

Yattendon Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Thursday 16th February, 2017 at 7:30pm** in Yattendon Village Hall.

Councillors present: Gordon Robertson (Chair), Anne Harris (Vice-chair), Wendy Mole, Chris Turner and Philip Bickford Smith

In attendance: Sarah Marshman (Clerk) and David Slack (Managing Director, Yattendon Estates).

The meeting started at 7.30pm.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

2 To receive any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

There were none.

3 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

- The people who cut the grass on the verges along the 's' bends on Chapel Lane between the entrances to Church Lane and The Withys have highlighted the high amount of dog fouling that is occurring on these verges. If this continues it is possible they will stop maintaining these verges. Some It will be considered at the next meeting whether to install a dog bin in this location. WM will install some notices in this location.
- Various issues regarding standing water and leaks on the roads were highlighted. The Clerk will report these.
- Solar powered lights have now been installed in the car park.
- The tarmac outside the shop is beginning to break up. The Clerk was requested to report this to West Berkshire Council.

4 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th November, 2016

It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record and they were then signed by the Chairman.

5 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 17th November, 2016

There were none.

6 To receive a report from our District Councillor

Virginia provided the following update by email:

A meeting is being organised with West Berkshire Council to discuss the library service review.

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7 Planning Applications

a) To consider new applications

There had been no new applications since the last meeting.

b) To receive an update on planning applications since the previous meeting

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response	WBC Decision
16/03031 /HOUSE	Hill House, Everington Hill, Yattendon, RG18 0UD	Replacement of garage with double garage and carport.	No objections	Approved

8 To receive an update on meetings with West Berkshire Council to discuss traffic calming measures and the speed limit in the village

A meeting was held on the 14th Dec. WBC will not support a 20mph application. They will, however, reinstate and maintain a 30mph road marking opposite the Old Rectory which will be repainted. WBC had suggested creating a buffer zone by implementing a speed limit of 40mph from the eastern edge of the Village, reducing to 30mph just before the school. This was suggested as they believe a buffer zone is more effective at reducing speed. However, the council believe that the speed limit along this stretch is currently 30mph so were unwilling to consider implementing an increase of the speed limit in this area.

9 To consider actions required in response to an email raising concerns about the safety of pedestrians on Bryants Lane

An email had been received raising concerns about the speed of vehicles emerging from Bryants Lane by the shop and the possibility of an incident involving a pedestrian at this point. The person concerned had also contacted WBC who had advised they were unable to implement a one way system along Bryants Lane and Church Lane.

The parish council had already looked at these issues and this, in conjunction with WBC's response, led them to state that they are restricted by Highways and are therefore unable to take any action regarding this.

10 To consider whether to apply to retain the phone boxes opposite the village hall in Yattendon and in Burnt Hill

BT were holding a consultation to remove two phone boxes within the parish. It is possible for the parish council to adopt them, however, the telephone equipment will be removed from them should they be kept.

It was resolved that the parish council would apply to adopt the green telephone box opposite the Village Hall but did not wish to adopt the modern telephone box in Burnt Hill.

11 To discuss the litter pickers pension

This was discussed.

12 To receive an update on salt bins

WBC had advised that they did not have any salt bins in stock. Once they have received a delivery the salt bin on Everington Lane will be installed. An order has been raised to move the salt bin in Burnt Hill to a more suitable location further along the road, however this has not yet been carried out.

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13 To discuss SID training and arrange dates for the use of the SID

It was agreed that more people were needed to run this. The Clerk was requested to check whether volunteers outside the parish council would be allowed to operate the equipment and would be covered under the council's insurance policy.

14 To discuss the APM

David Slack confirmed he would be able to attend to discuss the Yattendon Estate, he also suggested he contact an advisor to talk about the replanting in Burnt Hill. The Clerk has arranged for a representative of the North Wessex Downs AONB to attend. The Clerk will also contact West Berkshire Brewery and the Frilsham and Yattendon Parochial Charities.

15 To receive the finance report and approve cheques due for payment

It was resolved to make the following payments.

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>
Balance at last meeting 17th November, 2016	£4,847.89	
Litter picker	Litter picking 01/10/16-31/12/16	£125.00
Yattendon Village Hall	Room hire Sep/Nov	£30.00
SLCC	Subscription fees 17/18	£17.38
Heelis & Lodge	Internal audit 2015/16	£86.00
Clerk	Salary & expenses	£398.66
HMRC	PAYE	£54.40
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	£4,847.89	£711.44
 Balance at bank on 16th February, 2017	 <u>£4,136.45</u>	

16 Correspondence

An Electoral Review of West Berkshire: Warding Arrangements is taking place until 3rd April, 2017.

17 Matters for consideration and information

The Clerk is currently working on the new website and hopes to have it working soon.

David Slack provided a short update. The hedges have recently been cut and this will continue in the future. The cricket club has been set up and will be holding league matches on Wednesday evenings in addition to weekend matches.

Meeting closed 9:00pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday 27th April, 2017 at 7:30pm in Yattendon Village Hall

Annual Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 18th May, 2017 at 7:30pm in Yattendon Village Hall

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