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Nr	Subject	Actionee
j.	Clear Council Insurance Torchlight update The Torchlight procession event has been included in the current insurance schedule against 3 rd party liability.	Closed
25/117	Report of the West Berkshire District Councillor	
	See Annex 1 Councillor Coyle left at 21:19	
25/118	Planning:	
a.	Decisions made in between meetings (papers previously circulated) None	
b.	Applications for planning permission	
i.	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. Received Mon 22 Sep 2025 Consultation Thu 16 Oct 2025 Council do not object	Clerk
ii.	25/02122/HOUSE Hillview, Townsend Road, Streatley, Reading, RG8 9LH. Replacement conservatory. Received Thu 18 Sep 2025 Consultation Fri 17 Oct 2025 Council do not object	Clerk
iii.	25/02071/FUL Land at Golden Hill Reading Road Streatley Reading. Formation of a new access onto a classified road. Received Thu 11 Sep 2025 Consultation Tue 21 Oct 2025 Council do not object	Clerk
iv.	25/02224/TPC Snowdrop Cottage, High Street, Streatley, Reading, RG8 9JD. Lime: Re-pollard Received Thu 25 Sep 2025 Consultation date not published Council do not object	Clerk
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 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.	Clerk
vi.	25/02282/HOUSE Yarnton House, High Street, Streatley, Reading, RG8 9HY Timber orangery to replace the existing conservatory Received Mon 06 Oct 2025 Consultation date not published Council do not object	Clerk
c.	Planning matters received since the agenda was circulated (papers circulated prior to the meeting)	
	None	
d.	Decisions by WBC	

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25/119	Finance Matters	
a.	Approval of Payments transacted between meetings.	
i.	£5.17 Lloyds monthly service charge, note increased charge from 16 th September 2025	Clerk
ii.	£27.49 (£22.91 +VAT) The Poppy Shop 12002264674	
iii.	£112.00 Clear council Torchlight event add to insurance LC/STRE/27325-NIB8	
b.	Approval of Payment Against Received Invoices.	
i.	£65.16 (£54.30 + VAT) Tactical Facilities Management Ltd, Bin emptying for August 2025 Invoice SI-4296.	
ii.	£387.59 Enerveo Quarterly routine lighting maintenance INV 900055966	
iii.	£126.00 (£105.00 + VAT) M&C Landscaping, INV MC25 03897 Grass cutting in September	
iv.	£378 PKF Little John LLP AGAR External Audit fees SB20252397	Clerk
c.	Councillor Expenses Reimbursement	
i.	£35.00 UKPROHOSTS website hosting INV 1439	Clerk
d.	Receipts	
i.	£23,388 2 nd half of precept	
ii.	£3.00 Poppy pin for Clerk	
e.	Other Finance Matters	
i.	Council approved the 30 th September 2025 bank reconciliation statements (previously made available)	
ii.	Council reviewed the status of accounts, acknowledging the projected expenditure for the second half of the financial year and the subsequent projected year-end reserve balance as included in the accounts sheets.	
iii.	Councillors acknowledged the clerk's monthly salary payment for the next month will be transacted on 1st November 2025.	Clerk
iv.	VAT Reclaim applications were submitted to HMRC for 2025-26 Quarters 1 and 2 on 8 th October 2025. Expedite in November if not received.	
25/120	Reports	
a.	Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust	
i.	Seeking permission from trustees for Torchlight to go ahead.	NB
ii.	Hedge laying will take place on 11 th November 2025 with cuttings stored for the Christmas Eve bonfire.	
b.	Website/IT	
	2026-27 financial years onward require the use of stipulated financial software to report accounts. Investigate whether a cost/fee is applicable.	CS/NB
c.	Allotment Society	
	No report presented	EJ
d.	Recreation Ground	
i.	See Annex 2 for latest report.	
ii.	Wicksteed Playscape will be contacted regarding replacement parts for the broken seesaw bushes (roster). A quote will also be requested for a full kit of	

