Woodley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Resources Committee held at the Oakwood Centre on Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 8:00 pm

Present:	Councillors K. Baker (Chairman); S. Brindley; A. Chadwick; C. Jewell; V. Lewis; B. Rowland;
Officers present:	K. Murray, Deputy Town Clerk; M. Filmore, Committee Officer;
Also present:	2 members of the public

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

The Deputy Town Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Strategy & Resources Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Brindley, seconded by Councillor Chadwick, and

RESOLVED:

• That Councillor Baker be appointed to the position of Chairman of the Strategy & Resources Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Voting: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2 No Vote Recorded: 0

Councillor Baker invited nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Strategy & Resources Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year. It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Chadwick, and

RESOLVED:

• That Councillor Brindley be appointed to the position of Vice Chairman of the Strategy & Resources Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Voting: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2 No Vote Recorded: 0

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anderson and Wicks. One Committee place allocated to the Labour and Independent Group remains vacant.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2022

RESOLVED:

• That the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting of 19 April 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. **<u>FINANCE</u>**

a) Budgetary Control

The Deputy Town Clerk presented Report No. SR 16/22. He highlighted that there was not much to report as it is early in the year.

Members noted that the expenditure relating to corporate management was higher than the projected amount at this stage as certain annual insurance and HR support package payments are made at the beginning of the year. Members also noted that the income relating to the Oakwood Centre was below the projected amount as certain rent payments for the year have yet to come in, however room hire income was above projections at this stage.

The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the Capital Programme is yet to be confirmed, and that this is due to be included on the next Full Council agenda. Councillor Baker stated that he believed the Committee should consider the priority of the potential capital projects in order to make a recommendation to Full Council.

RESOLVED:

• To note Report No. SR 16/22.

b) Payments

With regards to the following queries, the Deputy Town Clerk advised he would need to look into them and respond:

- The increase in HMRC PAYE and NI payments made from the Council's Current Account between March and April
- The insurance covered by the smaller of the two payments made from the Clerks Imprest Account to AJGIBL in March 2022; the Deputy Town Clerk advised that the larger payment was the main Council's insurance
- The details of the two BACS payments made from the Clerks Imprest Account in April 2022

Item	Query	Explanation	
£17,040.84	Amount seems high	This includes PAYE/NI amounts relating	
HMRC		to back pay, in respect of national pay	
		award.	
£2,833.05	What is this	This is a separate annual premium for	
AJGIBL Insurance	payment for?	Cyber security insurance cover.	
£9,658.32	What is this	This was a staged payment in respect of	
BACS Payment	payment for?	the roofing work at Woodford Park	
		Leisure Centre.	
£2,581.16	What is this	This is an energy payment in respect of	
BACS Payment	payment for?	electricity on the new account for the	
		Grounds Depot - for the period July	
		2021 to March 2022. This supply has	
		now been added to the Councils other	
		accounts and will be paid in the normal	
		way going forwards.	

[DTC Note: The answers to the above queries were as follows:

The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that, whilst the Council is on a fixed rate energy tariff, costs had increased previously due to a loop hole in the contract. However, there has been no recent increase and the Council is unaware of any potential increase in the near future. The Council is in regular contact with their energy broker who keeps them abreast of any potential price rises.

In relation to a query about the £6k spent to replace the fan in the Oakwood Centre Café, the Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the old extraction system for the kitchen had become obsolete so could not be repaired and needed replacing as it had completely failed. This had been budgeted for.

The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the Leisure Centre flat roof repair has now been completed and is awaiting an inspection, due next week, prior to final sign off.

Members noted payments made to IKEA Ltd which were listed as fraud transactions. The Deputy Town Clerk explained that some payments had been spotted which looked very real but, after investigation by the Finance Officer, were deemed to be fraudulent. The Finance Office had worked with Lloyds Bank to get this money refunded, which was shown in the payments sheet.

