

# STREATLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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YOU ARE SUMMONED TO A MEETING OF STREATLEY PARISH COUNCIL AT  
7:50pm ON 9 JANUARY 2023 IN THE MORRELL ROOM

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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**



The public and press are invited to either:

1. Attend the meeting.
2. Submit questions to the Parish Council which will be discussed, and a written response provided following the meeting.

## AGENDA FOR STREATLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MEETING ON 9 JANUARY 2023

### 1. Preliminaries

#### a. Declarations of Interest

*To remind* Councillors of the need to record the existence and nature of any Personal, Disclosable or Pecuniary or other interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

- a. *To receive* apologies for inability to attend the meeting.

### 3. Open Forum

### 4. Minutes

Motion (proposed Councillor Smith, seconded Councillor Jubb): that the Minutes of Council held on 12 December 2022 (minutes previously circulated) are a correct record. The Chairman will sign the minutes. **Clerk**

### 5. Update on Matters from Previous Minutes

- a. 19/074 i. High Street traffic.

The Parish Council received WBC Highways proposal on 18 August.

Councillor expressed his disappointment that a response had not yet been sent to WBC. He has been asked for an update by a number of residents.

District Councillor Law had concerns about a two-step approach as the result of the democratic survey was a mandate for Residents only parking

Councillor Smith to redraft the response to WBC Highways, reviewing against the plans and to suggest a further site meeting with WBC Highways as a matter of urgency. District Councillor Law to review and add his name to the letter. Letter sent 16 December. **Action Completed**

Councillor Spring propose that costs are initially paid by SPC for those residents without off street parking. A maximum of 2 per household. Council voted, and agreed, if reviewed annually as part of the budget process. The cost of Visitors parking permits would be the responsibility of the resident.

19/141 xi. When plans are agreed for Streatley High Street, Goring PC will be notified. **JS/CS**

- b. 19/139 a ii. The initial application to list The Bull public house as an Asset of Community Value was determined as not meeting the criteria for listing as the letting rooms brought it into the hotel category.

A revised submission was resubmitted to WBC on 15 November with copies of the 24 letters/emails of support sent on 18 November. **Clerk**

Now awaiting WBC decision.

- c. 22/053 Proposal for relocation of Scout storage cabin. Councillors to visit site ahead of formal discussion.

Councillor Barnes stated that the Heart of Streatley Trustees were not in favour of this as it would take away light from the wild wood. An issue was raised about the removal of any car parking spaces as there is insufficient parking currently when a football match takes place. The removal of the bank is likely to affect the roots of at least 3 trees causing them to become unstable.

An email was received from Friends of Streatley Rec expressing their concerns about this proposal and suggesting the area adjacent to the swings (Northeast corner) as a possible location. This was deemed too small to accommodate the cabin without encroaching on the Public Footpath.

It was determined that the Parish Council would lease the land for this purpose and any planning permission would need to be obtained by the scouts for a no-dig solution.

The cost of a planning application would depend upon the change of use of the land and the size of the building. If SPC submitted the application, they may be given a 50% reduction of the resulting costs.

Councillor Barnes has discussed this decision with Heart of Streatley Trustees who are no enthusiastic.

Discussion then concentrated on the screening as it would take time for a hedge to grow to the required height. The Scout group leader was asked to go away and investigate alternative screening such as timber cladding. This suggestion was rejected by The Scout Group who would prefer just to paint with an anti-vandal finish.

As it was difficult to determine formal ownership of the football cabin, an article has been posted in the December GGN informing people that it will be removed if not claimed. A notice has posted on the outside of the cabin, but it was not possible to pass one through to the inside.

**Action Completed**

- d. 22/076a. A plan for purchase of plants and tubs has been received. It was agreed to proceed. Clerk investigating available discount from local supplier.

**Clerk**

Troughs, compost, and bulbs purchased but weather is preventing planting.

- e. 22/076a. Clerk to purchase replacement trough and plants for High Street.

**Clerk**

- f. 22/109 b. Councillor Barnes to set up secure Cloud storage for use by the Clerk and Council.

**NB**

To make this transparent with change of Clerk it requires a debit card in the name of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate how this might work. Ongoing.

