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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7pm in
Wickham Village Hall**

Present: Cllr's Martyne Ellard (Chair), David Hunt (Vice Chair), Paul Stanley, Henry Burgoyne-Probyn and Sam Kynaston.

In attendance Angela Boyce (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public

- 1. Apologies for Absence** received from District Cllr's James Cole, Claire Rowles and Dennis Benneyworth.
- 2. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2023**
RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2023 were signed as a true and accurate record.
- 3. OPEN FORUM**
There was nothing to report.
- 4. Reports**
 - 4.1 District Councillor's Report - There was no District Councillor's report.
 - 4.2 Chair's Report – There was no Chair's report.
 - 4.3 Clerk's Report - The Clerk confirmed that the swing seats arrived and thanked Cllr Stanley for fitting them. The Clerk confirmed that the new auditor has been booked on 19th May. The Clerk also confirmed that the election paperwork has been sent out to the Councillor's.
- 5. Correspondence**
There was no correspondence to report.
- 6. Planning Matters**
There were no planning matters to report.
- 7. Parish Plan update**
The Council had a meeting on Monday 6th February to discuss the Parish Plan. A survey has been sent out to the residents of the Parish and posters will be put on Parish noticeboards, the website and Facebook page.
- 8. Clerk's Contract of employment**
To agree and sign off the Clerk's contract. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- 9. Finance**
Receipts & payment report – The following payments and receipts were approved.
Business Current Account

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Payments

26/01/2023	MISS J P CURRIE - Microsoft fee taken from previous clerks account - Repaid	59.99
26/01/2023	JK HAWKINS - Tree work carried out on Marsh Common	1680
26/01/2023	ANGELA BOYCE - WAGES JANUARY	635.69
23/01/2023	PLAYDALE - Swing replacements	576.89

Receipts

25/01/2023	Internal transfer from Savings account	1680
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Business Savings Account

Payments

25/01/2023	Internal transfer to current account	1680
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Receipts

09/02/2023	INTEREST (GROSS)	1.62
09/01/2023	INTEREST (GROSS)	1.73
09/12/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.92
09/11/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.43
10/10/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.17
09/09/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.17
09/08/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.13
11/07/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.04
09/06/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.03
09/05/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.03
11/04/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.04
09/03/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.03

10. To discuss new projects for the year ahead

It was agreed that the Parish Plan would be the main focus for the year ahead.

11. Parish Assembly

The date for the Parish Assembly will be Wednesday 31st May 2023. It was agreed that the parish plan would be the focus of the meeting. The Clerk will ask Kintbury Parish Council Chairperson Richard Smalley, to come and talk at the assembly. Cllr Stanley to discuss with The Five Bells pub, refreshments and the loaning of glasses. Cllr Hunt to purchase the drinks.

12. Horse Chestnut and Willow trees update

The Clerk confirmed that the tree work on Marsh Common has been completed and the contractor paid.

13. Wickham path

Cllr Kynaston met with West Berkshire Council regarding the new footpath at Wickham and the work will be going ahead soon.

14. Wickham bench

Previous quotations had been received but we were unable to obtain funding. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain two new quotations.

Close of meeting

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 19.51 pm.

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Council which will be held on **17th May at 7pm in Wickham Village Hall**. Please note, this date has changed from the previously advertised date of 3rd May, due to local elections being held on 4th May.