West Ilsley Parish Council

Full Council Meeting

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in West Ilsley Village Hall on Tuesday 12th November 2024. Commencing at 7:30 pm.

Members Present:	Councillor Graham Woods (GW) – Chair Councillor Tim Pearey (TP) – Deputy Chair Councillor Alan Bloor (APB) Councillor Katy Morris (KM) Councillor Rachel Hudson (RH) Councillor Jonny Rayfield (JR)
Members Absent:	None
Officers Present:	Sarah Marshman, Clerk/RFO
In Attendance:	Carolyne Culver, District Councillor 7 Members of the Public

Minutes

24/047 To receive, and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence from Members of the Council
All Members were present so there were no apologies.

24/048 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 interests or requests for dispensation.

24/049 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 Non-Registerable Interest
There were no questions, comments, or representations.

24/050 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th September 2024
Resolved: Members agreed that the minutes of the last meeting should be accepted as a true record. The Chair signed the minutes.

24/051 To discuss any matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

The request for a resident only parking bay was declined by West Berkshire Council.

A tree by the Recreation Ground needs felling. GW will apply for permission to remove it. Action: GW

JR will remove the rugby posts from the damaged goal. Action: JR

24/052 To receive a report from the District Councillor

West Berkshire Council has provided an explanation as to why a weight limit on vehicles using Bury Lane is not possible.

A budget consultation is taking place.

Current groundwater levels are about 56%. When it reaches 60%, a flood alert is issued so flooding is very likely this winter.

24/053 To consider the following planning application and receive an update on planning application responses and decisions

West Ilsley Parish Council has not responded to any planning applications using delegated powers since the previous meeting.

West Berkshire District Council has confirmed the following decisions since the previous meeting:

- 23/02481/FULMAJ & 23/02483/LBC Hodcott Buildings, West Ilsley Stables, West Ilsley - Redevelopment of Hodcott Buildings to allow the repair, restoration, extension to, and change of use of the Grade II listed threshing barn to residential use; the re-building of the former cottages to provide ancillary accommodation; associated building operations and landscaping. Approved

24/054 Finance:

To consider approving the payments listed on the Finance Report

Resolved: To approve the payments listed on the Finance Report in Appendix 1.

To note the most recent bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation to 31st October 2024 was noted as shown in the Finance Report in Appendix 1.

To receive any reports from the Internal Controller

The Internal Controller has reviewed the accounts to the end of September 2024.

To receive the most recent Quarterly Budget Report

The quarterly budget report to 30th September 2024 was reviewed.

24/055 To consider changing email provider and to review village communications

Resolved: To ratify the changes made which will cost an additional £3 per month.

The council wished to record its thanks to Graham and Andrea.

24/056 To consider any actions required related to potential groundwater flooding

Resolved: A village meeting will be organised on 24th November. If any actions for the council arise from this, a council meeting will be arranged.

24/057 To consider a request to purchase a Ridan composting machine for village use

The Clerk will set up a survey to find out if the village would use this facility. Action: Clerk

24/058 To consider assembling a team of volunteers to carry out tidying work at the pond

Resolved: TP will arrange a volunteer morning. Action: TP

24/059 To consider quotes for repairs in the play area

Resolved: To accept a quote from CJM Services for £1,290+VAT. Action: Clerk

24/060 To consider making an application for Members' Bid funding from West Berkshire Council

The Clerk will inquire as to whether the composter would apply. Action: Clerk

24/061 To consider a response to the Government consultation on 'Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings'

Resolved: For the Clerk to submit a response based on the members' responses to the questions in the survey. Action: Clerk

24/062 To consider a response to West Berkshire Council's budget consultation

Resolved: Not to submit a response. The Clerk was requested to send information on the consultation to the WIN. Action: Clerk

24/063 To consider whether to investigate taking on additional services offered by West Berkshire Council

Resolved: Not to investigate taking on any of the services offered.

24/064 To consider the following requests for funding:

- **West Berkshire Libraries**
- **West Berkshire Heritage Forum**

Resolved: To make a donation of £130 to West Berkshire Libraries. Action: Clerk

24/065 To review the Reserves Policy and agree earmarked reserves

Resolved: To continue with the Reserves Policy and to update the earmarked reserves to the current amounts given below: Action: Clerk

Village Hall	£11,849.34
Play area	£5,475.00
War Memorial	£2,000.00
Gazebo	£4,000.00
Pond/Flood Mitigation works	£3,310.00
Total	**£26,634.34**

24/066 To consider the budget and set the precept for 2025/2026

Resolved: To increase the precept by £300 to £11,000 and, following some minor amendments, to adopt the budget. — Action: Clerk

24/067 To receive an update on the Village Hall

An update was given following a successful fireworks night. Applications for funding for solar panels and an EV charging point have been made.

24/068 To receive an update on speeding

The SID will continue to be moved around the village. There has been no significant change to the stats.

The Clerk will contact the District Councillor to inquire whether the corners on the junction of Bury Lane and Main Street could be built out to make a right-angled junction which would force traffic to turn at slower speed. — Action: Clerk

24/069 To discuss matters for future consideration or for information

The Clerk will contact West Berkshire Council for an update on the maintenance of the pond near Keepers Stables.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:17 pm.

Dates of forthcoming meetings:
Full Council: Tuesday 4th February, Tuesday 20th May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting)

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Appendix 1: Finance Report

Status at last bank reconciliation 31st October 2024	
Account	**Amount**
Lloyds Current	£15,361.81
Lloyds Savings	£31,651.83
Total	**£47,013.64**

Income	Amount
Precept	£5,350.00
Interest	£52.83
Total	**£5,402.83**

Payments to be approved			
Payment Date	**Payee**	**Payment Detail**	**Amount**
16-Sep-24	Hugo Fox	Website hosting	£11.99
23-Sep-24	Staff Costs	Staff costs Sep	£371.88
11-Oct-24	Just Host Me	Email hosting	£71.86
15-Oct-24	Hugo Fox	Website hosting	£11.99
24-Oct-24	Staff Costs	Staff costs Oct	£371.88
24-Oct-24	CCB	Membership	£42.00
24-Oct-24	Just Host Me	Email hosting upgrade	£79.74
		Total	**£961.34**