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b.	24/054 h. Weight & Speed limit on Streatley Hill	
i.	CLlr Coyle advised she has escalated the weight limit issue to senior level within WBC and received a sympathetic hearing. Discussions are ongoing to try and include this in the 2026/7 workplan	LC/AL
ii.	CLlr Coyle also advised that despite pressing officers she has been unable to get a date for the public consultation regarding the proposed Streatley Hill 40 mph speed limit and this may slip back into the 2026/7 workplan	LC/AL
iii.	A site meeting with a WB Highways officer has been arranged for 23 rd January '26 in Reading Road to discuss issues around speeding traffic, potential calming measures including the location of a SID forming part of the Members Bid grant.	AL/CS/LC
c.	25/002 Parish Plan 2025-2026 Working Group update	
i.	The working group is expanding, with local volunteers including a previous member of the council who worked on the previous Parish plan content and drafting. The working group is currently meeting fortnightly.	
ii.	Plan formulation schedule is as follows: Jan '26: Circulate a survey to residents - is approval needed from WBC Feb '26: Parish Forum to discuss survey results Mar '26: Analysis Apr '26: 1 st draft Parish Plan refresh issue for comment May '26: Comment incorporation and final document completion. Declaration of completion and submission to WBC at the Parish Assembly	PPG PPG
d.	25/006 SSE Monthly Estimated Supply Amount	
i.	Analysis regarding SSE charges suggests that SPC may be being overcharged for streetlighting electricity due to the basis of lamp usage aligned to the older sodium lamps. Results are now to be discussed with SSE to determine a more accurate tariff estimate.	MD
ii	Access is to be sought for the SPC streetlight SSE online account such that usage may be tracked more accurately.	Clerk
e.	Overflowing bins in Rec ground Following review of bin options between meetings, it was resolved to now request Tactical to quote for installation of triple bins (rubbish, recycling and dog waste) in place of the double bins, currently at the Rec. car park. The existing double bins are to be re-sited at the SE corner of the rec ground, in a location where accessible for emptying. Tactical are to be asked to specify a most appropriate triple bin model.	Clerk
f.	Streetlight Failures Wantage Rd P2: To be checked further as to operational status Wallingford Road P3: Temporary lamp in place. Expedite, with Enevero, dates for full pole replacement. Reading Road : New P5 lamp and pole installation to be expedited.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
g.	Speed Indication Device (SID) signs Members Bid grants Pending confirmation of figures, from the WBC estimated pricing, WBC match funding of 60% (£4,393) for Speed Indicator Devices may cover devices in Wantage	

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	and Reading Roads, with the replacement unit in Wallingford Road funded directly by WBC general highways. The location of a device in Reading Road needs to be identified (note Highways meeting in Jan '26). WBC Highways Department application forms are now received for submission regarding applications for the three sites.	LC/AL LC/AL
i.	Recreation ground footpath SPC agreed to obtain estimates for upgrade of the gravel path around the Recreation Ground, as suggested by parishioners at the October meeting. Councillor Spring contacting Butler and Proctor.	JS
25/144	Report of the West Berkshire District Councillor	
	See Annex 1 Councillor Coyle left at 20:50	
25/145	Planning:	
a.	Decisions made in between meetings (papers previously circulated) None	
b.	Applications for planning permission	
i.	25/02582/HOUSE Carramar, Wantage Road, Streatley, Reading RG8 9LB Alterations, front and side extensions to existing dwelling house Received Mon 10 Nov 2025 Consultation Mon 15 Dec 2025 Councillors Lockwood and Barnes to speak to the neighbours.	AL/NB
c.	Planning matters received since the agenda was circulated (papers circulated prior to the meeting)	
	None	
d.	Decisions by WBC	
i.	25/02071/FUL Land at Golden Hill Reading Road Streatley Reading. Formation of a new access onto a classified road. Council do not object Approved 13/11/25	Closed
ii.	25/02154/HOUSE Westlinks Cottage, Rectory Road, Streatley, Reading, RG8 9QA. Refurbish and extend an existing dwelling including a single storey rear extension and two-storey side extension. Council do not object Approved 13/11/25	Closed
iii.	25/02122/HOUSE Hillview, Townsend Road, Streatley, Reading, RG8 9LH. Replacement conservatory. Council do not object Approved 18/11/25	Closed
iv.	25/02282/HOUSE Yarnnton House, High Street, Streatley, Reading, RG8 9HY Timber orangery to replace the existing conservatory Received Mon 06 Oct 2025 Consultation Tues 4 Nov 2025 Council do not object Approved 28/11/25	Closed
v.	25/02281/HOUSE Ickleton Fields, Wantage Road, Streatley, Reading, RG8 9PY Proposed detached oak framed garage with studio Received Mon 06 Oct 2025 Consultation Wed 29 Oct 2025	

