

Wokingham Town Council

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Dear Councillor

Tuesday, 23 May 2023

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** to be held in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Wokingham** at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 30th May 2023** for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the subjects and matters set out in the agenda below.

Yours sincerely

K Hughes Town Clerk

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AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive any declaration of interests from members on the business about to be transacted.

3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC

The Chairman to answer questions raised by members of the council or public.

This is an opportunity for the people of Wokingham to ask questions of, and make comments to, the Town Council. Members of the public are requested to restrict their questions and comments to three minutes. Questions which are not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question. To ensure an informed response, please send your questions to the Town Clerk at least three working days prior to the meeting.

4 AMENITIES COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

To receive the Amenities Officer's report 01/2023-24, dated 22nd May 2023, providing an overview of the Amenities Committee (copy attached).

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To receive and resolve the minutes of the proceedings at the meeting of this committee held on:

- a) 23rd February 2023 (pages 16695 to 16698, copy attached) as a true and correct record.
- b) 03rd May 2023 (page 16736, copy attached) as a true and correct record.

6 COMMITTEE BUDGET

To receive the Committee's budget, as of 30th April 2023, dated 15th May 2023 (copy attached).

7 GRAFFITI UPDATE

- a) To receive an update from Cllr Lack regarding graffiti removal (photo report attached).
- b) To note that commercial graffiti removal was completed on 27th April 2023 (photo report attached).

8 ALLOTMENTS

To receive:

- a) the Allotment Officer's Briefing Notes May 2023, dated 12th May 2023 (copy attached).
- b) A copy of the Town Clerk's letter, dated 23rd March 2023, as sent to relevant Ormonde Road and Latimer Road allotment tenants, regarding the Tan House Lane rail bridge replacement (copy attached).

9 MONITORING REPORT

To receive and consider the monitoring report dated 23rd May 2023 (copy attached).

10 AMENITIES COMMITTEE INFORMATION

To receive information raised by members for possible inclusion on a subsequent Amenities Committee agenda:

- a) WTC's contribution to the "Big Tidy Up", community litter pick event, was successfully held on Sunday 26th March.
- b) The lighting on the western side of Market Place was repaired by SSE on 15th April 2023. With subsequent remedial works undertaken by Volker Highways. This had been an issue since September 2022 when the issue was notified to SSE via WBC.
- c) A public engagement was held at Viking Field on 20th May 2023, regarding the Bloom initiative to create an orchard on site. The response was largely positive.
- d) World Refill Day will be held on Friday 16th June 2023.
- e) Investigations into potential uses for Langborough Recreation Ground (LRG) changing rooms are continuing. A basic asbestos survey (no asbestos at this level), and five-yearly fixed wiring inspection (building considered "unsatisfactory"), have taken place. Minimal remedial works to make safe, taking place.
- f) The new trampoline for Elms Field is expected to be installed, in its relocated position, before the school summer holidays, with the existing trampoline removed and site made good. Dates TBC.
- g) The 2023 E-bike event will be held on Saturday 1st July, in WBC's Shute End car park, Cllr support on the day would be welcomed, 10 am 2pm.
- h) To note that spending priorities, for financial year 2024-2025, need to be brought forward for consideration at the July meeting, and resolved at the September meeting.

11 MATTERS TO PUBLICISE VIA SOCIAL MEDIA FROM THIS EVENING'S MEETING

To receive and consider a verbal report from the Chairman.

Amenities Committee: To be confirmed Copy: To be confirmed

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Amenities Officer's Report 01/2023-24

То:	Amenities Committee – 30th May 2023 meeting
Date:	22nd May 2023
Subject:	Amenities Committee Overview

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1. To inform Councillors (Cllrs), and provide some background information, about the meetings and work of the Amenities Committee.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO MEETINGS

- 2.1. Wokingham Town Council (WTC) meetings are structured around several requirements and specific documents.
- 2.2. <u>Agenda</u> this belongs to the Town Clerk, and the Amenities Officer (AO) works with the Chairman of the committee to bring topics to the meeting.
- The agenda is a summons from the Town Clerk, for Cllrs to attend the meeting in person.
- Committee meetings are held in person, not online.
- The agenda, with its backing papers, will be sent to Cllrs three clear working days before the meeting. Working days would exclude the day of issue, the day of the meeting, Sundays, bank holidays and days of official national mourning.
- 2.3. <u>Backing Papers</u> These are the reports and/or any supporting evidence/information to be provided to Cllrs, for them to read and consider before attending the meeting and discussing.
- Written reports are provided to ensure that Cllrs have three clear days to read and consider the information provided, and so can form questions or opinions for the meeting.
- Following consideration and discussion Cllrs will decide on a course of action.
- 2.4. <u>Discussion</u> This is generally led by the Chairman of the meeting, or by the Cllr making the proposal.
- The Chairman will ensure that all those who wish to speak have had the opportunity.
- Following a discussion, the Chairman will either move to a vote, propose a deferral if it's required, or else move to the next agenda item if no decision is required.
- 2.5. <u>**Resolution**</u> A resolution is a formal decision taken at the committee meeting, by means of a vote, usually setting out future work in a specific area.
- A resolution must be proposed by one Cllr and seconded by another Cllr.
- A vote of Cllrs present in the meeting is taken. In accordance with Standing Order 16, votes are by a show of hands though a named recorded vote can be requested by Cllrs.
- There should be a clear understanding of the resolution that is being recorded.
- In accordance with Standing Order 15, there are specific criteria required to consider amending a resolution, or re-consider a proposal, within a six-month period.
- Occasionally, officers will request ClIrs do <u>not</u> make a resolution, as this allows for some greater flexibility in completing the work. However, the spirit of the Committee's request will be followed.