**Clerk**

- g. 22/122 b. SPC to provide financial assistance with MIGGS proposal for disabled access around The Bull once detailed costs received.

A quotation of £5750 + VAT received from a builder A grant application for the costs has been submitted to AoNB and to Mend The Gap. SPC have been asked if they could commission the work and hence recover the VAT.

Councillor Jubb suggested that permission should come from the owners as well as the leaseholder as it could result in removal of the path upon expiry of the lease.

No update on funding has been received. An Email claiming written agreement from the freeholder and or the agreement documentation from the managing agent or from Marston's, the licensee. An email reminder to be sent.

**Action Completed**

Email evidence of approval and promises of funding has now been received [Appendix 5g](#).

- h. 22/123 d ii. Clerk to seek quotes for repair and restore of benches and picnic tables in the Recreation Ground. To include Wallingford Road bench. **Clerk**
- i. 22/125. Clerk to investigate available grants for Street Lighting LED replacements. Ongoing. Potentially next WBC Members bid which will likely to be opened in September 2023. **Clerk**
- j. 22/148 g iii Clerk to report SPC disappointment back to organisers that Councillor Spring had not been provided with the correct link to join the planning enforcement training offered by WBC. **Action Completed**
- Response from Ben Ryan WVC: This is disappointing indeed. He will investigate what happened and has responded as follows:
- Our training schedule will be assessed in the build up to the elections and agreed upon then. At this point I will try and add a Planning Enforcement session as soon as possible.
- k. 22/150 a Clerk to complete and submit Precept request forms once received. Precept forms received 29 January. **Clerk**
- l. 22/150 b Councillor Barnes to set up an email address for Councillor Clark. **Action Completed**
- m. 22/150 b Councillor Clark to supply photograph and bio to Councillor Barnes for the SPC web site. **OC/NB**
- n. 22/150 b Councillor Barnes to look at how open planning applications might be displayed on the SPC web site. **NB/Clerk**
- o. 22/150 c Clerk to inform SAS that the new point of contact is Councillor Clark. **Action Completed**
- p. 22/150 f Councillor Barnes to speak with John Rogers about how the church page on the SPC web site could be updated by themselves. **NB**
- q. 22/150 g Councillor Anderson to write to the school requesting that parents take care when parking. **SA**
- r. 22/153 The Clerk to report the poor condition of the pavement on the western side of Wantage Road to WBC. WBC response: The surface course has started to deteriorate along the route, however under current council policy this does not meet our requirements for action at this time. This section of road will be assessed along with other similar sites across the district for possible inclusion in one of our future repair programmes. The route will continue to be monitored and where necessary any defect which does meet current investigatory levels, these will be actioned accordingly **Action Completed**
- s. 22/153 The Clerk to report water once again seeping from manhole at The Bull crossroads. WBC response: We have instructed Tycom to deal with the matter raised in your recent enquiry. The water is due to ground water entering the ducts holding the cables then running into camber and flooding the chamber. Tycom have excepted the defect and will apply for work permit. **Action Completed**

## 6. Report of the West Berkshire Councillor

## 7. Planning

### a. Decisions made in between meetings (papers previously circulated)

None.

**b. Applications for Planning Permission**

None.

**c. Planning matters received since the agenda was circulated (papers circulated prior to the meeting).**

None.

**d. Decisions by WBC**

i. 22/02327/HOUSE Greenlands House, Townsend Road.

Demolition of conservatory, garage conversion, single and two story rear extension, loft conversion including a rear dormer, alterations to the fenestration, rendering the external façade, and garden home office.

Streatley Parish Council did not object to this application subject to no objection from neighbours but would request a condition is added to any approval that the garden home office cannot be used as residential accommodation.

Approved 21 December.

ii. 22/01799/FULMAJ Streatley Farmhouse, Wallingford Road.

Create an enclosed garden by constructing a 2.25m high brick and flint wall along the western edge, a 2.25m high brick wall on the southern edge and a 2.25m lowering to 1.7m brick wall on the eastern edge. These will replace the roadside timber fence and trimmed hedges.

Streatley Parish Council did not object to this application.

Approved 23 December.

**e. Applications debated at previous meeting still pending WBC consideration.**

i. 22/02408/FUL Kiddington House, Aldworth Road, Streatley.

Surface dressing existing track to provide adequate access to residential property.

Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application.

ii. 22/02508/TPW The Bull, Reading Road.

Various Tree works.

Streatley Parish Council were not informed of this application but support the work.

iii. 22/02776/TPC The Swan

Various Tree works.

Streatley Parish Council were not informed of this application but support the work.

iv. 22/02879/HOUSE North View, Townsend Road.

2 new Velux rooflights and 2 new rear facing dormers within existing pitched roof. Minor external amendments to existing garage/store.

Streatley Parish Council do not object to this application.

v. 22/02899/HOUSE Cleeve Court Lodge.

Garage conversion and first floor extension to form bedroom including new side windows to existing bedrooms and glazing alterations to kitchen and dining room.

Streatley Parish Council do not object to this application.

vi. 22/02812/CERTP The Beeches, Stitchens Green.

Existing shed to the side of two car garage to be demolished and replaced with 30sqm GIA single storey side extension.

Streatley Parish Council were not informed of this application.

- ii. 22/02819/TPC 2 Pound Cottages.  
Tree works Birch and Cherry tree.

Streatley Parish Council were not informed of this application.

**f. Other planning (and licensing) matters**

None.

**8. Finance Matters**

**a. Payments made between meetings.**

None.

**b. Payment of Invoices received by Council.**

- i. £45.00. Open Spaces Society. Membership renewal. [See Appendix 8 b i.](#)
- ii. £426.80. HMRC. Q3 Payment. [Appendix 8.b. ii.](#)

Motion (proposed Councillor Smith, seconded Councillor Jubb): that the above invoices be approved for payment.

**c. Receipts**

None.

**d. Other Finance Matters**

- i. *To receive and approve* a bank reconciliation as of 31<sup>st</sup> December (previously circulated).
- ii. *To acknowledge* payment of the Clerk's salary on 1<sup>st</sup> January.
- iii. *To acknowledge* VAT reclaim of £226.19.
- iv. *To receive and approve* the Q3 Budget v Actuals comparison as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (previously circulated)
- v. *To discuss and approve* donations of:
  - a. £250 Streatley Parochial Church Council.
  - b. £500 Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust.
  - c. £500 Morrell Room
  - d. £200 MIGGS.
  - e. £200 Streatley Hill Pre-school
  - f. Any Other Donations?

**9. Specific Matters for Discussion/Decision**

- i. *To discuss* whether there is any interest in generating a common approach to a Christmas light display on the frontages of the village central roads,

**10. Reports on:**

**a. Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust**

*To receive* a report from Councillor Barnes.

**b. Website/IT**

*To receive* a report from Councillor Barnes.

**c. Allotment Society.**

*To receive* a report from SAS.

**d. Recreation Ground**

*To receive* a report from FoSRG.

**e. Neighbourhood Action Group**

*To receive* a report from Councillor Spring.

**f. St Mary's Church**

*To receive a report from Councillor Spring.*

**g. Traffic and Highways**

*To receive a report from Councillor Jubb.*

**11. Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda)**

13 December. WBC Press Release. Public transport to get a boost in West Berkshire.

[Appendix 11.1.](#)

20 December. WBC. Parish Climate Forum Invitation. 19 April. [Appendix 11.2.](#)

20 December. WBC. Parish Climate Forum Invitation. 18 January. [Appendix 11.3.](#)

20 December. WBC. Parish Climate Forum Invitation. 8 March. [Appendix 11.4.](#)

20 December. WBC. Community warm spaces - new interactive map. [Appendix 11.5.](#)

20 December. WBC District Parish Conference - 31st January. [Appendix 11.6.](#)

21 December. SSEN. Home Emergency Plan. [Appendix 11.7.](#)

21 December. WBC Press Release. Food Waste Collections Off to an Encouraging Start.

[Appendix 11.8.](#)

21 December. WBC Press Release. New mini recycling centre opens in Tilehurst. [Appendix 11.9.](#)

23 December. WBC. Local Plan Review Consultation launches 6 Jan. [Appendix 11.10.](#)

23 December. WBC. Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund open. [Appendix 11.11.](#)

29 December. WBC Press Release. Health and care proposals need public feedback.

[Appendix 11.12.](#)

**12. Items Raised by Councillors**

**13. Open Forum**

**14. Next Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**