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	Council do not object on the proviso that the new building will not be used as a separate dwelling and it is noted that this requirement is reinforced by a legal covenant on the land. Refused 1/12/25	Closed
e.	Applications debated at previous meetings still pending WBC consideration	
i.	25/01857/COND West Streatley House, High Street, Streatley, Reading, RG8 9HY. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Materials/Statement/Schedule) of approved 25/01112/LBC. Received Thu 14 Aug 2025 Council do not object Consultation Wed 10 Sep 2025	
ii.	25/01452/HOUSE Townsend Farm Bungalow, Wallingford Road, Streatley, Reading, RG8 9JX. Alterations and extensions. Received Thu 25 June 2025 Council raised an objection due to the proposed dwelling location within the Conservation Area and SPC considers that its design is not in keeping with the character of the local area. Consultation Wed 10 Sept 2025	
iii.	25/02224/TPC Snowdrop Cottage, High Street, Streatley, Reading, RG8 9JD. Lime: Re-pollard Received Thu 25 Sep 2025 Council do not object Consultation date not published	
iv.	25/02375/FUL Churn Lodge, Wantage Road, Streatley, RG8 9LA. Proposed new dwelling including new landscaping and parking. Received Tue 14 Oct 2025 Consultation Wed 12 Nov 2025 Streatley Parish Council offer a conditional 'no objection' on the proviso of consideration of the following: 1. Existing vegetation masks the views of the proposed dwelling from the Wantage Road. Such vegetation must be maintained to retain this situation as part of the consideration. In addition the view of the new building from the Wantage Road across the driveway must be masked with new planting. 2. The addition of the new property will intensify the density of buildings along Wantage Road, converting the country village ambiance to one of a suburban nature which is against the Parish Plan 3. Materials of construction conflict with the Parish Plan orientation towards maintaining the historic nature of the village From neighbours, some existing trees are reported to have not been shown on the block plans for removal and some trees had been removed before submission of the application. This requires confirmation as part of the WBC assessment.	
v.	25/02349/CERTP Rugby, The Coombe, Streatley, RG8 9QT. Enlargement of existing rear bedroom window, using matching white PVC double-glazed materials. Received Mon 13 Oct 2025 Council do not object Consultation Tue 18 Nov 2025	
f.	Other planning (and licensing) matters	
	None	
25/146	Finance Matters	

