

Minutes of a meeting of Full Council
Held on Wednesday, 2nd August 2023
At School Green Centre commencing at 19:00

Present: Cllrs Boyer, Clarke, Grimes, James, Jones, Lias, Masseron, Montgomery and Peer

Attending: BCllrs, Bray, Glover and Johnson
B Winton (Clerk), S Herring (Deputy Clerk)
61 members of the public
1 member of the press

23/97 Public Questions

- 97.1 There were continuing public questions and debate resulting from those raised at the previous Full Council meeting on the lack of provision of school buses by Wokingham Borough Council for the start of the Autumn Term 2023.
- 97.2 Following the debate Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) would:
- Arrange for the E3 bus to start from School Green (10 spaces)
 - Investigate if the E3 bus can also cover Spencers Wood and Three Mile Cross
 - Free up additional seats on both the E1 and E2 (estimated at 6 on each)
 - Encourage taking up of remaining spaces on 244 service (10 remaining spaces)
 - Investigate if there is spare capacity on the bus that goes to the Forest School
 - Inform all parents and guardians as to how the above additional seats be allocated
 - Confirm the number of available spaces at Oakbank
 - Contact Reading Buses to ask if
 - the No 3 Leopard service could start ten minutes earlier (ie at 7.25) and ten minutes later in the afternoon for the return journey)
 - the bus used could have a larger capacity
 - if the timings of the No 600 service could be amended to tie in with the revised No 3 Leopard
 - there was scope for the service to include Three Mile Cross/Spencers Wood
 - Confirm the time scales for submission to the Traffic Commissioner for altering the No 3 and No 600 bus timetables and to establish if the time scale could be shortened
- 97.3 Shinfield Parish Council (SPC) offered to make the cycle racks at the School Green Centre available for any child who wished to use them. These were under cover, covered by CCTV and the Reception desk was manned throughout the day.

- 97.4 Both WBC and SPC would ensure that street lighting under their respective control is scheduled to be on for journeys to and from school.
- 97.5 Wokingham Borough Council Officers and Councillors, and Shinfield Parish Council would work together to obtain the answers prior to the Full Council meeting on 23 August 2023.
- 97.6 WBC will work on a long-term strategy for the future
- This will include involving various elements of WBC, for example, to consider road safety issues
 - This will include SPC
 - This will include parents and guardians

23/98 Apologies and declarations of Members' Interest

- 98.1 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Jahromi and Tatla
Apologies had been received from Borough Cllrs Glover, Gray and Munro

23/99 Date of Next Meeting

- 99.1 The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, 23rd August 2023.

The meeting ended at 20:25