- 2.6. <u>Monitoring Report</u> This is a document allowing Cllrs to monitor projects that are under WTC Officer's control.
- Only projects or topics within WTC Officers control are added to the monitoring report, officers cannot be responsible for monitoring work undertaken by other partners or agencies.
- Projects, or topics, can be requested to be added to the monitoring report during a committee meeting, requests may not be accepted by the Town Clerk.
- At the start of the financial year all the approved budgets, as determined by the Finance & Personnel Committee (F&P), are added to the monitoring report.
- Items are removed, once completed, at the subsequent committee meeting.
- 2.7. <u>Minutes</u> are a written record of the resolution or outcome of an agenda item.
- Meetings are voice recorded by the AO, for the purpose of producing the minutes.
- Amenities Committee minutes are requested, by the Town Clerk, to be concise and are not a verbatim record.
- A as a safety precaution Amenities Cllrs are not named in minutes, unless they request to be named.
- Cllrs who wish to have their response recorded by name, in the minutes, must ensure this is recorded during the meeting.
- This is expected to be an occasional request, not a regular occurrence.
- 2.8. **Extraordinary Meetings** can be called at any time, with three clear working days' notice.
- An extraordinary meeting will be called if there is a time critical issue, that requires a committee decision.

3. AMENITIES

3.1. Amenities are defined as:

- "Something intended to make life more pleasant or comfortable for people" or
- "Things such as shopping areas or sports facilities that are for people's convenience or enjoyment".
- 3.2. Amenities objectives will be set in line with this council's vision, for 2023-2027. WTC is committed to maintaining and enhancing our provisions for the town, and its residents.
- 3.3. These objectives will be found on the Monitoring Report which is included in each agenda.

4. WOKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL AMENITIES

- 4.1. WTC Amenities' asset responsibilities, with reference to previous and current issues, are in the attached table **(appendix 1)**.
- 4.2. In summary, WTC manages and maintains:
- Seven parks and one town centre garden, five of the parks include children's play parks.
- Three buildings.
- Eight fully let allotments.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. All amenities, owned and managed by WTC, require on-going maintenance. They can suffer from anti-social behaviour (ASB) and vandalism, in various forms.
- 5.2. Therefore, costs can always be incurred against perceived one-off installations/provisions.
- 5.3. Annual budgets are provided for WTC's amenities, however, due to the nature of amenities, urgent work can often be required.
- 5.4. Especially where health and safety issues are involved, budgets can become overspent.



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Wokingham Town Council Amenities Committee – asset responsibility

Freehold assets

Amenity	Description	Issues (old / current)
Wokingham Town Hall	 Home of Wokingham Town Council Four parts of the building are leased to other business (two restaurants, one retail unit and one office space) Various rooms available for hire Council offices War memorial housed in the Annexe Listed as an asset of community value 	 Leaking roof Damp issues caused by water ingress in some places Regeneration allowed for separation of water supplies, but issues with invoicing from Castle Water Market place electrics issues
Howard Palmer Garden	 Small urban park (0.8 acres) located behind Denmark Street and Cockpit Path car parks Renovated and developed by Friends of Howard Palmer Gardens since 2019 	• ASB issues, though these have improved more recently as a result of physical changes to the landscaping and activities such as Park Yoga
Joel Park and Holt Copse	 Large park (23 acres) Children's play park Holt Copse is an area of semi-ancient woodland, cared for by the town council in partnership with Holt Copse Conservation Volunteers (HCCV) 	 Previous request from WBC for a greenway route across the park, which WTC has rejected Larch Avenue – subsidence issue, potentially caused by trees on WTC land, currently being investigated by insurers Issue in play park with roundabout, currently being investigated
King George V Playing Fields	 5 acre site Children's play park Informal football pitch (with goals) 	 £100K+ play park opened in February 2022 First section of footpath installed November 2022 Some ASB issues Second section of footpath being installed Some remedial maintenance work required on connecting footpath through to Easthampstead Road Plans to move football goal posts from Langborough to King George V to replace damaged goal posts, for an informal recreational football space (not hired pitches)

