

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of The Parish of Winkfield
Held at Carnation Hall, Chavey Down Road, Winkfield Row
on Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Chairman of Winkfield Parish Council (WPC), Councillor Stuart Tarrant - in the Chair

Plus:

Ruwena Fernando, Donna Cox, Janet Dowlman – BFC Environment Team; Anna Fowler

14 Parish Councillors 37 electors 2 BFC Councillors 3 Non-resident

Clerk and Staff of the Parish Council (7)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs Sally Beer, WPC Cllr David Parkin and BFC Cllr Ms Ash Merry.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th April 2015 had been circulated to those present.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Michie, seconded by Malcolm Young and

RECOMMENDED that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th April 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Berry, seconded by Ms Liz Comish and **RECOMMENDED** that the following document was received and accepted:

Draft accounts of the Parish Council to 31st March 2016.

Copies of the Draft accounts to 31st March 2015 had been circulated.

- b) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Michie, seconded by Cllr Barreto and **RECOMMENDED** that the following document was received and accepted:

Winkfield Parochial Charities - Copies of the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2015 had been circulated. (Full set of accounts are available on request.)

4. REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN ON HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST YEAR AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL

Overview of Services

The Chairman gave an overview of WPCs activities over the past year and explained that detailed reports of everything the Parish Council has done over the past year are contained in the Three Year Plan for 2016-2019 which was available at the meeting. He then reported as follows:

- Planning applications continue to flood in each month and he thanked the small Parish Council Planning Working Party that meet prior to the full meeting to go over the detail of each and every Winkfield planning application – this is invaluable and he himself is very grateful for all the effort they put into this.
- He thanked the staff, under the leadership of Annemarie, who continue to operate effectively and efficiently. During the past year I have been amazed at the wide variety of issues that the Parish gets involved in. I would observe that Annemarie is the source of knowledge for some of the other Parish Clerks in Bracknell Forest and her views are highly respected among Bracknell Forest Officers and staff.
- As a Chartered Accountant myself, I am pleased to report that the accounting and budgeting are efficiently managed by Marcia, our Deputy Clerk, who also gets involved in many other things.
- The Grounds team, managed by Paul, look after our open spaces and playing fields. They are the envy of other Parishes and much appreciated by residents.

- Chrissy Gibson joined the office team in January this year and is already proving to be a valuable member of staff.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

- This is probably the most important issue directly or indirectly affecting every resident of Winkfield Parish.
- Successive Governments have regularly told us that we have a national housing shortage.
- Back in 2008 BFC was required by Government to prepare a core housing strategy and to agree an acceptable level of new housing. Consequently, site allocations were finalised in 2013. BFC presented plans for some 10k plus new houses; the Government Inspector increased this to 11k plus for completion by 2026. Winkfield's allocation of new housing was only 101 new houses and travelling around the area you can see significant new housing development going on in Binfield and Warfield and elsewhere.
- The 2013 total of 11k new homes is behind schedule due to developer delays so the pressure is on.
- A few years ago the Localism Act was enacted which, among other things, gave Parish Councils more influence in planning for the future. The concept of an NDP was borne. It is important to emphasise that agreed NDPs have significantly influenced planning appeals against developers.
- Government now requires BFC to develop a new Local Plan in which they will have to demonstrate a continuous five year housing building supply up to 2036.
- A Winkfield NDP, if supported by an independent inspector and by a resident referendum, would be incorporated into BFCs new Local Plan as a key policy document.
- Now for the bad news – following the Berkshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment completed in September 2014, BFC has advised that they will have to find an additional 6000 homes (on top of the 11k currently planned). No new housing figures have been communicated to Winkfield or other parishes. Also, BFC has advised that they will be revising their Green Belt policy following various Government relaxations recently announced.
- As you are aware, the Parish of Winkfield has all sorts of infrastructure issues ranging from third world highways with dangerous junctions, speeding traffic, gridlock at times, massive parking problems, particularly at Martin's Heron station; a not fit for purpose foul sewage system; sports pavilions which do not cater for the fairer sex; and so on. In order to address some of these issues, Government introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Developers are required to pay this levy to BFC before they start to build and the Parish receives 15% of this levy and, if they successfully complete an NDP, the Parish amount increases to 25%. It is therefore important to our community to influence how this money, which can be significant, is spent.
- As part of BFCs preparation for their new Local Plan, they have communicated to all landowners in the Parish to see whether they would sell their land for development. This is a repeat process previously carried out some years ago in order to obtain the previous 11k planned new homes. BFC scored and categorised each site submitted.. Earlier applications by Winkfield landowners amounted to 4000 new homes in our Parish and of that total some 40% were in Green Belt – such was the desire to build in Winkfield! We will not have updated information from BFC until the autumn but I fear the number of required site allocations will be significantly higher.

What we have been doing:

The Chairman detailed work to date, the current work programme on topics and the future work programme for the rest of the year.

