

Actions

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STREATLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE MORRELL ROOM, STREATLEY ON 9 MAY 2022 (start 7.50pm)**

Present – Mr J Spring (Chairman), Mr N Barnes, Mr M Davis, Mrs S Anderson, Mr M Jubb, Mr C Smith, Mr M Robertson.

22/068 Preliminaries

- a. **Election of Chairman**
Councillor Smith was elected (proposed Councillor Robertson, seconded Councillor Jubb).
The Clerk received a Declaration of Acceptance of Office from the Chairman.
- b. **Election of Vice Chairman**
Councillor Jubb was elected (proposed Councillor Smith, seconded Councillor Robertson).
- c. **Dispensations**
None

22/069 Apologies

District Councillor A Law.

22/070 Open Forum

There were no members of the public present hence the Open Forum raised no issues.

22/071 Minutes

- i. Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2022, having earlier been circulated, be agreed as the correct record, and signed by the Chairman. **Clerk**

22/072 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- a. 19/026 iii. The Primary School Eco group.
Councillor Anderson has received a response to her email acknowledging that she is now the point of contact for the school with the Parish Council.
The school will contact Councillor Anderson if they have any projects that require Parish Council assistance. **Action Completed**
- b. 19/074 i. High Street traffic.
The Clerk has written to WBC Highways with the preferred views from the traffic survey and council awaits WBC Highways proposal.

19/141 xi. When plans are in place for Streatley High Street they will be discussed with Goring PC. **JS/CS**
- c. 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 with most of the income from the hotel business.

Information has now been collected for a resubmission and Councillor Jubb will speak with Councillor Anderson to gain some finer details regarding past income streams for The Bull from sales of food and drink. **MJ**

The submission will be redrafted and submitted to WBC.
- d. 22/025 b. This year's Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday 19th May in the Morrell Room.

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Invitations have been issued with 17 acceptances (5 Declined) so far. This was reviewed at the end of April. As a result, 5 organisations were sent reminder emails.

Councillor Barnes has agreed to arrange refreshments.

Councillor Spring will draft a summary of the last years work by the Parish Council for Councillor Smith to present.

JS

- e. 22/039 iv. Councillor Jubb circulated a quotation for a metal barrier to replace the chain at the entrance to the Recreation Ground car park. This will be 2.2 metres high, have a double bar at the top, a catch post to lock in the Open position when required and a warning sign at 2metres high.

It was agreed that this should be submitted to Councillor Law by 16 May. Clerk to complete draft application form and circulate to Councillors Jubb and Smith.

Clerk

- f. 22/041 d iv. The revision of the bank mandate is complete with the required signatures collected.

Clerk to post to Lloyds bank.

Clerk

- g. 22/045 i. Councillor Anderson to discuss with the school the danger of cars exiting Streatley Hill on a red-light during school journey times.

Councillor Anderson has spoken with the school. It is not viable to employ a lollipop person.

Regular reminders regarding crossing the road are sent out by the school.

Councillor Spring to mention at next NAG meeting.

JS/SA

There will be an opportunity to seek views from TVP at the Parish Assembly.

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

Councillor Barnes mentioned this at the recent Heart of Streatley meeting. No Trustees were 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 trustee responsible for Environmental issues has also looked at the location and said that removal of the bank is likely to affect the roots of at least 3 trees causing them to become unstable.

Councillor Anderson to speak to the football club to see if their cabin is still required.

SA

**Action
Completed**

Clerk to circulate original Football club agreement for the cabin.

Councillors Davis and Barnes to measure the space between the car park and gate to the meadows to see if this was a viable location.

MD/NB

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- i. 22/057 b ii. Planning Application 22/00778/HOUSE 1 Golf Cottages, Rectory Road.
Councillors Anderson and Robertson will visit the neighbours to see if they have any objections. **Action Completed**
- j. 22/058 d viii. Clerk to consolidate the actions from the Internal Audit and present at a future meeting. In progress. **Clerk**
- k. 22/059 a. Councillor Anderson to meet with the football club representatives to look at the options for storing goalposts at the Recreation Ground.
Goalposts have now been moved to the Recreation Ground, are locked together and sited close to the ball games area. **Action Completed**
- l. 22/062 i. Clerk to report to WBC that the stile close to Orchard Cottage is slippery and dangerous when wet. WBC have informed landowners of the issue. **Action Completed**
- m. 22/062 ii. Clerk to report to WBC that the tarmac around a drain towards the top of Streatley Hill is disintegrating and in need of repair.
The damaged bollard on the High Street has been removed. Clerk to enquire whether it will be replaced. **Action Completed**
Clerk
- n. 22/062 iii. Councillor Davis to report to WBC Highways, damage to his own, and a neighbour's, car when parked on the High Street. **Action Completed**

22/073 Report of the West Berkshire District Councillor

No report was received from District Councillor Law.