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Amenity	Description	Issues (old / current) Agenda Item 4 (appendix 7
Langborough Recreation Ground	 5 acre site Children's play park Changing Rooms / Pavilion Wildlife garden developed and maintained by volunteers 	 Pavilion now unused – currently looking at future uses Football pitch no longer used Issues with ASB on land around the back of the pavilion
Leslie Sears Playing Field	 7 acre site Children's play park Small car park Basketball / MUGA (multi use games area) 	 New footpath linking into Viking Field Issues with moles (and subsequent damage to the play park surfacing). Mole issues resolved but resurfacing expected to be completed in this financial year Crail close embankment and ASB issues Access issues from offices converted to residential use Fly-tipping in car park - possible future use of trail cameras
Redlands Farm Park	 11 acre site Car park with Scout Hut (leased to Scouts) Rural parkland area 	 Scout hut located on this site ASB including 'night-time' activities
Ormonde Road Allotments	 Car park with Wokingham Horticulture Association building 197 allotment plots CCTV and storage container for grounds team 	 Wokingham Horticultural Association (WHA) building on this site Waterless toilet Tanhouse Lane crossing issue
Latimer Road Allotments	Small parking area60 allotment plots	Waterless toiletTanhouse Lane crossing issue
Gipsy Lane Allotments	 Small parking area 88 allotment plots Small orchard 	 Waterless toilet Small orchard (due to some unsuitable plots)
Mulberry Grove Allotments Opened: 30 August 2019	 New allotment site delivered as part of new housing development within the town 28 allotment plots 	 New site – becoming established Solar panels, and battery lawnmower
Binfield Road Allotments* Opened: 01 June 2021	 New allotment site delivered as part of new housing development within the town 42 allotment plots (*) Site in the process of being transferred to the town council 	 New site – becoming established Waterless toilet Balance arm barrier installed, due to car park location
Ifould Crescent Allotments* Opened: 18 March 2022	 New allotment site delivered as part of new housing development within the town 29 allotment plots 	 New site – becoming established Solar panels, and battery lawnmower

Amenity	Description	Issues (old / current)	Agenda Item 4 (appendix 1)
	• (*) Site in the process of being transferred to the town council		
Penny Row Allotments* Opened: 20 April 2023	 New allotment site delivered as part of new housing development within the town 23 allotment plots (*) Site in the process of being transferred to the town council 	 Brand new site Solar panels, and battery Likely to be teething issue 	

Leasehold assets

Amenity	Description	Issues (old / current)
Viking Field	 Rural park area (14 acres) adjacent to Leslie Sears Field, gifted to Wokingham Borough Council by a local resident and managed by the town council We are currently planning a community (heritage) orchard within this space (1 acre) 	• Wokingham In Bloom project to provide a community orchard
Woosehill Community Hall	 Owned by Wokingham Borough Council and long-term leased to the town council Various rooms available to hire, used for community activities 	 ASB issues outside / on adjacent path This site used for equipment storage for the town council
St Paul's Allotments	 24 allotment plots Land leased from Wokingham Free Church (charity)	 Likely to need to be returned to the church in the next few years
Elms Field	 High profile urban park (4 acres) Large children's play park Located centrally in Wokingham town Owned by Wokingham Borough Council and long-term leased to the town council This park is designed to cater for public events 	 Sewerage works (pipe sleeving) carried out by Thames Water in January 2023 Problems with play equipment installed by WBC contractor, prior to the lease to WTC. WTC unable to obtain warranties for equipment or installation Second piece of play park equipment now being wholly replaced Complexities of land management around the park, with numerous landlords ASB issues (including late night use of the play park equipment) Known issue with land immediately under grass space (old concrete and tarmac not removed) which causes drainage and planting issues

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Minutes of the proceedings of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** from 7:25 pm to 8:42pm.

PRESENT

Cllrs: R Bishop-Firth, N Campbell-White, P Dennis (Vice-Chair), L Forbes, T Lack (Chairman), P Lucey and M Malvern

IN ATTENDANCE

Amenities Officer (AO) – Fiona Sleaford

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Cllrs M Ferrai and D Hinton

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2) None

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC (Agenda Item 3) None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Agenda Item 4)

It was proposed by Cllr Dennis and seconded by Cllr Malvern, and it was

RESOLVED 30584

that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 10th January 2023 (pages 16668 to 16672) be received as a true and correct record and they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER

For the benefit of rigorous discussion, the order of the meeting was adjusted. However, the minutes are reproduced here in agenda order. Cllr Forbes left the meeting at 8:12pm after agenda items 11, 13 and 14 were discussed.