The Chairman urged everyone to keep abreast of the NDP by regularly checking the website – www/winkfieldnp.org

5. PRESENTATION: by Dr Jeremy Harding, Consultant Psychiatrist, Ascot Area Alzheimer's Support Group.

Dr Harding became Chairman of the AAA when it was formed twenty years ago. He has recently retired from the position but is still involved in their work. The organisation is a totally voluntary organisation - there are no paid members of staff. In 2011 the AAA won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Work – this is equivalent to an individual receiving an MBE.

As many as one in five people over the age of 80 will suffer a significant degree of memory impairment, the most common cause of which is old age. At the turn of the century the average lifespan was 40 years – we have come a long way since then.

The first early sign of someone developing Alzheimers/demential is their loss of logic – they appear to others to not being ‘on the ball’. They then lose their sense of time and become confused. Once their condition gets to this stage it is very difficult for that person to live independently. Families now find it very hard to support members of the family with dementia as there are many demands on everyone in their working and personal lives and often they do not live close to the patient. In the past residential homes were thought to be the best way of dealing with sufferers but it is now thought that care in the home for as long as possible is far more beneficial to the patient and more cost-effective. However, eventually patients will have to be admitted to a residential care home, many of which are now in the private sector and are very expensive.

The problem is huge and widespread. A lot of research is taking place into the causes and treatments – one day there will be successful treatments

In the last few years funding has been cut dramatically and this is proving to have a major impact on the support services provided.

The Chairman thanked Dr Harding for his informative presentation.

6. PRESENTATION ‘Reduce, Re-use and Recycle – a RUBBISH evening with Donna Cox and Ruweni Farnando, Recycling Promotions Assistants from BFC Waste and Recycling Department.

This was a very interesting presentation indeed and well received by all.

Main points:

What’s in your green bin?



- 36% Food Waste
- 6% Blue Bin Recycling
- 4% Garden Waste
- 9% Bring Banks
- 45% Rubbish



The average household wastes **£470** of food a year, rising to **£700** for a family with children, the equivalent of around **£60** a month!

What can go in the blue bin?

Cardboard such as breakfast cereal boxes and toothpaste boxes; aerosols such as hairspray; thick plastic bottles such as bleach bottles, shampoo bottles, drinks bottles; drink cans and food cans.

Where are we going wrong?

People are putting drinks cartons, takeaway food packaging, polystyrene and bottles in their recycling – these items are not recycled in Bracknell.

What else can we recycle around the Borough?

Glass; Textiles; Books; CDs; Cartons; Foil; Engine Oil; Electricals; Batteries; Paint; White Goods. Note: The Parish Office on Fernbank Road has a small electrical appliances recycle bin on site.

Where does our waste go?

Our recycling is sent to a material recovery facility in Reading to be processed.

A significant proportion of the separated recyclate are recycled in the UK.

Resources are now traded in a world market. Europe and Asia have larger manufacturing industries that we have here in the UK.

Around 20% of our residual waste is sent to an Energy from Waste Plant.

The rest is sent to landfill. Landfill tax has risen from a baseline of £18 per tonne in 2006 to £83 in 2015/2016!

Green bin refuse collected at the kerbside in 2006 was 32,241 tonnes – in 2015/2016 it was 21,660 tonnes! A good downward trend.

Recycling Incentive Scheme

- Award winning Recycling Incentive Scheme!
- Collect points and exchange them for rewards
- 200 points fortnightly
- Leisure Centre, Downshire Golf Course, South Hill Park and the libraries!
- Berkshire Search and Rescue Dogs, Sandy Lane Forest School, Warfield Primary Environment Club
- Sign up today!



The Problems we Face

EU Charges

Increasing landfill costs and limited space

Around 20% of the Borough is not recycling

Wrong items in the bins

The recycling rate has fallen from 42.5% in 2011/12 to 39.3% in 2014.15. This is a disappointing downward trend that we hope can be reversed.

The Way Forward

Donna and Ruw expressed their great interest in reaching out to all corners of our community to get the recycling message across and welcomes any group/organisation making contact and arranging for them to visit.

Useful Links

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/recyclingrubbishhandwaste>

<http://www.fccenvironment.co.uk/re3.html>

<http://www.recyclenow.com>

<http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com>

7. RESIDENT/COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS UPDATES

Four of our local associations/groups gave a short talk/report on the activities and successes of their groups over the past year. We are very lucky indeed to have such community-minded groups and WPC welcomes more and will support anyone wishing to start such a group in an area not already covered.

Jacque Lovell, Chair of the Chavey Down Association;

Richard Bell, Chair of the Maidens Green Society;

Keith Stephens, Joint Chair, Martin's Heron and the Warren Community Association;

Cllr Geoff Paxton – reported on the activities in the community centres and communities in both Forest Park and North Ascot.

8. ANY MOTIONS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN

None received.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS ELECTORS WISH TO RAISE RELATING TO THE PARISH

The Chairman reported on future Parish events:

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Tea at Carnation Hall – Sunday 12th June

Annual Cycle Ride – Sunday 26th June

Arts Week – 23rd-30th October

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution to a successful evening and invited everyone to stay and enjoy the lovely supper spread.

Meeting closed at 9.09pm.