

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at
7.00pm in Wickham Village Hall**

Present: Henry Burgoyne-Probyn (Chair), Martyne Ellard (Vice Chair), Sam Kynaston, Paul Stanley.

In attendance Angela Boyce (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public.

The meeting started at 7:03pm

- 1. To receive apologies for absence.** Apologies for absence were received from the District Councillors, Denise Gaines, Tony Vickers and Denniss Benneyworth.
- 2. To receive any Declarations of Interest.**
There were none.
- 3. To confirm and sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 1st May 2024**
RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2024 were signed as a true and accurate record.
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st May 2024**
There were none.
- 5. To confirm and sign the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 12th June 2024.** RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2024 were signed as a true and accurate record.
- 6. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the extraordinary Meeting held on 12th June 2024**
There were none.
- 7. OPEN FORUM.** There was nothing to report.
- 8. Reports**
 - 8.1 District Councillor's Report. There was nothing to report
 - 8.2 Chair's Report. The Chair thanked Cllr Bell for his kind donation for the annual assembly.
 - 8.3 Clerk's Report. The Clerk confirmed the audit has completed. Work to the war memorial has been completed. The Clerk mentioned that they are looking to clean the war memorial and this will be on the September Agenda.
- 9. Correspondence** There was no correspondence to report.
- 10. Bus service** The Clerk emailed the District Councillors following the recent parish assembly, for advice on what public transport services there are around the parish and whether they are planning to increase the service or if there was an option to have a dial a bus service. The Clerk will report back at the next meeting.
- 11. Pumping Station at Weston** The Clerk has emailed the District Councillors for advice on regarding the issues raised at the annual assembly regarding noise and damage to the roads from the vehicles using the pumping station. There was a discussion and it was agreed that the PC would contact the local MP after the upcoming election.

12. Bench at Wickham There was a discussion, the PC approved naming the bench for the 50 years of service carried out to the Parish Council by David Hunt. The Clerk to arrange the plaque.

13. PC WhatsApp group To discuss and approve a PC WhatsApp group. There was a discussion, the PC agreed for the Clerk to set up a whatsapp group for members of the PC.

14. PC email addresses The clerk received notification from a company regarding a government grant to help with .gov.uk domain and email addresses. The clerk attended an online course. There was a discussion and the PC have agreed for the clerk to look into the options available and costs involved.

15. Planning

15.1

Applications

Application to record a public footpath over a farm track east of Elton Farm RG20 8JG. There was a discussion, the Parish Council have no objections.

Application to record 3 metre width for public footpath Welford 16, Echo Barn, Elton Farm. There was a discussion, there was no comments to make.

15.2 Decisions

24/00817/HOUSE The Old Barn, Baydon Road, Wickham. 1st floor extension (above existing ground floor), associated internal and external alterations.

16. Finance

a. Payments

05/06/2024	West Berkshire Council - Dog waste bin collection	138.52
04/06/2024	ZURICH Insurance - PC Annual Insurance	549.21
04/06/2024	PGH MEMORIALS LTD - 50% deposit for War Memorial work	414.12
28/05/2024	ROSPA PLAY SAFETY - Annual Inspection	93.6
28/05/2024	D K GARDENING SERV - MUGA and Marsh Common grounds maintenance May	170
28/05/2024	ANGELA BOYCE - WAGES MAY	560.95
29/04/2024	HALC - Annual subscription	123.42
29/04/2024	D K GARDENING SERV - MUGA and Marsh Common grounds maintenance April	170
29/04/2024	ANGELA BOYCE - WAGES APRIL	455

b. Receipts

10/06/2024	Interest Received	4.69
09/05/2024	Interest Received	4.39
30/04/2024	WEST BERKS COUNCIL - Precept 1st instalment	5974.72

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Parish Plan update There was a discussion about sending out a survey. The clerk is going to speak to WBC to see if they can assist with a survey.

Close of meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:10pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7:15pm in Wickham Village Hall.