



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on Monday 2nd October 2023 in the Wilkins Centre, Compton. Commencing at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Dave Aldis, Chair
Councillor Rebecca Pinfold, Deputy Chair
Councillor Stephen Dearn
Councillor Linda Moss
Councillor Alison Strong
Councillor Sharon Tiller
Councillor Ian Tong

Members Absent: Councillor Jude Cunningham

Officers Present: Sarah Marshman, Clerk/RFO

In Attendance: District Councillor Carolyne Culver
0 Members of the Public

Minutes

- 23/102 To receive, and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence from Members of the Council**
Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Jude Cunningham.
- 23/103 To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests or Non-Registerable Interests and to consider any requests for dispensation from Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 23/104 To receive:**
Questions or comments from members of the public regarding items on the agenda
Representations from any member who has declared an Other Registerable Interest or a Non-Registerable Interest
There were no questions, comments or representations.

23/105 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4th September 2023
Resolved: Members agreed the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record.
The Chair signed the minutes.

23/106 To discuss any matters arising from the previous meeting
There were no matters arising.

23/107 To receive a report from the District Councillor
The District Councillor gave an update on current activities at West Berkshire Council. The council is currently trying to find ways to save money due to a deficit for this year.

23/108 To review the minutes and recommendations from the following committees:

Committee	Date	Minute Numbers	Recommendations to Full Council
Planning	18/09/23	PLN23-001 to 007	
Personnel	None		

23/109 To receive an update and review recommendations from the following working parties:
Street lighting – there will be no CIL funding available from West Berkshire Council this year so the Clerk will seek a quote to only replace the lights that are currently out.
Sports Pavilion – CCB recently carried out a survey of the facility and will provide a report shortly.

23/110 Planning Applications:

23/110.1 To consider the following new planning applications:
There were no new planning applications.

23/110.2 To consider whether to request the District Councillor calls in any planning applications to the Western Area Planning Committee
There were no applications requiring call in.

23/110.3 To consider whether to refer any planning applications for further response from the Council's planning consultants
There were no applications requiring referral.

23/110.4 To receive a report on recent planning decisions taken by West Berkshire Council

- 23/02077/AGRIC Church Farm, Aldworth Road, Compton - Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: New agricultural storage building. Full application required.

23/111 Finance:

23/111.1 To consider approving the payments listed on the Finance Report
Resolved: To approve the payments listed in the Finance Report in Appendix 1.

23/111.2 To note the most recent Bank Reconciliation
Resolved: To note the bank reconciliation figures as provided in the Finance Report in Appendix 1.

- 23/111.3 To receive any reports from the Internal Controller**
The Internal Controller is still to review the accounts for this financial year.
- 23/112 To consider a response to the consultation on the West Berkshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan**
This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- 23/113 To review the Training and Development Policy and to review Councillor training needs**
Resolved: To continue with the current policy.
- 23/114 To consider appointing a Planning Working Party to review planning documentation when it is received and make recommendations for referral to Planning Consultants and to Full Council**
Resolved: For the members of the Planning Committee to work as a working party to review each application as it arrives and let the Clerk know whether they think it needs referring so the Clerk can make the delegated decision on whether to engage a Planning Consultant.
- 23/115 To review grant requests**
Resolved: To provide a grant to Compton Rainbows of £150.
- 23/116 To consider advertising rates for Compilations for 2024**
Resolved: To increase the cost of a full-page advert by £1 to £31 per issue.
- 23/117 To consider obtaining a skip for clearance at the Pavilion**
Resolved: To obtain a 6-yard slip through Collard once a date has been arranged to carry out the clearance work.
- 23/118 To consider the purchase of lamppost poppies**
Resolved: To purchase 20 lamppost poppies at a cost of £100.
- 23/119 To consider the usage of Plot 1 at Newbury Lane allotments and/or the clearance of other unused plots**
Resolved: To keep plot 1 as an allotment plot with the intention to fence it off from the adjacent properties.
- 23/120 To consider the costs of bramble clearance at School Road allotments**
Resolved: To accept a quote from Almond Arborists for £265.
- 23/121 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**
A pit bike was recently confiscated by the Police.

23/122 To receive reports on the following:

Downland Practice Patient Participation Group – The Compton surgery dispensary is closed temporarily for a refit.

23/123 To discuss matters for future consideration and for information

An application for hedging plants from Greenham trust was successful. These will be planted to replace the Newbury Lane hedging. The Clerk will obtain a quote for this work.

The Pang Valley Flood Protection Exhibition takes place on Saturday 4th November 1 pm - 6 pm at Hampstead Norreys Village Hall.

The Clerk is still following up on an invoice from West Berkshire Council from July which charges for emptying waste bins during the period where the service was not delivered. The council confirmed this invoice should not be paid until WBC provides a discount for the period during which the service was not provided.

The Clerk has contacted West Berkshire Council and Everyone Active but the representatives are unable to attend a council meeting. The Clerk will request an online meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:40 pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

Full Council Meeting: Monday 6th November 2023 at 7 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 1: Finance Report

Status at last bank reconciliation 31st August 2023

Account	Amount
Unity Trust Current Account	£19,692.52
Unity Trust Savings Account	£96,489.12
Lloyds Multipay Corporate Card	-£24.72
Total	£116,156.92

Income received 29th August - 22nd September 2023

Account	Income Detail	Amount
Current	Compilations advertising	£50.00
Current	Allotment/grazing land rent	£92.00
Current	Pitch/pavilion hire	£100.00
Total		£242.00

Payments made on Lloyds Corporate Card to be approved

Method	Date	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
CC	25-Aug-23	Microsoft	Software	£12.36
CC	03-Sep-23	Lloyds	Monthly card fee	£3.00
CC	08-Sep-23	Microsoft	Software	£12.36
CC	11-Sep-23	Amazon	Floor mats for pavilion	£30.98
CC	22-Sep-23	The Poppy Shop	Remembrance wreaths	£62.98
Total				£121.68

Payments from Unity Trust Current Account to be approved

Method	Date	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
DD	30-Aug-23	Castle Water	Pavilion water	£5.00
DD	20-Sep-23	Vodafone	Phone	£26.20
DD	21-Sep-23	Southern Electric	Street light electricity Aug	£127.35
DD	22-Sep-23	Southern Electric	Pavilion electricity	£619.16
BACS	22-Sep-23	Triangle Management	Refuse disposal	£136.80
BACS	22-Sep-23	Zurich	Insurance 23/24	£1,057.81
BACS	22-Sep-23	Rostrons Pest Control	Treat wasp nest	£60.00
BACS	22-Sep-23	Thrings LLP	Planning advice	£1,800.00
BACS	02-Oct-23	Royal British Legion	Donation	£100.00
BACS	06-Oct-23	Staff Costs	Staff Costs Sep	£1,756.05
Total				£5,688.37

Transfers

Method	Date	From Account	To Account	Amount
DD	20-Sep-23	Unity Current	Lloyds Corporate Card	£27.72
Total				£27.72