RISK REGISTER (Agenda item 5)

Cllrs received the Risk Register and noted the minor amendments. Cllrs were informed that the Risk Register will be brought again to the September meeting. ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER

PARK YOGA (Agenda Item 6)

Cllrs received and considered the Town Clerk's Report 07/2023, dated 6th February 2023.

Cllrs commented positively that:

- Park Yoga was a great benefit to the community, as it:
 - o is an inclusive event, for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities
 - o benefits physical and mental wellbeing, and
 - potentially benefits other businesses in the town
- Park Yoga does not have corporate sponsorship, such as with parkrun
- It would be a good use of existing budgeted funds
- As a charity, donations received are used to start and support new locations
- A budget line be established to support the event in future years

CHAIRMAN'S INITIALS

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It was proposed by Cllr Lucey and seconded by Cllr Dennis, and it was

RESOLVED

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- To make a formal request to the F&P committee to:
- a) move £900 of existing funds, from the 2022-23 financial year, into an earmarked 2023-2024 reserve, to fund the Park Yoga 2023 season.
- b) establish a budget line for £1,400 to sponsor future Park Yoga seasons. ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER / RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

METAL DETECTING POLICY (Agenda Item 7)

Cllrs received, considered, and agreed to adopt the proposed policy, Metal Detecting on Wokingham Town Council owned and managed land.

ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER

GRAFFITI UPDATE (Agenda Item 8)

Cllrs:

- a. Received an update from Cllr Lack regarding graffiti removal, and noted that some sites receive regular, repeat attacks.
- b. Received a list of graffiti to be removed shortly by commercial contractor.
- c. Were informed the three artwork panels in Erftstadt court, as commissioned by the A&C Committee, were installed on 14th February 2023.

ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER

ALLOTMENTS (Agenda item 9)

Cllrs received and noted the Allotment Officer's Briefing Notes February 2023, dated 13th February.

Cllrs suggested, if a waterless toilet was unsuitable for Ifould Crescent, perhaps a chemical toilet could be installed.

ACTION: ALLOTMENTS OFFICER

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 10)

Councillors received and discussed the report dated 14th February 2023:

Item 151: HPG Garden of Reflection: This remains on WIN's list of active projects, a meeting between WIN, Cllr Forbes, and the Town Clerk is imminent. **ACTION: CLLR FORBES**

Item 159: Defibrillator for Elms Field, FY 2021-2022: The defibrillator and cabinet have been purchased; an electrician for the installation is being sourced. Item to be removed from the monitoring report.

ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER

Item 164: Basic gym equipment in KGV: Item has proved impossible to deliver. A request to use part of these funds was discussed under agenda item 6. Item to be removed from the monitoring report.

ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER

The Chairman thanked the AO for successfully reducing the monitoring report to only one item.

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AMENITIES COMMITTEE INFORMATION (Agenda Item 11)

Cllrs noted the following:

- a) Initial investigations into potential uses for Langborough Recreation Ground changing rooms have begun.
- b) WTC's contribution to the "Big Tidy Up", community litter pick event, is on Sunday 26th March.
 - Cllrs Lucey and Bishop-Firth will provide support on the day.
- c) The 2023 E-bike event will be held on Saturday 1st July in WBC's Shute End car park.
 - The Shute End location is more practicable than alternatives.
- d) There remains no street lighting on Market Place, western arm, this has been the situation since September 2022. The AO has continued to chase WBC Officers, who are working with SSE to resolve this issue. Market Place has not been cleaned due to this health and safety issue.
 - The AO continues to liaise with WBC to ensure this remains a priority.
- e) Consideration for making Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) on WTC trees.
 - Cllr Forbes will provide some background information to the Committee.
 - The AO reminded Cllrs that requesting TPOs is not standard practice for Council operated parks. As, in WTC's case, a robust management plan is in place and TPOs would increase the difficulty around managing trees.
 ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER

MATTERS TO PUBLICISE VIA SOCIAL MEDIA FROM THIS EVENING'S MEETING (Agenda Item 12)

- The sponsorship of Park Yoga.
- The adoption of a metal detecting policy.
- The Big Tidy Up, Sunday 26th March 2023.

ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER / MARKETING OFFICER

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda Item 13)

It was proposed by Cllr Lack and seconded by Cllr Campbell-White and it was

RESOLVED 30586

that in view of the confidential commercial nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable, in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and that they are asked to withdraw.

PART II

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTRACT 2023-2027 (Agenda Item 14)

Cllrs received, considered, and discussed the Amenities Officer's report 06/2022-23, dated 13th February 2023.

Councillors discussed the following:

- Tender D had been removed as it did not meet the brief.
- Tender E was removed due to the cost of call out charges.
- Options 1 & 2, from tender C, were removed due to the impractical nature of placing features on Market Place, although the concept was praised.
- The consideration that motifs incorporating warm white could be more inkeeping with the historic nature of Rose Street.
- All other hired motifs to remain in cool white.

