

16/05	<p>To receive and discuss agreed budget for 2016 – 2017:</p> <p>Received and noted.</p> <p>It was AGREED the next meeting, to be called in the 2nd half of April, would decide on the details of expenditure.</p>	Clerk	
16/06	<p>To receive update of the Footpath Project and decide on actions to progress:</p> <p>a. To receive and note survey reports</p> <p>The footpath survey took place to ready the Parish Council to meet the CROW Act and to identify and resolve any anomalies to the footpaths to make more of our footpaths.</p> <p>It was considered that the signs are looking ‘tired’ and are not well followed and we need to provide the right facilities to promote more use.</p> <p>It was also considered important that the Parish Council should be aware of the condition of the footpaths.</p> <p>The Parish had been split into 4 sectors for the purposes of the survey:</p> <p>Sector 1 – The East of the Parish:</p> <p>Cllr T. Butcher reported that although there were issues regarding the conditions of the footpaths, there were no anomalies.</p> <p>Sector 2 - The North centre of the Parish</p> <p>Cllr. J. Earl reported that generally OK but conditions get worse in winter across the fields. Some broken and overgrown stiles that need repair and opening up as well as overgrown paths that need clearing.</p> <p>Path STRA/20/1 has had its course changed across farmland and it may need be necessary t review the signage.</p> <p>A regularly used pathway from STRA/14/1 to St. Mary’s School is not mapped.</p> <p>Sector 3 – The North West of the Parish</p> <p>Cllr. J. Bull reported that signage not clear on some paths and some paths overgrown.</p> <p>Path from Windmill Road o The Bevers is obstructed by a post put in for safety during building work at The Bevers.</p> <p>Sector 4 – The South West of the Parish</p> <p>Cllr C. Lewis reported that in general the condition of footpaths was reasonable, although minor work needed to be done to some stiles and hedging.</p> <p>There is a tarmacked footpath from junction of Victoria Road and Stephens Road through to Stephens Firs that is not marked on the WBC map.</p> <p>The reports were discussed and it was noted that the upkeep of the footpaths is the responsibility of West Berkshire Council, although help from the Parish would be accepted.</p> <p>The Clerk explained the due process of communication and</p>		

	<p>responsibilities, which were noted.</p> <p>It was noted that the anomalies, repairs and work needed to be collated into one report, which would then be prioritised and the prioritised items then reported to West Berkshire Council for dialogue.</p> <p>b. To discuss and agree plan for 2016 – 2017 See Agenda item 16/05</p> <p>c. To plan publicity for public reporting on issues to be resolved It was noted that there is a need to encourage comments from the public via the Newsletter.</p> <p>The promotion of footpath use was discussed and it was noted that there was a need to define footpaths that are for necessary use and those for recreational use.</p> <p>The production of a Footpaths leaflet or booklet to encourage the villagers to use the footpaths was then discussed and needs more consideration.</p> <p>Cllr. M. Lock reminded the meeting of the Brilliant Berkshire grants for footpaths and the Clerk is to investigate with Andrea.</p> <p>It was AGREED that Cllr. T. Butcher would drive these matters forward, with help from other Councillors and the Clerk.</p>	<p>T.B.</p> <p>M.D./Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>T.B.</p>	
<p>16/07</p>	<p>To consider current and recent issues raised regarding roads:</p> <p>a. Speeding Cllr. D. Ives reported that he had attended a recent a SID Briefing & Usage meeting and reported that if there are public complaints regarding speeding, the Parish Council can utilise SID. The police also need to be kept informed. Cllr T, Butcher commented that public perception did not always reflect the true level of speeding and that there was perhaps a need to utilise SID every 6 months and publishing the results. It was AGREED that Cllr. D. Ives would co-ordinate this, presenting a proposed plan at the April meeting, and using Facebook to get feedback from the public as to where speeding takes place.</p> <p>b. Repairs The question was raised as to who decides the scheduling programme for repairs. Clerk to investigate.</p> <p>c. Markings Double yellow line markings throughout the village need re-painting as a WBC priority.</p> <p>d. Signage Already dealt with under 16/06</p> <p>e. Other items None</p> <p>f. Review of historical items, including bollards on Victoria Road</p>	<p>D.I./N.C.</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>	

	<p>The proposition of bollards being installed to close off the layby outside the Café and Estate Agents in Victoria Road was then discussed due to the ever increasing popularity of the Café resulting in increased parking outside, blocking off the pavement.</p> <p>It was noted that this was a priority due to bollards being the only solution to keeping the footpath open for safe usage for disabled access and for mothers with children and prams.</p> <p>The option of raising the kerb to close off the layby was ruled out due to the buried services that were too close to the surface and the probability of on pavement parking then taking place.</p> <p>It was noted that cars parking on the road was a safer option for all users than the current situation where the pavement is effectively reduced or blocked.</p> <p>It was AGREED, by 7 votes for + 1 abstention, that Cllr. T. Butcher would approach West Berkshire Council on this matter as a point of safety that needs resolving.</p>	T.B.	
16/08	<p>Update on Commons Registration:</p> <p>Cllr. M. Dennett reported that there was little information available, but that Brewery Common is registered, there is title to Windmill Common but no information to registration and there is no information regarding Five Oakens and the ponds bordering the Fairground at the corner of Hammonds Heath and the Street.</p> <p>The Re-registration Act 2006 website shows some information but not enough.</p> <p>It was AGREED that Cllr. C. Lewis would investigate who registers commons and if there is any involvement by West Berkshire Council.</p> <p>The Clerk to advise on any NALC Legal Notes on Common Land</p>	C.L. Clerk	
16/09	<p>Minor matters for information:</p> <p>Complaints have been received regarding condition of Kings Road.</p> <p>A complaint had been received regarding pavement parking outside the Doctor's Surgery in Victoria Road.</p> <p>Complaints have been received regarding double yellow line parking outside Budgens in both Victoria Road and Kings Road. Cllr. D. Ives to raise with PCSO at meeting to be held on 2nd March.</p>	D.I.	
16/10	<p>Future Agenda items:</p> <p>Details of Budget Expenditure</p> <p>Report and decide on Footpaths progress</p>		
16/11	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>9th May 2016</p>		

The meeting finished at 9:54pm