fee of £10 but this created uncertainty regarding the amount of panels required. It was agreed that for 2026 the space would be sold on a "by panel" basis (initial suggestion was £5 per panel).

ACTION – Clerk to convene a Working Party (including Cllrs Montgomery and Tatla) meeting in May to start the planning for the 2026 event

There was a desire to see a children's art exhibition, but it was agreed that this would be run at a different time of year.

ACTION – Clerk to develop proposal for a children's art exhibition

23.2

Possible Events for Shinfield North

The Clerk has a meeting arranged with WBC (Shabina Maher and Lisa Hookway) on 12th March. This would look at supporting the HAF summer event and an event to switch on the Christmas tree lights at Frensham Green. Other opportunities to work collaboratively with WBC would be explored.

ACTION – Clerk to work with WBC to co-ordinate Christmas events in the north of the parish

23.3 Potential For Minibus

The Clerk provided some initial information on options for a minibus and potential costs. The preferred option would be for at least a 16-seater with a wheelchair lift.

Potential uses would include:

- Second vehicle for Facilities Management team as required
- Shuttle services to Shinfield North and Grazeley while events take place in Shinfield or Spencers Wood e.g. Trip to both locations once each hour
- Potential use by the Car Service for shopping trips
- Use by Youth Club to support and extend their range of activities

The type of vehicle being considered would not require a separate driving licence, but any drivers would need to be competent in handling a minibus.

It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain further quotes for outright purchase and lease and report back to the next meeting with a formal proposal.

ACTION – Clerk to develop proposal for the potential acquisition or leasing of a minibus

23.4 Next School Green Centre Event

The Clerk proposed organising a Miniature Garden competition for during the summer holiday period. Entries would be submitted in a biscuit tin, sweet tub or similar. Entries would be in age categories and could be for best fantasy garden, allotment and realistic garden.

Proposed: Cllr Matic
Seconded: Cllr Tatla
Approved: Unanimously

Members APPROVED a miniature garden competition

ACTION – Clerk to develop a plan for delivery of the miniature garden competition

24.1 Further to the meeting between Cllrs Peer and Tatla and the Clerk, some themes for film selection were identified:

- Films linked to SPC or other events e.g. Loving Vincent linking to the Art Exhibition
- “Long time since seen on the big screen” e.g. classics that haven’t been up on the big screen for a long time
- Film & Things e.g. Mama Mia is going to be a singalong with a glass of prosecco
- Foreign language films

It was now possible to pay at the door for films.

There would be more proximity advertising within the School Green Centre and paid for promotion on social media.

Comments had been received that 4.00 p.m. was slightly too early as a start time and so from April the start time would move to 4.30 p.m. (there would be no change to the evening start time)

The cinema has a dedicated Facebook Group with 235 members. A poll of the group had generated 40 responses as follows:

- I have visited and will be back 42.5%
- I have not visited yet due to the films being shown 25%
- I haven’t visited yet but intend to 17.5%
- I haven’t visited yet due to the timings of the films 15%
- I have visited the cinema and it isn’t for me 0%

ACTION – Clerk to ensure that there is active promotion of the cinema programme

ACTION – Clerk to arrange a panel for the council van promoting the cinema

25/ACE/25

Public Art

- 25.1 The next meeting of the public art group was on 7th March.

The Clerk shared the results of the survey conducted at the Art Exhibition on what the public liked to see in public art.

25/ACE/26

VE Day 80th Anniversary Event

- 26.1 The Clerk reported on a meeting with the local churches to plan the thanksgiving element of the event.

Timings were now established as follows:

8.30 pm Act of Thanksgiving at War Memorial Starts

8.45 pm Act of Thanksgiving Ends

8.50 pm Procession Starts

9.10 pm Target Arrival time at Beacon

9.20 pm Words of Welcome from the Chair of the Council, Prayer of Thanks, Pipe Band tune

9.30 p.m. Beacon is Lit, Lone Piper plays a lament, National Anthem

9.35 p.m. dispersal

10.00 p.m. Beacon extinguished, site made safe and cleared

The Clerk was asked to establish if it was possible to arrange some form of laser display at the end of the event

ACTION – Clerk to continue to plan delivery of the VE80 event

ACTION – Clerk to investigate the possibility of a laser display to augment the VE80 event

25/ACE/27

Correspondence

- 27.1 There had been no correspondence received.

25/ACE/28

Date of Next Meeting

- 28.1 The next meeting of the Arts, Culture and Events Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, 3rd April 2025 at 19:30

It was agreed that the meeting on the 8th May would start at 7.00 p.m. and finish no later than 8.00 p.m. to allow participation in VE80.

There was no June meeting

The meeting ended at 20.55

List of Actions

25/ACE/11.3	Clerk to report back on the viability of Frensham Green as a site for a funfair	Clerk
25/ACE/23.1	Clerk to convene a Working Party (including Cllrs Montgomery and Tatla) meeting in May to start the planning for the 2026 Art Exhibition event	Clerk
25/ACE/23.1	Clerk to develop proposal for a children's art exhibition	Clerk
25/ACE/23.2	Clerk to work with WBC to co-ordinate Christmas events in the north of the parish	Clerk
25/ACE/23.3	Clerk to develop proposal for the potential acquisition or leasing of a minibus	Clerk
25/ACE/23.4	Clerk to develop a plan for delivery of the miniature garden competition	Clerk
25/ACE/24.1	Clerk to ensure that there is active promotion of the cinema programme	Clerk
25/ACE/24.1	Clerk to arrange a panel for the council van promoting the cinema	Clerk
25/ACE/26.1	Clerk to continue to plan delivery of the VE80 event	Clerk
25/ACE/26.1	Clerk to investigate the possibility of a laser display to augment the VE80 event	Clerk