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- That a selection of motifs across town provided interest, appeal and could lead to increased dwell times in town, leading to greater business benefits.
- Tender B was well received, due to cost, however, it was considered that the motifs were too plain and lacked variety.

It was proposed by Cllr Forbes and seconded by Cllr Bishop-Firth and it was

RESOLVED 30587

that the WTC four-year Christmas lighting contract be awarded to contractor A. Requesting the main motifs from design A, in cool white. With, the small motifs, for Rose Street and Waitrose, from design B. Investigation into installing the warm white option in Rose Street to be undertaken, with the Waitrose motifs to be colour matched.

Following the decision, the AO confirmed that contractor A is Lighting and Illumination Technology Experience Ltd, (LITE), the current contractor. ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER

Meeting closed at 8:42pm.

CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN'S INITIALS



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DRAFT 03rd May 2023

Minutes of the proceedings of the **EXTRAORDINARY AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **DIAMOND JUBILLE ROOM, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** from 7:30 pm to 7:48pm.

PRESENT

Cllrs: R Bishop-Firth, N Campbell-White, P Dennis (Vice-Chair), L Forbes, T Lack (Chairman), P Lucey and M Malvern

IN ATTENDANCE

Amenities Officer (AO) – Fiona Sleaford

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Cllrs M Ferrai and D Hinton

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

None

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC (Agenda Item 3) None

ELMS FIELD TRAMPOLINE (Agenda Item 4)

Cllrs received and considered the Amenities Officer's report 07/2022-23 dated 26 April 2023.

Cllrs comments included:

- The use of the Play Inspection (PI) app was a positive tool for monitoring WTC's play park equipment.
- The extended closure period means a solution is required without delay.
- To make a robust claim to Wokingham Borough Council, regarding incurred costs, considering the poor original installation, and partnership working.
- Children's safety is a priority.
- The value to WTC of installing new equipment, with full warranties.
- That relocating the trampoline, away from the toddler area, would be sensible.
- A concern about the relocation site allowing users to jump from the log climber onto the trampoline. The AO explained that the new location, and the required safety zones, would not make this possible.

It was proposed by Cllr Lucey and seconded by Cllr Forbes, and it was

RESOLVED 30613

- To relocate, and install, a fully accessible trampoline in the new position, with the appropriate safety surfacing.
- To reinstate the existing trampoline area, as required.

ACTION: AMENITIES OFFICER / TOWN CLERK

Meeting closed at 7:48pm.

CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN'S INITIALS

Amenities Committee 03rd May 2023 16736



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Agenda Item 6

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 15/05/2023

Committee	Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	
AMENITIES						
Amenities						
Misc. Income	0	20	20			
wise income	0	30	30			
Amenities :- Income	0	30	30			
Hanging Flower Baskets	1,633	26,000	24,367	18,654	5,713	
E Bike event	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	
Graffitti removal	(1,780)	6,000	7,780	1,780	6,000	
Christmas Light Projects	0	6,500	6,500		6,500	
Christmas Lighting Contract	0	33,000	33,000	15,331	17,669	
Market Place Cleanining	0	15,000	15,000	9,000	6,000	
Amenities :- Indirect Expenditure	(147)	87,500	87,647	44,765	42,882	
Net Income over Expenditure	147	(87,470)	(87,617)			
Market		() .	-			
Outdoor Market Tolls	3,562	40,000	36,438			
Farmers /Vegan Market	150	1,700	1,550			
	100	1,700	1,000			
Market :- Income	3,712	41,700	37,988			
Repairs & Maintenance	0	1,800	1,800	240	1,560	
Electricity	0	1,250	1,250		1,250	
Rates	335	6,560	6,225		6,225	
Licences (All)	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	
Advertising/Marketing	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	
Market :- Indirect Expenditure	335	13,110	12,775	240	12,535	
Net Income over Expenditure	3,377	28,590	25,213			
Parks & Bloom						
Football Pitch-Langborough	0	500	500			
St Teresa's School-KGV	275	1,100	825			
Redlands Farm Rent	113	350	238			
WBC Elms Field	0	2,100	2,100			
Bloom income	0	1,600	1,600			
Parks & Bloom :- Income	388	5,650	5,263			
Repairs & Maintenance	782	44,000	43,218	3,082	40,136	
Competitions	0	1,000	1,000	-,	1,000	
Hedges & Ditches	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	
Maintenance Contracts	0	19,000	19,000	24,718	(5,718)	
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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 15/05/2023