22/074 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. 22/00403/COND1 The Old Golf House, Rectory Road.

Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 4 (detailed soft landscaping scheme), 5 (hard landscaping of the site) and 6 (electric vehicle charging point) of Allowed on Appeal planning permission 20/00835/FULD - Subdivision of The Old Golf House and annex into two separate residential dwellings.

Approved 29 April.

e. Applications debated at previous meetings still pending WBC consideration.

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- i. 21/03097/FULD Waterford House, Vicarage Lane - erection of a new dwelling with associated parking and access.

Streatley Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is an additional, not replacement, building outside the settlement boundary.

- ii. 22/00138/FUL2 Linden Cottage, Reading Road.
Retrospective regularisation of mixed agricultural hardstanding/engineering works.
Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application.
- iii. 22/00286/HOUSE 4 White Hard Yard, High Street.
Rationalisation of entrance. Attic level link roof with accommodation.
Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application. However, following concerns from a neighbour, Council has requested that the access is always kept clear.
- iv. 22/00668/HOUSE 3 Coombe Cottages, The Coombe.
Siting of electric vehicle charger and air source heat pump at front of property
Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application.
- v. 22/00681/HOUSE Mulberry House, High Street.
Two storey side extension and rear extension which is part single and part two storeys.
Internal alterations associated with the works.
Replacement windows throughout the property, existing side slot windows infilled. Chimney to rear to be reinstated. Rebuild of the existing raised bed/retaining wall, new gates.
Increase in off road parking space and detached garage outbuilding.

Streatley Parish Council does not object to the application for the house but has objections to the design of the garage and the car parking arrangement as follows:

- a. Roof pitch should be aligned to that of the existing house
- b. The ridge line of the garage should be significantly lower than the house to offer the impression of an 'outbuilding' rather than a house extension
- c. Replacement of the parking configuration from 2-car side-by-side to 3-car end-on-end will add to traffic issues rather than reduce

SPC also offer the following additional statements:

- d. The garage should not be used as accommodation
 - e. Replacement windows and glazing should be of the design of such features as was the case when the property was first constructed
 - f. House side window slots should not be bricked in if they have any historical significance.
- vi. 22/00737/HOUSE Ridgeway, Wantage Road
Retrospective planning for construction of a timber summerhouse outbuilding with flat roof in rear garden.
- Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application but request conditions that "cannot be used as residential accommodation"
- vii. 22/00778/HOUSE 1 Golf Cottages, Rectory Road

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Construction of a new covered outdoor studio (5.5mx3.5m), landscaping works and addition of an open arbour.

Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application but request conditions that “cannot be used as residential accommodation”

f. Other planning (and licensing) matters

- i. 22/01079/FUL Bower Farm Aldworth (Adjacent parish)

The construction of a calf housing shelter and associated hardstanding.

Following discussion, it was resolved that Streatley Parish Council does not object to this application.

22/075 Finance Matters

a. Payments made between meetings.

None.

b. Payment of Accounts received by Council

- i. £241.64. BALC/NALC Annual Subscription.
- ii. £108.00 (£90 + VAT). M&C Landscapes. Grass cutting April.
- iii. £61.04 (£50.99 + VAT) N. Barnes. Refreshments for Parish Assembly.
- iv. £797.12. BHIB Insurance. Premium June 2022 – May 2023.

Council resolved that the above invoices be approved for payment.

Clerk

c. Receipts

- i. £227.39. HMRC Q4 2021/22VAT reclaim.
- ii. £21,848.00. WBC. 1st half of Precept 2022/23.

Council acknowledged receipt of these payments.

d. Other Finance Matters

- i. Council approved the bank reconciliation as of 30th April 2022 (previously circulated).
- ii. Council acknowledged payment of the Clerk’s salary on 1st May.
- iii. Council acknowledged and agreed a 3.9% increase to costs for grass cutting by M&C Landscapes in 2022, (within the budget increase of 15%).
- iv. Council acknowledged that the AGAR and associated documentation has been submitted to the External Auditor.
- v. Council acknowledged the transfer of £5,000 from Precept back into Reserves.
- vi. Council acknowledged that there were no CIL chargeable developments for Streatley - October 2021 – 31 March 2022.

22/076 Specific Matters for Discussion/Decision:

a. Flowers and plants for bus shelter and High Street.

