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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023  
 at 7pm in Wickham Village Hall**

**Present:** Sam Kynaston (Chair) David Hunt (Vice Chair) and Paul Stanley

**In attendance** Angela Boyce (Parish Clerk), District Councillor Tony Vickers and 1 member of the public.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Martyne Ellard, Sam Bell and Henry Burgoyne-Probyn.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest.** There were none
3. **To confirm and sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
 RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were signed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**
5. **OPEN FORUM.** There was nothing to discuss.
6. **Reports**
  - 6.1 District Councillor’s Report. District Councillor Vickers confirmed, the local plan has been delayed. Neighbour notification letters have been reintroduced, AI is going to be used within the district. There will be a public community forum on rural issues to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December at Chieveley parish hall. There is going to be a budget review which will look at litter and dogs bins and street lighting.
  - 6.2 Chair’s Report. The Chair said there is still a speeding issue within Wickham.
  - 6.3 Clerk’s Report. There was nothing to report.
7. **Correspondence** none.
8. **Planning**
  - a. **Applications**  
 23/02364/FUL Halfway Cottage, Bath Road, Halfway. Change of use from grazing paddock to a 42m x 22m all weather surface riding arena.
  - b. **Decisions**  
 23/01473/HOUSE Old Oak Cottage, Lambourn Road, Weston. Two storey rear extension, single storey side/rear extension, front porch extension and separate garden studio. APPROVED
9. **Finance** The following payments and receipts were approved.

**a. Payments**

29/09/2023	D K GARDENING SERV INVOICE 26/09/23	160
29/09/2023	ANGELA BOYCE WAGES SEPT	445.2
04/09/2023	D K GARDENING SERV INVOICE 25/08/23	160
04/09/2023	ANGELA BOYCE WAGES AUGUST	434.44

**9.2 Receipts**

10/10/2023	WEST BERKS COUNCIL Precept 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment	5599
09/10/2023	INTEREST (GROSS)	2.19

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11/09/2023	INTEREST (GROSS)	2.22
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**10. Parish Plan update** The Chair circulated a draft agenda by email for the PC to review. It was agreed, Councillors will review and go back to the Chair with their responses.

**11. Wickham Bench update** The clerk obtained quotes to replace the old damaged bench by the bus stop in Wickham for a 3 seater bench at a cost of £510 excluding vat. The PC agreed for AMT Services to fit the bench at a cost of £435 excluding vat. A members bid grant has been put in for 70% towards the cost.

**12. MUGA.** The clerk obtained a quote from the manufacturers to replace the damaged basketball backboard at the MUGA at a cost of £534 excluding vat. A members bid grant has been put in for 70% towards the cost.

**13. Remembrance wreaths** The PC approved 3 x remembrance wreaths for forthcoming events at a cost of £99.

**14. Close of meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:37pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 7:00pm in Wickham Village Hall.