RESOLVED:

To approve the following payments, listed in Appendix A (March) and Appendix B (April):

	Current account	Imprest account
March 2022	£161,360.99	£89,782.89
April 2022	£115,620.99	£70,477.90

Voting: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Recorded: 0

6. OAKWOOD CENTRE UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk presented Report No. 17/22. He highlighted that there have been two new regular centre hirers. He also confirmed that room hire income at year end was ± 51 k; higher than the revised budget estimate of ± 40 k. Room hire had picked up as people had become more confident following the end of lockdown periods.

RESOLVED:

• To note Report No. SR 17/22.

7. TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

Members noted that they did not like the use of the word Chair when referring to the Chairman of meetings, and instead preferred to use the word Chairman or Madam Chairman.

RESOLVED:

• To note the report of the Town Centre Partnership Meeting held on 20 April 2022.

8. **PROJECTS SCHEDULE 2022/23**

The Deputy Town Clerk presented the Projects Schedule for 2022/23.

He noted that the first three items listed were projects that were currently being undertaken and were nearing completion. At the end of the report was a list of potential capital projects for 2022/23. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that a separate budget is allocated for these projects. Members noted that the potential projects need to be fully investigated and costed before a final proposed list could be provided, and that some projects may be removed from or added to the list.

Members asked that the final potential projects list provided to Members include a breakdown of the specific details of the project, as well as costing, equality and environmental impact information.

With regards to the proposed project to refurbish the football wing at the Leisure Centre, the Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that this wing is also used by other sports, including cricket and American football.

In response to a query about why the Oakwood Centre patio doors need replacing, the Deputy Town Clerk advised that the door fittings are no longer made, and the door, when opened, presents a trip hazard. Members noted that bi-fold doors would be ideal as a replacement, and also noted that it would be good to then consider changes to the outdoor area once the doors are replaced.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised Members that he is seeking advice regarding the potential replacement of the Oakwood Centre gas boilers. He commented that the boilers are coming to the end of their life, and the technology has moved on since they were installed, so the Council needs to make the right decision as to what they might be replaced with. Members noted that the Oakwood Centre is a big building to heat with a heat source pump.

Councillor Baker highlighted that there was a high level of CIL money, as due to be detailed in a later agenda item, which could be seen as bonus money. He suggested this money could be used to spend on wish list items which might otherwise not be considered affordable. Members noted one such project could be to resolve the issue of the boggy area within Woodford Park near to the basketball court which suffers from drainage issues.

RESOLVED:

• To note the updated information contained in the Projects Schedule 2022/23.

9. COMMUNITY GRANTS

RESOLVED:

- To note the expressions of thanks received from the following organisations following receipt of the 2022/23 community grants:
 - Chemogiftbags
 - Me2 Club
 - Woodley Bowling Club
 - Woodley Festival of Music and Arts

10. **CATERING PARTNERSHIP**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the Catering Partnership was initially set up when the Council was looking for a new catering service provider, with the Partnership involved in the tendering process and the appointment of a provider.

Following this, the Deputy Town Clerk commented that meetings of the Partnership had been difficult to arrange and, when they met, had not provided much value operationally. He noted that this was now more a matter of contract management which could continue to be handled by Officers, with income figures now reported back to this Committee. The Deputy Town Clerk did note however that, at the point that the catering contract is due for renewal, the Committee may wish to set up a task and finish working party to oversee this. He confirmed to Members that the current 5 year contract came into force in April 2021.

Members noted that, should any issues arise with the catering contract, then these should be brought to the Committee for their attention.

RESOLVED:

• To disband the Catering Partnership.

Voting: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Recorded: 0

11. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Members noted that there was £221k of CIL money still to spend.

Councillor Jewell recommended that some of the money be spent on improving Bulmershe Park as part of the wider proposals to plant extra trees along the boundary in conjunction with Earley Town Council and Wokingham Borough Council. It was noted that this type of enhancement would need to go to the Leisure Services Committee for consideration, who could then make a bid to Strategy & Resources for the money.

In response to a query regarding the potential for a new BMX track, the Deputy Town Clerk advised that this was on an old potential capital project list. Members asked that the old list be circulated.