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Committee Report

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		Actual Year To Date	Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	
	Elms Field Maintenance	38	37,500	37,462	6,453	31,009	
	Trees	(3,530)	35,000	38,530	3,155	35,375	
	KGV & Leslie Sears Maintenance	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	
	Security	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	
	Electricity	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	
	Water	0	300	300		300	
	Rent of Garage	60	450	390		390	
	Met Station Lease/Maintenance	0	350	350		350	
	Waste Collection	189	5,000	4,811	8,000	(3,189)	
	Street Furniture	0	600	600		600	
	Advertising/Marketing	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	
	Thames and Chiltern in Bloom	956	11,000	10,044	2,084	7,959	
	Wildflower planting & Maintena	(2,250)	3,000	5,250	2,250	3,000	
	Parks & Bloom :- Indirect Expenditure	(3,754)	168,700	172,454	49,742	122,712	
	Net Income over Expenditure	4,141	(163,050)	(167,191)			
	Woosehill						
	Lettings-Main Hall	1,617	27,000	25,383			
	Lettings-Committee Rooms	242	2,400	2,158			
	Out of hours lettings - income	258	2,000	1,742			
	Lettings-Upstairs Hall	376	5,000	4,624			
	Emmbrook Peppercorn Rent	0	10	10			
	Woosehill - Income	2,493	36,410	33,917			
	Repairs & Maintenance	0	12,000	12,000	3,782	8,218	
	Health & Safety Surveys	0	1,250	1,250		1,250	
	Security	0	4,000	4,000	3,924	76	
	Electricity	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	
	Gas	184	1,300	1,116		1,116	
	Water	0	650	650		650	
	Rates	316	3,700	3,384		3,384	
	Cleaning Materials	0	600	600		600	
	Waste Collection	0	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	
	External Cleaning	0	800	800	870	(70)	
	Telephones	0	600	600		600	
	Insurances	0	300	300		300	
	Woosehill :- Indirect Expenditure	500	28,300	27,800	10,177	17,623	
	Net Income over Expenditure	1,993	8,110	6,117			

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 15/05/2023

Committee Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
Town Hall					
Lettings-Main Hall	181	5,900	5,719		
Lettings-Committee Rooms	0	2,500	2,500		
Lettings-Kitchen	11	400	389		
Lettings-Council Chamber	13	500	487		
Lettings-Annexe	0	1,300	1,300		
Lettings-Jubilee Room	18	3,160	3,142		
Wedding Income	833	15,500	14,667		
Information Centre Income	13	0	(13)		
Letting Fees - All Tenants	20,783	93,390	72,607		
Service Charges - All Tenants	798	4,580	3,782		
Insurance Recharge - All Tenan	39	2,840	2,801		
Equipment Hire (Bookings)	21	1,200	1,179		
Hospitality Income	27	2,500	2,473		
Citizenship Ceremonies	0	1,590	1,590		
Wedding catering income	670	5,000	4,330		
Town Hall :- Income	23,407	140,360	116,953		
Repairs & Maintenance	1,084	25,500	24,416	8,285	16,132
Gutter Maintenance	0	800	800		800
Health & Safety Surveys	0	2,700	2,700	5,100	(2,400)
Security	0	6,000	6,000	5,281	719
CCTV	0	800	800		800
Electricity	0	9,500	9,500		9,500
Gas	1,076	7,000	5,924		5,924
Water	(5,000)	8,730	13,730		13,730
Rates	2,523	24,500	21,977		21,977
Cleaning Materials	204	2,000	1,796		1,796
Waste Collection	0	3,500	3,500	800	2,700
External Cleaning	705	8,180	7,475	7,756	(281)
Licences (All)	0	3,500	3,500		3,500
Town Hall Equipment Purchases	0	1,000	1,000		1,000
Function costs	8	2,250	2,242	43	2,200
Wedding external catering	0	4,000	4,000		4,000
Town Hall :- Indirect Expenditure	600	109,960	109,360	27,264	82,096
Net Income over Expenditure	22,807	30,400	7,593		
Allotments					
S 106 Monies	8,706	0	(8,706)		
Allotment Rents	115	13,400	13,285		
Allotments :- Income	8,821	13,400	4,579		

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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	
Repairs & Maintenance	10,064	7,000	(3,064)	5,773	(8,837)	
Competitions	0	700	700		700	
Water	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	
St Pauls Gate Rental	0	80	80		80	
Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	10,064	10,780	716	5,773	(5,057)	
Net Income over Expenditure	(1,243)	2,620	3,863	-		
Amenities Capital						
Town Hall Structural Repairs	0	30,000	30,000		30,000	
Footpath Upgrade	0	0	0	25,000	(25,000)	
Playground Upgrades	0	25,900	25,900		25,900	
Amenities Capital :- Indirect Expenditure	0	55,900	55,900	25,000	30,900	
Net Expenditure	0	(55,900)	(55,900)			
AMENITIES :- Income	38,820	237,550	198,730			
Expenditure	7,598	474,250	466,652	162,961	303,691	
Movement to//from) Gen Reserve	31 221					
Grand Totals:- Income	38,820	237,550	198,730			
Expenditure	7,598	474,250	466,652	162,961	303,691	
Net Income over Expenditure	31,221	(236,700)	(267,921)			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	31,221					