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a.	Payments made between meetings.	
i.	£4.25 Lloyds monthly service charge.	
ii.	£625.38 (£521.15 + VAT) Henley Theatre services, Hire & insurance Inv 20865	
iii.	£4977.75 PWLB	
iv.	£2.75, £2.93 + £5.12 HMRC Interest	
	All payments made are approved	
b.	Payment of Invoices received by Council.	
i.	£114.00 (£95.00 + VAT) Tactical Facilities Management Ltd, bin repairs, November 2025 Invoice SI-4676.	
ii.	£65.16 (£54.30 + VAT) Tactical Facilities Management Ltd, bin emptying, November 2025 Invoice SI-4725.	
	All payments are now to be prepared for payment	Clerk
c.	Councillor Expenses Reimbursement	
i.	None	
d.	Receipts	
	None	
e.	Other Finance Matters	
i.	Council approved the 30 th November 2025 bank reconciliation statements (previously made available and as presented in this meeting)	
ii.	Councillors acknowledged the clerk's monthly salary payment for the next month will be transacted on 1 st January 2026.	
iii.	Hire quote for PA system for Torchlight procession.	
iv.	Councillor Smith presented a detailed update of the following : 30 November '25 Bank reconciliation and Lloyds accounts statements - FY 2025-6 Expenditure against budget to date - Current asset register - Risk register - Draft budget proposal for FY 2026/7, against previous expenditure and projected future expenditure requirements, as supported by detailed spreadsheets and financial analysis. All spreadsheets are available to councillors on the SPC onedrive account. A general discussion was held to explore details, provide comment and resolve to agree a proposed budget for FY 2026/7 in the January '26 meeting, for publication on the SPC website for public information.	Clerk
25/147	Reports	
a.	Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust	
i.	Hedge laying is complete	
ii.	An update is awaited regarding the Charity status of the Trust	NB
b.	Website/IT	
i.	.gov website name to be confirmed.	NB
ii.	Send link to Councillor Jhita to enable access to main SPC onedrive folder.	Clerk

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c.	Allotment Society	
i.	It is reported that a caravan has been parked in the car park, owned by The Swan for staffing needs	EJ
ii.	The AGM has been set for Thursday 10 th April	
d.	Recreation Ground	
i.	See Annex 2 for latest report.	EJ
e.	Neighbourhood Action Group	
i.	The next NAG meeting is scheduled for 21 st January 26	JS
f.	St Mary's Church	
i.	Minor cracks in the roof have been repaired.	JS
g.	Traffic and Highways	
i.	20/1/26 closure of Rectory road planned, 0800-1800 for works by Openreach	AL
25/148	Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere)	
i.	Sewer pipe blockage underneath the meadow to be addressed by Thames Water	Clerk
ii.	Hoof prints through the Recreation ground – Clerk to propose footpath signs.	
iii.	A number of phone calls have been received requesting information regarding the Christmas Eve carol service, also volunteer proposals to help. Time for carol service: 1900-2000.	Clerk
iii.	Marshall volunteers meeting is to take place this Sunday - forward email as to contact person to those interested.	
25/149	Items Raised by Councillors	
i.	JS unable to attend January meeting	
25/150	Open Forum	
	No members of the public were present.	
25/151	Meetings	
	The next meeting will take place on Monday 12 th January 2026 in the Morrell Room at 7:50pm. Future meetings: 2nd Monday of each month except August when there is no meeting. The meeting closed at 22:28hrs	

Annex 1

Local News

Highways issues

Speed Indicator Devices

The PC has been awarded match funding (60% to be provided by WBC) of £4,393 for Speed Indicator Devices – it is hoped this may cover devices in Wantage and Reading Roads, with the replacement one in Wallingford Road to be paid for from general highways funds. The location of a device in Reading Road needs to be identified, see below.

The highways department require completion of some forms to take the three sites forward so I will work with Adrian on this.

Reading Road issues

Footway:

This has been reported to the relevant department and will hopefully be actioned soon

Speeding issues:

I have set up a meeting with Gareth Downing, a senior Highways engineer, myself, Adrian and Colin on 23 Jan to discuss the following:

- Possible speed
- The location of a SID

Streatley Hill speed limit

I am continuing to chase up with officers when the formal consultation on this will commence.

Streatley Hill Weight Limit

I have raised this with the lead member for Highways as agreed, with view to getting it in the budget for next year. He is supportive of the idea.

Countryside/footpath issues

Bull footpath signage

I am continuing to work with the North Wessex Downs National Landscape to try and get signposting for the accessible footpath through the grounds of the Bull put in place.

They can potentially provide funding for this, but we need an organisation to do the grant application, with MIGGS having now sadly been disbanded, it would be incredibly helpful if the PC were in a position to help with this.

