

Clerks report summary from the Full Council meeting held on 14 January 2025

1. Minute 133(a) – Renewed lease for Wasbrough Field. The Clerk informed the Council that the solicitor is waiting for a DRAFT copy of the new lease from the other sides solicitor.
2. Minute 133(b) – Cheque signatories and Dual authorisation signatories for electronic banking. The Clerk informed the Council that he has sent the completed application to the Co-operative Bank and is awaiting their approval.
3. Item 133(f) – Deed of surrender and new lease for Grove Rugby Football Club. The Clerk informed the Council that both the Deed of Surrender and new lease for Grove Rugby Football Club have been returned to the Council's solicitor for further action.
4. Item 133(h) – New layout proposal and quote for the re-white lining of Millbrook Square car park. The Clerk informed the Council that he has notified the Company that the Council has accepted their quote for re-white lining of Millbrook Square car park and is awaiting a start date. He also added that the one-way directional signs have now been installed.
5. Item 133(j) – Parish Council Christmas tree. The Clerk informed the Council that this matter will be further discussed under item 165 on the agenda for this meeting.
6. Item 133(k) – Communication/IT policy. The Clerk informed the Council that because of the amount of business to be conducted at this meeting, this matter is deferred until the Full Council meeting to be held on 8 April 2025.
7. Item 144 – Grove resident and Youth matters. The Clerk informed the Council that Emma Boshier met with the Sweatbox manager, however, unfortunately due to budgets and staffing, the Sweatbox were unable to help. The Clerk added that Emma had visited the public consultation on the new Community Hub and welcomed the space set aside for Youth. She said however, that whilst this new facility may be too late for her son, it will be a useful community asset in the future.
8. Item 136 – Updates on the Wellington Gate development. The Clerk informed the Council that the handover of the new sports pitch and temporary facilities have been delayed again due to the wrong parts for a broken shower being issued. The Clerk added that he is trying to find out from the developer when the new date is.
9. Item 138 – Leisure Needs Assessment Strategy and Playing Pitch Strategy 2023 – 2041. The Clerk informed the Council that Wantage Town Council have agreed to support a joint press release. The DRAFT press release and the correspondence to the Local Plan Inspector are now in their final stages and will be released as soon as possible.
10. Item 140 – Request to support a 20mph speed limit along certain roads in Grove. The Clerk informed the Council that he has written to the resident notifying her of the Council's decision.
11. Item 141 – Quote from Alternative Energy Solutions to repair the Solar Panels on the roof of Old Mill Hall. The Clerk informed the Council that he has attempted to obtain another quote for this repair from SEAL Energy of Wantage, but to no avail. He added that the quote from AES Energy is still valid and will be discussed under item 160 on the agenda for this meeting.
12. Item 143 – s106 funding request from Hendred Sports Club. The Clerk informed the Council that he has notified the Planning Authority of the Councils decision.
13. Item 145(a) – Planning appeal for P21/V3516/RM – Monks Farm. The Clerk informed the Council that he has responded to the planning appeal.
14. Item 145(b) – Approval of the installation of a bus shelter on the West side of the Denchworth Road (adjacent to the aeroplane roundabout). The Clerk informed the Council that he has notified the County Council of the Council's decision.

G M Mundy
Clerk

20 February 2025