

Bishop's Waltham Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Finance, Policy and Resources Committee held in the Ruby Room of the Jubilee Hall, Bishop's Waltham on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 7pm.

Present:

Cllr Homer

Cllr Jones

Chairman of the Committee

Cllr Marsh

Cllr Pavey

Vice Chairman of the Committee

Cllr Stallard

In Attendance:

Mrs H Fisher

Finance Manager

Mrs E McKenzie

Executive Officer

Members of the Public:

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FPR246/24 To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance

Cllr Nicholson – family commitment Cllr Williams – work commitment

Resolved: To accept apologies for non-attendance

Proposed: Cllr Stallard Seconded: Cllr Nicholson

All in favour

FPR247/24 To receive and accept declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on

this agenda

None.

FPR248/24 To receive and accept any personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to

items on this agenda

None.

FPR249/24 Public Session

No members of the public present.

FPR250/24 To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee –

4th March 2025

Resolved: to approve minutes of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee – 4th March 2025

Proposed: Cllr Marsh Seconded: Cllr Stallard

All in favour who were at the meeting of 4th March 2025

FPR251/24 Actions arising from the meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee – 4th March 2025

The Executive Officer provided updates on actions in progress.

FPR252/24 Report from Finance Manager

Noted. It was positively acknowledged that the \$106 funds for the Southern Pathway had been finally received from Winchester City Council after 18 months of awaiting such. Thanks were given

to Cllr Williams for intervening to successfully progress the funding release.

The Finance Manager and Executive Officer were reviewing Financial Regulations to seek a more

efficient approach to the financial checks implemented through Council.

FPR253/24 Finance matters:

i) Payments Schedule

Resolved: to approve the payments tabled to a total amount of £79,055.45

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Proposed: Cllr Pavey Seconded: Cllr Marsh

All in favour

ii) Bank Account Reconciliation Month 11

Resolved: to note the review of the Bank Account Reconciliations Month 11 by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Marsh Seconded: Cllr Pavey

All in favour

iii) Parish Council Balance Sheet

It was noted that the tractor and topper were due for purchase and this was to be progressed by the Halls and Grounds Committee.

Resolved: to note the Parish Council Balance Sheet

Proposed: Cllr Stallard Seconded: Cllr Homer

All in favour

iv) Income and Expenditure Forecast

Resolved: to note the Income and Expenditure Forecast

Proposed: Cllr Stallard Seconded: Cllr Marsh

All in favour

v) Ear Marked Reserves

Noted.

FPR254/24 Capital Control Report

Noted.

FPR255/24 Policy Review Update

Cllr Jones, Cllr Pavey and Cllr Stallard provided updates on the progress of the HR policies review currently being undertaken. A working group meeting was scheduled for 10.4.25.

FPR256/24 Draft Safeguarding Policy

The draft policy tabled was given careful consideration. The benefit of DBS checks was discussed and an action created to investigate costs for such.

Resolved: to adopt the draft Safeguarding Policy tabled with minor amends, to circulate policy to all staff and Councillors and to ensure actions followed by review in 6 months' time

Proposed: Cllr Homer Seconded: Cllr Stallard

All in favour

ACTION: To investigate costs and requirements for DBS checks ACTION: Executive Officer

FPR257/24 Cyber Security – Paper from Cllr Stallard

The paper was presented by Cllr Stallard and duly considered.

Resolved: To appoint a working group of Cllr Stallard, Executive Officer, Finance Manager and any other interested BW Parish Councillor, to recommend cyber security actions to Committee

Proposed: Cllr Jones Seconded: Cllr Marsh

All in favour

FPR258/24 Requests for future agenda items

Policies Update

Cyber Security Update

DBS quotations

Potential costs of taking on devolved services

ACTION! Working Group

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Date of next meeting - Tuesday 6th May 2025 - Noted. FPR259/24

FPR260/24 Motion for confidential business: The Chairman then moved:

> That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

Debtors' List - Noted as all in hand. FPR261/24

The Finance Manager explained that all but one debtor had settled their accounts to 1.4.25.

FPR262/24 **Well House**

An update was provided highlighting progression in the project.

Quotations for Military Band for VE Day 80 Event FPR263/24

> The recommendation from the Community and Environment Committee was considered favourably for community benefit.

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council the services of the DDRK Oompah Band at a cost of

£1,100.00 for the Parish Council's VE day 80 event on 8.5.25

Chairman's Proposal

ACTION: Executive Officer All in favour.

FPR264/24 Bishop's Waltham Rotary Family Fun Day Draft Licence and Fee

The recommendation from the Halls and Grounds Committee was duly presented.

Resolved: To approve the draft licence agreement for the usage of Hoe Road Recreation Ground for Bishop's Waltham Rotary Family Fun Day on Saturday 14th June 2025 at a licence fee of £583.20, including VAT.

Chairman's Proposal

All in favour. **ACTION: Committees Officer**

FPR265/24 Dynamos Football Tournament Draft Licence and Fee

The recommendation from the Halls and Grounds Committee was considered.

Resolved: To approve the draft licence agreement for the usage of the Priory Park Football Pitches and Clubhouse by Dynamos Football Club for their Football Tournament even being held on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May 2025 at a licence fee of £587.03, including VAT.

Chairman's Proposal

All in favour. **ACTION: Committees Officer**

Memorial Bench List – Update to Policy Appendix FPR266/24

> Resolved: To approve the adoption of the tabled additions to the Parish Council's Memorial Tree and Bench Policy.