Following withdrawal from the Goring Gap in Bloom initiative a provision was made in the budget for hanging baskets and flowers for the tubs around the bus shelter and the tubs either side of the seat by the village green. The tubs have been tended by a neighbour who is willing to assist with those around the bus shelter (which are currently broken and require replacing). It was felt that these might be replaced ahead of the jubilee celebrations.

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In addition, an insurance payment of £450 was received, resulting from the road traffic incident in October 2020, for the replacement of the concrete trough and contents alongside the meadows, which was damaged beyond repair.

It was agreed to proceed with replacement troughs and hanging baskets for the bus shelter and the trough plus plants for the High Street. **Clerk**

22/077 Reports on:

a. Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust

A meeting was held on 5 May. Simon Carter has replaced Councillor Barnes as Chairman and there is a new Treasurer. Councillor Barnes is still currently a trustee but may become a liaison point with the Parish Council.

There has been an enquiry from a parishioner about becoming a trustee.

b. Website/IT

Councillor Barnes had nothing to report.

The web site to be updated with the changes to Chairman and Vice-chairman. **NB**

c. Allotment Society.

Councillor Robertson reported that he was unable to attend the AGM due to ill health.

The plots have been rearranged to increase the number which has resulted in some people on the waiting list obtaining a plot.

d. Recreation Ground

No report was received from FoSRG.

e. Neighbourhood Action Group

The next meeting is scheduled for 18th May. Councillor Spring will raise:

- i. the issue with cars passing through a red light at school run times
- ii. the incident that occurred with a car travelling along Rectory Road having to take action to avoid a vehicle exiting the Golf Club.

f. St. Mary's Church

Councillor Spring reported that:

- i. John Rogers is now the only churchwarden.
- ii. There is a concert on Sunday 15th May at 4pm.
- iii. There is a vehicle permanently parked in Church Lane again. Councillor Smith to inform the owner that parking is not allowed in the lane. **CS**

g. Traffic and Highways

Councillor Jubb reported that the vehicle activated speed sign for Wallingford Road was in the WBC Highways programme for last year. As we have had no reports of speeding along this road for a while, Councillor Jubb will contact WBC Highways to ask if this should be put on hold. **MJ**

22/078 Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda)

- i. 12th April. WBC Press Release. New website for West Berkshire businesses goes live.
- ii. 16th April. WBC District Parish Conference. 26 May 2022 18:30-20:00. Via Zoom.

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- iii. 19th April. WBC Press Release West Berkshire businesses receive funding for green recovery and digital growth via the Additional Restrictions Grant Challenge Fund.
- iv. 20th April. Threshold. Event Notification: Race to the Stones – 9th and 10th of July 2022.
- v. 20th April. E. Cox. WBC RoW. Streatley Footpath 21 pathway.
- vi. 21st April. S. Waring. Ecological Concerns RE: Planning Permission 21/01691/HOUSE.
- vii. 22nd April. Berkshire NHS Trust. Latest Your Health ICP newsletter.
- viii. 25th April. WBC Community co-ordinator. Community life connected.
- ix. 26th April. WBC. Survey - Digital Community & Strategic Signposting in West Berkshire.
- x. 26th April. Citizens Advice West Berkshire. Donation request.
- xi. 26th April. WBC. Libraries Review update - April 2022.
- xii. 26th April. WBC Press Release. WBC has funded a new community bus for the Newbury and Thatcham Handybus service.
- xiii. 28th April. North Wessex Downs AONB Newsletter.
- xiv. 28th April. Open Spaces Society. April Update.
- xv. 13th April. T. Brown. Update on discussions with Golf Club.
- xvi. 29th April. Amanda Povey. WBC Consultation and Engagement Officer. Women in Politics webinar.
- xvii. 1st May. Friends of the Ridgeway. Spring Newsletter 2022.
- xviii. 6th May. WBC Press Release. WBC disappointment at Sandford Park appeal decision.

22/079 Items Raised by Councillors

- i. Councillor Jubb enquired about WBC guidance regarding what is/is not allowed for electric car charging points. This could be referenced on the SPC web site. Initially District Councillor Law to be asked who to contact within WBC. **MJ**
- ii. Councillor Spring asked whether the gate used on the leased land is to be reused and whether it could be moved. The gate is too small to replace the damaged gate in the Recreation Ground. It was decided that it would be moved temporarily to the meadows and sold if it cannot be used **Clerk/NB**

22/080 Open Forum

None.

22/081 End of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 13th June 2022 in the Morrell Room at 7:50pm.

The meeting closed at 9:45 pm.

Future meetings: 2nd Monday of the month except August when there are no meetings.