Members noted that, in relation to the application made to Wokingham Borough Council to provide Bulmershe Open Space with Town Green status, the Council had yet to receive the outcome.

RESOLVED:

• To note the Town and Parish CIL funds Spend and Bids summary, provided by Wokingham Borough Council and included as part of the agenda.

12. WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL MAJOR DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Members noted the information, but stated they felt this needn't be included in the Committee's agendas in future. Instead, Members asked that the information be circulated to all Councillors for their attention.

RESOLVED:

• To note the Major Development update, provided by Wokingham Borough Council and included as part of the agenda.

13. TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE EVENT OF WAR

Members noted that a request had been made by Councillor Heap at the last Full Council for this item to be included on the agenda.

Members noted the response from Wokingham Borough Council, included as part of the agenda. The Deputy Town Clerk stated that, in the event of war, the Town Council would take their lead from central government, via Wokingham Borough Council. He stated that this query had provided an opportunity for the Town Council to re-engage with Wokingham Borough Council regarding emergency planning in the area.

Councillor Jewell noted a concern regarding the gap between the Government at the top declaring an emergency, Wokingham Borough Council and then the Town Council at the bottom. She stated it would be helpful to know the line of responsibility, and what will be put in place if war is declared.

Members noted that it was more likely another disaster might take place, and Councillor Rowland stated there was a lot of planning locally around potential disasters, such as plane crashes. She stated it would be helpful to have that information and plan as well. The Deputy Town Clerk advised he could find more information and report back to the Committee. Members requested that Wokingham Borough Council's Emergency Planning Officer be invited to a future Full Council meeting to present on this matter.

RESOLVED:

• To contact Wokingham Borough Council's Emergency Planning Officer and invite him to a future Full Council meeting.

14. CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

RESOLVED:

• To note that the meeting of the Climate Emergency Sub Committee, originally scheduled to take place on 6 April 2022 and postponed until 24 May 2022, was unable to take place due to Member availability, with the next meeting scheduled for 7 July 2022.

15. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councillor Jewell requested that, at the start of future meetings, the Chairman read out a fire evacuation notice.

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

16. **PUBLICITY AND WEBSITE**

There were no suggestions for publicity and website items.

Members noted that a number of residents had commented online that they did not know about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting which took place on 2 June 2022. It was highlighted that information had been published online and in the local newspaper regarding the event. Members noted the decision to hold the event had been taken after The Herald had been published so information could not have been included. Members suggested that posters could be put up for any future similar event.

Following a query about the meeting schedule published online, the Committee Officer confirmed he would look into improving the way meeting date information is published on the website.

Meeting closed at 8:58 pm

Woodley Town Council Current Account List of Payments made between 01/03/2022 and 31/03/2022

Payee Name

(Personal Information) AGA Print Ltd Alan Hadley Ltd Alan Hadlev Ltd Awards of Distinction Ltd AYS Cleaning Contractors Ltd Be Fuelcards Ltd Be Fuelcards Ltd Boston Seeds Bowak Ltd Brake Bros Foodservice Ltd Brewers Decorator Centrers Brown Bag Cafe Ltd Castle Water Castle Water Churchill Contract Services Ltd Club Manager Ltd Dejac Associates Ltd **Devonshire Trading Ltd** Drain Surgeons UK Ltd Ecotricity Ecotricity Ecotricity Ecotricity Epos Now Ltd D/D Ethos Communications Solutions Ltd Fiddes & Son Ltd - Bowcom Global 4 Communications Henry Street Garden Centre HMRC Cumbernauld **IBS Office Solutions Ltd** Lantec Security Ltd Les Mills Fitness UK Ltd Lightatouch Lister Wilder Ltd Lloyds Bank D/D Lloyds Bank D/D Lloyds Bank D/D LSW Secure Ltd Lvreco UK Ltd Merchant Rentals Ltd Merchant Rentals Ltd Pitney Bowes Poztive Energy Ltd Poztive Energy Ltd Poztive Energy Ltd Poztive Energy Ltd

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Total 89782.89

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