



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on Monday 13th January 2025 in the Wilkins Centre, Compton. Commencing at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Dave Aldis, Chair
Councillor Rebecca Pinfold, Deputy Chair
Councillor Jude Cunningham
Councillor Linda Moss
Councillor Sharon Tiller
Councillor Ian Tong

Members Absent: Councillor Alison Strong

Officers Present: Sarah Marshman, Clerk/RFO

In Attendance: 0 Members of the Public

Minutes

- 24/136 To receive, and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence from Members of the Council**
Resolved: To accept apologies from Councillor Alison Strong for the reasons provided to the council.
It was noted that Stephen Dearnis had resigned from the council since the last meeting. Having advertised the vacancy, the council has been advised it can co-opt.
- 24/137 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 or requests for dispensation.
- 24/138 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.

24/139 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 2nd December 2024
Resolved: Members agreed the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record. The Chair signed the minutes.

24/140 To discuss any matters arising from the previous meeting
There were no matters arising.

24/141 To receive a report from the District Councillor
The District Councillor sent her apologies.

24/142 To review the minutes and recommendations from the following committees:

Committee	Date	Minute Numbers	Recommendations to Full Council
Planning	19/12/2024	PLN24/008-PLN24-012	None
Personnel	None		

24/143 To receive an update and review recommendations from the following working parties:
Burial Ground – The solicitors are still working on land transfer.

24/144 Planning Applications:

24/144.1 To consider the following new planning applications:
There were no new planning applications.

24/144.2 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.

24/144.3 To consider whether to refer any planning applications for further response from the Council's planning consultants
There were no applications requiring referral.

24/144.4 To receive a report on recent planning decisions taken by West Berkshire Council
No new planning decisions have been reported since the last meeting.

24/145 Finance:

24/145.1 To consider approving the payments listed on the Finance Report
Resolved: To approve the payments listed in the Finance Report in Appendix 1.

24/145.2 To note the most recent Bank Reconciliation
Resolved: To note the bank reconciliation figures as provided in the Finance Report in Appendix 1.

24/145.3 To receive any reports from the Internal Controller
The Internal Controller has inspected the accounts to the end of May 2024.

- 24/145.4 To note the Quarterly Budget Report**
The quarterly budget report to 31st December 2024 was noted.
- 24/146 To consider grant requests**
Resolved: To provide a grant of £100 to the Pang Valley Flood Forum towards data collection costs and assistance of the parish.
- 24/147 To consider accepting a grant to install a bus shelter at the bus stop near The Swan**
Resolved: To accept the grant and install a bus shelter at the bus stop in the High Street near The Swan. The Clerk will contact the adjacent homeowner.
- 24/148 To consider a response to the consultation by West Berkshire Council on the Proposed Main Modifications to the West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2022-2039**
Resolved: Not to submit a response to the consultation.
- 24/149 To consider quotes to replace footway lighting with LED**
Resolved: To accept a quote from Volker Highways £12,774.73 on 1st April. The council will include a 5% contingency in the event prices may increase by 1st April. If prices increase by a greater amount, the council will consider revised quotes.
- 24/150 To consider the budget and set the precept for 2025/26**
Resolved: To adopt the budget and set the precept at £84,403.
This will result in a Band D household paying £120.72 per year, an increase of £21.74, or 22%.
- 24/151 To consider carrying out a housing survey through CCB**
Resolved: To carry out a housing survey of the parish through the CCB.
- 24/152 To review the NALC anti-terror checklist**
Councillor Tong will review the checklist and report to the council.
- 24/153 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**
There were no reports.
- 24/154 To receive reports on the following:**
There were no reports.
- 24/155 To discuss matters for future consideration or information**
West Berkshire Museum will be holding an exhibition about Compton. The Parish Council has agreed to its request to use some documentation held in The Royal Berkshire Archives on behalf of the Council.

The Council discussed the possibility of holding a display for VE/VJ Day, particularly relating to the village and the railways' involvement.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:58 pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

Full Council: Monday 3rd February 2025 at 7 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 1: Finance Report

Status at last bank reconciliation 31st December 2024	
Account	Amount
Unity Trust Current Account	£10,360.01
Unity Trust Savings Account	£79,761.43
Lloyds Multipay Corporate Card	-£71.99
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund	£25,000.00
Total	£115,049.45

Income received 28th October 2024 - 5th January 2025		
Account	Income Detail	Amount
Current	Compilations advertising	£1,417.00
Current	Compilations contributions	£207.00
Current	Interest from CCLA account	£304.51
Current	Allotment rent	£15.00
Savings	Interest from Unity account	£449.94
Total		£2,393.45

Payments made on Lloyds Corporate Card to be approved				
Method	Date	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
CC	05-Oct-24	Microsoft	Microsoft Sep	£12.36
CC	02-Dec-24	Lloyds Bank	Card fees	£3.00
CC	06-Dec-24	Amazon	Christmas Star	£58.78
CC	07-Dec-24	Microsoft	Microsoft Dec	£12.36
CC	13-Dec-24	Royal Mail	Postage	£0.85
CC	02-Jan-25	Lloyds Bank	Card fees	£3.00
				£90.35

Payments from Unity Trust Current Account to be approved				
Method	Date	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
DD	26-Nov-24	SSE Energy Solutions	Lighting electricity	£650.78
BACS	30-Nov-24	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges	£6.00
BACS	09-Dec-24	SLCC Enterprises	Training - Practitioners' Conference	£258.78
BACS	09-Dec-24	Tactical Facilities Management	Refuse disposal Nov	£231.22
BACS	09-Dec-24	Gardner Leader	Legal fees for burial ground land transfer	£990.00
DD	18-Dec-24	Vodafone	Phone	£26.20
DD	18-Dec-24	Castle Water	Water at Newbury Lane Allotments	£23.41
DD	18-Dec-24	Castle Water	Water at Sports Pavilion	£8.86

BACS	20-Dec-24	Tactical Facilities Management	Refuse disposal Oct	£289.02
BACS	20-Dec-24	Tactical Facilities Management	Refuse disposal Dec	£289.02
BACS	20-Dec-24	SLCC	Membership 25/26	£156.35
BACS	20-Dec-24	West Berkshire Council	Compilation Dec	£492.00
BACS	20-Dec-24	AD Clark	Pitch Cut	£150.20
DD	27-Dec-24	SSE Energy Solutions	Electricity at Sports Pavilion	£1,312.51
DD	27-Dec-24	SSE Energy Solutions	Lighting electricity	£629.79
DD	31-Dec-24	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges	£6.00
BACS	06-Jan-25	Staff Costs	Staff costs Dec	£2,058.98
BACS	13-Jan-25	Starboard Systems Limited	Scribe Allotments Software	£417.60
Total				£7,996.72

Transfers				
Method	Date	From Account	To Account	Amount
DD	16-Nov-24	Unity Current	Lloyds	£260.81
Total				£260.81