Graffiti cleaned 04/05/23

Woosehill Falcon Way/Smiths Walk



Woosehill Kestrel Way / Wren



Reading Road Slew Bridge



Caroline Drive



St Paul's Gate – Sanded and re-painted



Oxford Rd/ Murray Road





Station Oxford Rd





Barkham Rd / Latimer Rd Bus Stop



Footbridge St Pauls Gate to St Pauls Church



Barkham Park / Ormonde Rd



Eastheath Ave/Finchampstead Rd



Reading Road / Old Forest Rd



London Road



London Rd Opposite Shell – sanded and painted



Market Place / Outside Costa



Peach St Outside Poundstretcher



Reading Road / Simons Lane and Farnesdown



Reading Road Opposite Oxford Rd



Reading Road / Community Centre Opposite Station Approach



Broad St / Montague House



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Rectory Road



Rectory Road / Palmer School Rd



Rectory Rd



Wiltshire Rd / Norreys Ave / All Saints Church



Wellington Road / Outfield Crescent







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Contact	Wokingham Borough Council	Assisted by	Agostinho Vieira
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	Wokingham RG49 1AS	Reference	6106-004
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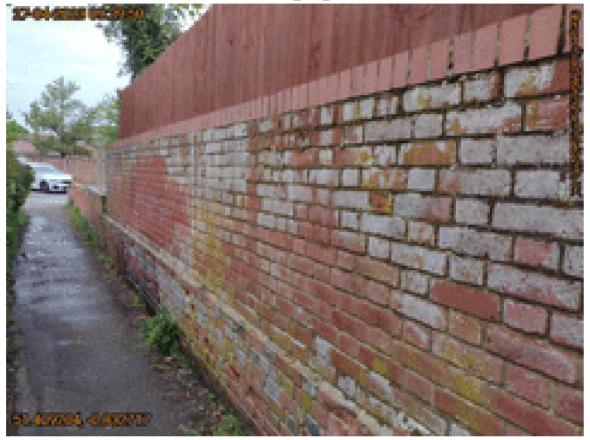








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Allotment Officer's Briefing Notes May 2023

To:	Amenities Committee			
Date:	12 th May 2023			
Subject:	Wokingham Town Council's allotment sites			

Binfield Road

Work is underway to establish the best position for a solar power installation. It is likely that one gardener will be asked to relinquish some of his plot to enable this. Funding will be from S106 money attached to the Montague Park housing development.

Ifould Crescent

The 2m deep long drop pit for a waterless toilet, excavated to a depth of 1.8m, filled with water. It has been backfilled and the ground made good. A second pit at the other end of the site was dug to 1m deep and this too filled with groundwater. This has been backfilled and made good. It has been proven that the land at Ifould Crescent is not suitable for a waterless toilet.

A beehive enclosure has been constructed by a local beekeeper. He is in the process of establishing a honeybee colony.

Kentwood Farm West (phase2 - off Dalley Road): now called Penny Row allotments

The new site on the Mulberry View development was opened with 22 plots on 20.04/23. It is fully let and most gardeners are using their plot. The site has the same solar power set up as Mulberry Grove, paid for with S106 funding directly via WBC.

Mulberry Grove

Six additional sheds have been delivered and solar panels installed on two. An inverter, battery and plug sockets are in place. The battery-operated lawn mower for use by MG gardeners was faulty on delivery and is being replaced. The overall cost of £15,000 was paid by S106 Montague Park funding via WBC.

Ormonde Road

Funded by S106 Montague Park money an additional water tap point will be installed by 19th May.



Wokingham Town Council

23rd March 2023

[Tenant Address]

Dear [Allotment Tenant]

Tan House Lane rail bridge replacement

I am writing to give notice of the town council's expected requirement to revoke all, or a proportion of your allotment plot to facilitate improved pedestrian and cycle access across the railway later this year (expected to be after the end of this coming growing season.)

Background

Wokingham Borough Council has advised the Town Council of Network Rail's requirement to replace the two existing bridges over the railway line alongside the town council's allotment sites. This work is expected to take place towards the end of 2023 but before the end of March 2024 at the latest, as both bridges are reaching the end of their working life. As part of the replacement works, the existing bridges will be removed and a new single bridge will be installed by Network Rail.

This collaborative project will see Network Rail delivering the bridge replacement, and working with Wokingham Borough Council to provide ramped access, ensuring a step-free access for all.

Land requirement

In order to facilitate these works, Network Rail and Wokingham Borough Council have asked for land to be made available at the town council's allotment sites, and in accordance with legislation, the Town Council is required to give notice to tenants of removal of allotment land.

