

**Wokingham Without Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 20th January 2022**

In the car park at the St Sebastian's Memorial Hall, Nine Mile Ride (*due to the cold weather conditions, a decision was made to conduct this meeting, socially distanced, inside the Howard Palmer room with the doors and windows open*)

Commencing 12:00pm and concluding at 12:09pm

Present: Councillors J Cannon, R Fenny, L Foxwell, P Jordan, A Plume, J Rogers, S Turtle and C Lancaster. Katy Hughes - Clerk, Sharon Way – Assistant Clerk.
Apologies: Councillors K Newland and N Martin

21/154 WELCOME

Cllr Plume welcomed members to the meeting.

21/155 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs K Newland and N Martin.

21/156 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Jordan declared an interest in the discussion on Pinewood rent and services charges for the 2022/23 budget, in her capacity as a tenant of the site.

21/157 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Following a proposal from Cllr Rogers and seconded by Cllr Turtle it was:

APPROVED: Minutes of Monday 6th December were AGREED

21/158 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

21/159 BYWAY 28

Following a proposal from Cllr Rogers and seconded by Cllr Cannon it was:

APPROVED: The minor amendment to the decision paper for works to Byway 28 as given in appendix 10 of the agenda to the meeting of 10th January was AGREED.

21/160 BUDGET 2022-23

Following a proposal from Cllr Turtle and seconded by Cllr Foxwell it was:

APPROVED: The proposal that capital expenditure for the 2022-23 financial year will be met from CIL and that this program will comprise the Pinewood Hall refurbishment, the Memorial Hall car park expansion and the completion of the Byway 28 works was AGREED

Following a proposal from Cllr Rogers and seconded by Cllr Turtle it was:

APPROVED: The proposal for the creation of a Health, Safety and Security earmarked reserve of £10,000 in the current financial year was AGREED

Following a proposal from Cllr Turtle and seconded by Cllr Cannon it was:

APPROVED: (a) Hall lettings charges to be increased by 5%, and (b) Hall hire charges for the Howard Palmer room to be set at 2/3 of the main hall rate was AGREED.

Following a proposal from Cllr Cannon and seconded by Cllr Rogers it was:

APPROVED: Pinewood rent to be increased by 4% was AGREED. Cllr P Jordan abstained.

Following a proposal from Cllr Turtle and seconded by Cllr Cannon it was:

APPROVED: Pinewood service charges to be increased by 5% was AGREED. Cllr P Jordan abstained.

Following a proposal from Cllr Turtle and seconded by Cllr Foxwell it was:

APPROVED: Earmarked reserves to be increased by £5000 each for the Pinewood car park fund and play equipment provision was AGREED.

Following a proposal from Cllr Jordan and seconded by Cllr Foxwell it was:

APPROVED: To increase the precept for 2022-23 by 4% from £66.27 TO £68.92 for a band D dwelling was AGREED.

21/161 PLANNING

Following a proposal from Cllr Fenny and seconded by Cllr Lancaster it was:

APPROVED: Comments to be submitted for the consultation on the Local Plan Update were AGREED

21/162 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Following a proposal from Cllr Foxwell and seconded by Cllr Rogers it was:

APPROVED: The financial information as described in appendices 14A, 14B(i), 14B(ii), 14C and 14D of the agenda to the meeting of 10th January was AGREED

21/163 APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE TO THE WALTER RECREATIONAL GROUND TRUST

Following a proposal from Cllr Cannon and seconded by Cllr Lancaster it was:

APPROVED: Appointment of Cllr Turtle as a trustee to the Walter Recreational Ground Trust was AGREED

21/164 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2022

21/165 MEETING CLOSED AT 12:09 PM

Signed:

Date: 7th February 2022