Lardon Chase signage

I am also working with council officers and the National Trust to try and improve signage to Lardon Chase and help prevent walkers ending up walking up Streatley Hill.

Utilities

Virgin Fibre Cabinets

I am continuing to chase for these to be wrapped in green now that they have been moved, as promised.

Drainage issues – Bull crossroads

Tata/JSM recently cleared a huge amount of silt from their chamber on the Streatley cross-roads, this will hopefully address the recurring drainage issues at this location. I will ask officers to ensure that this is done with more regularity in the future.

Planning issues

Churn Lodge planning app

Following further concern expressed by residents in respect of the new application for a new house at this location, I have again asked for the application to be called in to the planning committee if the officer is minded to approve it.

Annex 2

Recreation Ground Status Report\AA

1. Overall Site	✓ / o / x	Comments
1.1 - Is the site visually in good condition?	o	- Site is clean and tidy overall (minimal litter)
1.2 - Signs and notices all present/legible?	✓	- Signage, where used, is present and legible
1.3 - Access surfaces in good condition?	✓	- Paths are tidy, level and accessible
1.4 - Fencing and gates secure?	✓	- New, accessible gate from Heart of Streatley field installed - Top bar of fencing at SE entrance showing slight deterioration
1.5 - Seating in good condition?	✓	- Benches in good condition (four made-good with replacement timber). Loose plank repaired.
1.6 - Bins in good condition and tidy?	✓	- Repairs made to waste bins (wood cladding replaced)
2. Equipment - cabin storage / general(?)	✓	- Cabin safely removed
3. Area - Carpark		
3.1 - Are the entrance barriers safe and secure?	✓	- In good condition and clearly visible
3.2 - Is entry/exit visually clear and safe?	✓	- Visibility improved due to summer plant growth dying back.
3.3 - Is bin area clear of rubbish?	✓	- Area clear and tidy
3.4 - Is surface free of weeds and safe?	✓	- Minimal weeds and plant growth
3.5 - Is wooden fencing sturdy and safe?	✓	- All existing fencing is stable and secure
4. Area - Children's Play Area		
4.1 - Is fencing sturdy and safe?	✓	- Repairs recently undertaken
4.2 - Is gated access safe and secure?	✓	- Gates are safe - open and close effectively
4.3 - Is play equipment in good order?	o	- Wooden areas of slide structure degrading - Rope swing requires cleaning
4.4 - Is the surface tidy and weed-free?	o	- Woodchip requires top-up - Weed growth needs re-addressing
4.5 - Signs and notices all present/legible?	✓	- Legible and in good condition
5. Area - Outdoor Gym		
5.1 - Is gym equipment in good order?	x	- Gym seesaw requires repair - hazard taped off.
5.2 - Are weed barriers/surfacing tidy?	✓	- Surfacing is tidy and in good repair

5.3 - Are instructions clear and legible?	✓	- Clear and legible on all equipment
6. Area - Children's Log & Rope Course		
6.1 - Is play equipment in good order?	✓	- In good, solid order
6.2 - Are weed barriers/surfacing tidy?	o	- Damage from strimming to be monitored
7. Area - Swings		
7.1 - Seats in good repair	✓	- In good condition - no cracks or degradation
7.2 - Shackles and chains in good repair	✓	- In good condition
7.3 - Main frame secure	o	- Secure with no visible defects, however, rubber matting is starting to degrade. To be monitored.
8. Area - basketball court		
8.1 - Is structure and fencing sturdy and safe?	✓	- Loose panel at back of court secured
8.2 - Is basketball equipment in good order?	✓	- Backboard cleaned, new net
8.3 - Is the surface tidy and weed-free?	x	- Weed growth and grass encroaching on edges - Damage to NE corner of play surface
8.4 - Signs and notices all present/legible?	✓	- No signage required
Two-weekly check - date: 22/12/2025	✓	Wooden 5-bar gate broken and gatepost to fenced play area rotten.
Two-weekly check - date: 05/01/2026	✓	Gate and gatepost replaced.