Chairman's Proposal.

All in favour.

ACTION: To update Policy accordingly and upload to website

ACTION: Executive Officer

FPR267/24 Proposal for Half day Halls Hire Rate

The recommendation from the Halls and Grounds Committee was carefully considered.

Resolved: To approve the introduction of a Half Day Hire rate (8 hours of hire) for the Jubilee Hall (Gold Room, Ruby Room and Kitchen) at a price of £217.50, including VAT, and Priory Park Clubhouse (Main Hall and Kitchen) at a price of £150.00, including VAT.

Chairman's Proposal

All in favour.

ACTION: To update website and advertise via social media/news article

ACTION: Marketing, Communications and Events Manager

Quotations for Trade and Recycling Waste Services at the Jubilee Hall and Priory Park FPR268/24

The Committee duly noted the paper presented. The Finance Manager was thanked for her keen

financial scrutiny in managing this matter.

Resolved: To ratify the appointment of Veolia UK Ltd to provide trade and recycling waste services at the Jubilee Hall and Priory Park Clubhouse, at an annual cost of £1,282.20, excluding VAT.

Chairman's Proposal

All in favour

FPR269/24 Purchase of Replacement Flow Plate Cartridges for Hoe Road Recreation Ground

An update was provided on this purchase as the originally selected provider no longer supplied the item so an alternative was sought, agreed and the delivery fee waived.

Resolved: To ratify the purchase of 55 cartridges for the directional ramps at Hoe Road Recreation Ground from Flowplates Ltd at a cost of £1,925.00, excluding VAT.

Chairman's Proposal All in favour, 1 abstention

FPR270/24 Southern Pathway Remedial Works Quotations

It was clarified that this agenda item related to a section of pathway which was not the Southern Pathway Project but that of a new pathway linking the Priory Park overflow car park to the Skate Zone.

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council that Infinity Playgrounds Ltd be appointed to install two areas of permeable surfacing at the pathway leading from the Priory Park overflow car park to the Skate Zone at a cost of £7,126.09, excluding VAT, to be taken from CIL Funding.

Proposed: Cllr Jones Seconded: Cllr Pavey

All in favour

ACTION: Executive Officer

ACTION: Executive Officer

ACTION: Estates Manager

FPR271/24 Quotations for Churchill Avenue Play Area Replacement Gates

This was noted as an unbudgeted request for spending and the Committee would be encouraged to think carefully about planning ahead in September budget setting time for maintenance items. Resolved: To recommend to Full Council that Infinity Playgrounds Ltd be appointed to supply and install three replacement gates at the Churchill Avenue play area at a cost of £6,725.00, excluding VAT, to be taken from CIL Funding.

Proposed: Cllr Jones Seconded: Cllr Marsh

All in favour ACTION: Executive Officer

FPR272/24 Quotations for Fencing at Albany Road Allotments

The quotations and project aim were carefully considered. The contractors would be required to join our approved contractors list. A discount was requested to be applied for.

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council that D Mooney Fencing Ltd be appointed to supply and install the fencing as tabled at the lower section of the Albany Road allotments at a cost of £3,800.00, excluding VAT, with the gates to be purchased by the Parish Council from First Fence Ltd at a cost of £2,487.15

Proposed: Clir Jones Seconded: Clir Stallard

All in favour

ACTION: Check for option for discount

ACTION: Executive Officer

ACTION: Estates Manager

ACTION: Estates Manager

FPR273/24 Quotations for Change of Payment Processor for Jubilee Hall Car Park Ticket Machines Resolved: (for approval at Full Council)

- To approve the action to give the required 3 month notice to Network Merchants (NMI) of the termination of the contract for the processing of card payment transactions for the Jubilee Hall car park
- ii) To update the two Jubilee Hall car park ticket machines to hardware that will support the migration to Windcave for the processing of car payment transactions at a cost of £800, excluding VAT, (with ongoing associated fees of 14p per transaction processed).

Proposed: Cllr Pavey Seconded: Cllr Marsh

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All in favour ACTION: Executive Officer

FPR274/24 Montague Road Land Lease - Update

A query was raised on the specific mapping for this agenda item so the matter was deferred to the next meeting in order for this to be clarified.

FPR275/24 Meon Valley Bowls Club Lease – Draft and Update

Resolved: To approve the draft lease tabled and await a response from the MVBC before

progressing it.

Proposed: Cllr Jones Seconded: Cllr Pavey

All in favour

FPR276/24 Staffing Matters

i) Salaries Review 2025/26

Resolved: To refer to Full Council for approval the salaries review as tabled, with minor amendments, and increases to national insurance contributions and pensions acknowledged, for implementation from 1st April 2025.

Proposed: Cllr Jones Seconded: Cllr Marsh

All in favour ACTION: Executive Officer

ii) Appraisals 2025

Resolved: To adopt the updated Appraisal Policy as tabled, with minor amendments.

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Marsh

All in favour

ACTION: To circulate updated policy to all staff

ACTION: Executive Officer

iii) Consultancy for HR Policies Review

It was agreed that a professional HR consultant should review the key HR policies and Employment Contract once the working group had completed the initial review and update of such. The budget line set for such was noted.

Resolved: To appoint Kate Underwood HR Services for review of HR policies and Employment

Contract at an initial cost of £440, excluding VAT.

Proposed: Cllr Jones Seconded: Cllr Stallard

All in favour

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9:18pm.

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