iii.	wearing parts. Infinity playgrounds to be asked to just supply the part following recent receipt of their quote for supply/fit. Review wood cladding on slide structure for treatment.	NB/MD
e.	Neighbourhood Action Group Meeting rearranged to 23 rd of October 2025	JS
f.	St Mary's Church	JS
i.	The repair to the Churchyard wall is nearly complete, constructed exactly as the Victorian original, being listed as the curtilage to the Grade II Church.	
ii.	The final wood treatment has been made to the repaired window in the Ringing Chamber and the other Victorian window has been similarly treated.	
iii.	The staining within the Church from the leak from the Tower has been cleaned and re-pigmented.	
g.	Traffic and Highways No planned roadworks in the next 3 months.	AL
25/121	Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere)	
a.	Recreation Ground hire for evening football – positive response issued.	
b.	Tactical services - quote for bin change and emptying frequency	
c.	New time for the opening of footpath FP21 - 2pm Friday 24 th October, at Recreation Ground car park.	
25/122	Items Raised by Councillors	
	Council congratulated the clerk on her recent wedding.	
25/123	Open Forum	
	No members of the public were present.	
25/124	Meetings	
	The next meeting will take place on Monday 10 th November 2025 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 22:11	

Annex 1
Report of the West Berkshire Councillor October 25

Local News

Proposed 20mph zone

As I have highlighted, the Council is putting together plans to roll out 20mph zones (subject to consultation of course) on appropriate roads across villages in West Berks (this was part of the Council strategy) and Streatley is on the programme for the proposed introduction of a 20mph zone in 2027/28. The plan would be for the zone to cover most roads, but there might be some exceptions, and the exact area of proposed coverage would be determined following an assessment closer to the time, and in discussion with Parish Councils, and there would be a public consultation on the plans.

Streatley Hill double yellow lines

These have now been reinstalled following the resurfacing of the road.

Streatley Hill weight limit

Thank you to the PC for your work in gathering signatures in support of this, as you know, there was no room in this year's WBC Highways budget for this work, but I will be pushing come budget setting time for this to be included and will be helpful to go into those discussions armed with the petition demonstrating local support!

Reading Road lighting

As I reported to the last PC meeting, I met with some residents of Reading Road in September who raised, among other things, the possibility of getting more lighting installed further down Reading Road. Amy kindly dug out the lighting plan which confirmed that these lights are owned and maintained by the PC. I discussed with WBC, and they have said there is no budget for new lighting columns and suggested that the PC might want to consider paying for these, given that they would be part of the set already managed by the PC.

Members' bids

I have made a bid for £4,393.00 for the installation of Speed Indicator Devices for the village. Subject of course to funding being awarded, the exact locations of these are to be confirmed and will depend on the following:

- The price that we end up having to pay for the devices (WBC is about to conclude its procurement strategy which will determine this)
- Whether WBC agrees to pay for the replacement device for Wallingford Road, I have been told that this is likely, but confirmation was not available prior to submission of the bid

Best case scenario, the Wallingford Road device gets replaced by WBC and there is sufficient funding for devices in both Reading and Wantage Roads.

Footpath 21

There has unfortunately been a delay in the installation of fencing, but officers are hoping that the opening ceremony will take place on 24 October 2025 at 2pm as planned.

Council wide news

There are about 80 sites in all, in addition to the 50 sites where WBC constantly monitor traffic volume and vehicles size. There is one site in Basildon Ward, on the B4009 at Westridge Green.

This exercise is carried out every 7-10 years to provide the base data for renewing WBC traffic models. Accurate traffic modelling is essential in providing forecasts of the likely impacts of new development, whether large Local Plan projects or just specific planning applications. It also helps to plan for the future in implementing measures to promote active travel or reimagine road use.

A Google Map with locations of the counters can be found here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=196g4ITfa41YNgCgCPk1OrKIkR5bzBVI&ll=51.461134754493486%2C-1.2186208426987766&z=11>

Local Government Reorganisation Update

The proposal for a Ridgeway Council will come to Full meeting of the Council on 4 November and if approved, which is anticipated will happen, the proposal will be sent to the Ministry for Local Government and Communities.

Three weekly bin collections

From Monday 22 September 2025, West Berkshire Council introduced three-weekly black bin collections. I am not aware of any significant issues with this but please let me know if you are aware of concerns.

Annex 2

Recreation Ground Status Report\AA

Date of check:	12-Oct-25
Time of check:	09:32
Weather:	11 degrees Celsius, cloudy
Name/s:	Emma Jhita

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?	o	- 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?	o	- 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

Signed:

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: 19/10/2025		
Two-weekly check - date: 02/11/2025		