



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Tuesday 17 December 2024 at 7:30 pm

held at  
**The Community Room, Broomhall Recreation Ground.**

### 107 / 24 Attendance and Apologies for absence

Attendance: Cllr Coxon, Cllr Curtis, Cllr Morgan (Chairman) Cllr Newman, Cllr Penney, and Cllr Pike

Apologies for absence: Cllr Buxton, Cllr Evans, Cllr Grover and Cllr Hilton

Present: Louise Steele – Locum Clerk  
Natalie Hayes – Clerk designate

### 108 / 24 Declaration of interest for items on the agenda

Cllr Pike declared an interest in the grant application for FoodShare at Hope Church.

### 109 / 24 Approval of Minutes of Council 15 October 2024

**RESOLVED:** That the council approved minutes of the council meeting held on 19 November 2024. The Chairman signed the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

### 110 / 24 Announcements from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the December Full Council meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

### 111 / 24 Public Adjournment

One member of the public exercised their right to speak at this point about the development proposal for Ascot high street.

She advised that if anyone would be interested in attending a public meeting during this consultation period, they should be aware of the date to do this. The meeting is being held on 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at Ascot racecourse.

The Chairman thanked the member of the public for sharing this information with the council.

### 113 / 24 To receive presentation of Committee Minutes, reports from Representatives and proposals from Working Groups

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**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting were received. There was one question asked regarding a mistype about the grant funding for FoodShare at Hope Church. This was noted and would be corrected by the Clerk designate.

**TO NOTE:** Decision regarding the budget setting documents - refer to part 116 / 24 of the minutes

113 / 24 / 2 The update from the Walking & Cycling Working Group was received.

Cllr Newman provided an update.

113 / 24 / 3 The update from the Recreation Ground Working Group was received.

Cllr Morgan provided an update to the benefit of the members of the public and the council. A discussion was had regarding the priorities of the recreation group and how best to spend the funds available.

113 / 24 / 4 The update from the Tennis Working Group was received.

Cllr Coxon provided a verbal update.

The update provided a list of the areas the working group were looking into, which included booking slots, assisted season tickets, season ticket options, clarification of powers to buy small items of equipment, coaching contracts and fees, guest fees and rules, promotion of tennis coaches, questionnaire for February 2025, court rules and regulations.

Cllr Morgan briefed the council on the original terms of reference of the tennis working group.

113 / 24 / 5 An update from the HR subcommittee was deferred until the next full Council meeting in January.

Cllr Hilton (Chair of the committee) was not able to attend to deliver the update.

#### 114 / 24 Grant Applications

##### **Community Grant funding for SE Berks Gang Show**

**DECISION:** An application for £2,000 Community Grant was refused.

**COMMENT:** Recommended that the grant be refused due to the applicant being out of area, no supporting documents regarding what the money would be used for. The financial records also showed a healthy bank balance.

##### **Community Grant funding for FoodShare at Hope Church.**

**DECISION:** An application for £1,800 Community Grant was refused.

**COMMENT:** It was recommended that a different model is looked at. We could help with infrastructure, just not food costs. Concern that if a grant was issued to support the pilot, when this ended what would happen with the project.

#### 115 / 24 External Audit

The report was received and acknowledged. The Chair thanked the RFO for all the work involved.

#### 116 / 24 Draft Budget 2025/26

The council discussed the details of the draft budget and asked relevant questions.

The council considered the two documents as per 113 / 24 1 of the agenda; a single page statement of the variation identifying those items where the budget is different from last year,

and a document with assumptions for agreement.

**117 / 24 Information sharing**

There was nothing shared by any of the councillors at the meeting.

**Confidential Session**

**118 / 24** This part of the agenda was withdrawn from the meeting, so members of the Public were not required to leave at this point.

**119 / 24** The report from the HR subcommittee would be deferred until January.

The meeting started promptly at 7.30pm. The meeting concluded at 9.26pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