As of March 2023, the town council is awaiting final plans for the ramp design and location, and confirmed dates for both the bridge demolition and installation works and the ramp installation works. It is not yet clear whether the new bridge and the ramp will be delivered simultaneously or whether the bridge will be replaced with stepped access, and the steps replaced with a ramp at a later date.

Delivery of the works

In the event that both projects are able to be carried out at the same time, it is possible that this will be within the 12 months' notice period the town council would ordinarily aim to give you. Whilst this is regrettable, we hope that you will recognise that the ability to deliver the ramp

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Town Clerk: K. Hughes Tel: 0118 978 3185 access at the same time as the new bridge is installed is wholly more efficient, from a cost, environmental and disruption perspective.

Advice to allotment gardeners impacted by the proposals

Our current understanding is that works will not be scheduled before the end of the normal growing season this year, so we would encourage you to use your plot as normal, though you may want to adjust what you are planning to grow.

At this stage, we would discourage any other plot improvement works until we have clarification of the exact land requirements for this project.

Where an allotment plot is removed or becomes untenable as a direct consequence of these works, tenants will be placed at the top of a priority list for re-allocating plots that become available either within, or at the end of the allotment season. The town council will hold back leasing plots that become available in the autumn of 2023, and wherever possible will try and offer an alternative growing space for existing tenants. Names will be added to a waiting list in date order of the start of your tenancy.

As we gain more information and clarification over the plans, including both detailed designs and timeframes, we will share this information with you.

If you have any questions in relation to this proposed plan, please do contact us.

Kind regards,

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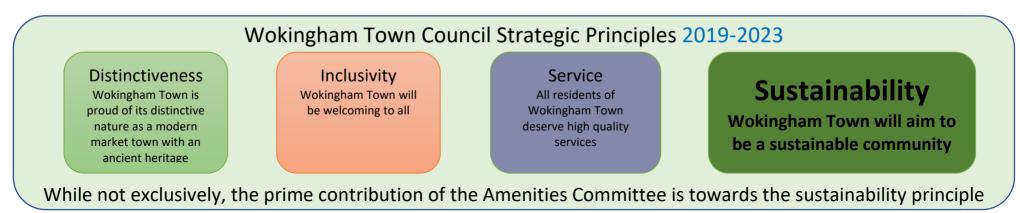
Katy Hughes

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WOKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL Monitoring Report: Amenities Committee Meeting: 30th May 2023

Agenda Item 9

Date: 23rd May 2023



Amenities

• Grounds & Bloom

Buildings & Market

• Allotments

Ref	Date Action Agreed	Item for Action	Action by	Proposed Completion Date	Status Previous Progress Progress Update
151	21.07/20	Howard Palmer Gardens, garden of reflection	TC / Cllr Forbes	Paused Funding withdrawn, project on hold	Wokingham in Need (WIN) agreed to take ownership of the project delivery and it remains on WIN's list of active projects, another project is to be completed first An update from WIN is expected before the end of the financial year No update was received from WIN; in March 2023, F&P decided the £10,000 funding would revert into general reserves at the end of the financial year
159	31.05/22	Defibrillator for Elms Field – from FY 2021-2022	AO	End March 23 Completed	FY21-22 Budget: £4,000 – Nuffield Health agrees with the proposal to host the defibrillator outside their building, and the retiring Town Clerk received agreement from the management company's Facilities Manager, the defibrillator has been purchased The external heated cabinet and defibrillator were installed on 21 March 2023
169	30.05/23	Hanging baskets and planters	AO	Completed	FY23-24 Budget: £5,000 – Contract Renewal Five-year contract with existing supplier, Windowflowers, agreed January 2023
170	30.05/23	Wokingham in Bloom	RFO	Completed	FY23-24 Budget: £2,000 – Budget uplift, to maintain status quo Uplift allocated
171	30.05/23	Christmas Lights	AO	Completed	FY23-24 Budget: £10,000 – Contract Renewal Four-year contract with existing supplier, LITE, agreed February 2023

Wokingham Town Council's vision:

To encourage the life and vibrancy of Wokingham Town for its existing and future residents, and businesses.

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172	30.05/23	E-bike event	AO	01 July 2023	FY23-24 Budget: £1,000 – Establishing budget for an annual event On-going planning, in conjunction with WBC's My Journey team
173		Phase 2 footpath at KGV - To extend footpath from Goodchild Road to Seaford Road	AO / GBO		FY23-24 Budget: £25,000 Work commenced 9 May 2023, expected to be complete on 26 May 2023
174	30.05/23	Defibrillator for community use at Woosehill Community Hall	AO / BMO	End June 2023	FY23-24 Budget: £3,000 Defibrillator and external heated cabinet purchased Full installation was expected to be complete on 23 May 2023, to be rebooked

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