

Wexham Court Parish Council (WCPC)

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Wexham Court Parish Council
held at Parish Hall, Norway Drive, Slough SL2 5QP on
Friday 5th January, 2024 at 6:30 pm.**

05012024-01 Councillors Present:

Name	Present	Not Present
Cllr I. Ahmed	Y	
Cllr M. Ahmed	Y	
Cllr S. Akbar		N
Cllr H. Bajwa	Y	
Cllr H. Gahir		N
Cllr H. Javed		N
Cllr M. Javed		N
Cllr G. Jaynes	Y	
Cllr K. Kaur		N
Cllr M. Satti	Y	
Cllr G. Singh		N

In attendance: Adil Iftakhar - CLERK to WCPC

Members of Public Present: 5

05012024-02 Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr S. Akbar.

05012024-03 Declarations of Interest

None Received.

05012024-04 Approval of minutes of meetings held on the 26th October 2023, 9th October 2023 and 30th June 2023

It was unanimously resolved, by those present, that the minutes of the meetings held on the 26th October 2023, 9th October 2023 and 30th June 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record.

05012024-05 Public Question Time

Q1: Who has the Parish Jewel?

Response: The previous chairman, Cllr H. Gahir has not handed back the Jewel despite the clerk requesting him to do so via email. The Jewel is the property of the parish council and should always be kept in the parish hall and only be given out to the chairperson on formal occasions. The clerk will request the jewel to be returned again and failure to do so, will result in a complaint being made against Cllr H. Gahir to the relevant authorities.

05012024-06 Precept for the financial year 2024/2025

WCPC unanimously resolved and approved, to request Slough Borough Council to levy a precept charge of £30 per annum, per property at band D for the financial year 2024/25. The Council Tax base for Wexham is 1,425.10, so at £30 per Band D the precept is £42,753.00.

05012024-07 Appointment of Mulberry & Co as Internal Auditor for the year 2023/24

It was unanimously resolved, that Mulberry & Co is appointed as Internal Auditor for the year 2023/2024 and the Clerk was authorised to sign the letter of engagement with immediate effect.

05012024-08 Consider quotations and approve a quotation for the installation of cricket nets within the tennis courts.

It was unanimously resolved that the current quotes are reviewed and requoted in order to ensure best value. Further quotes in order to explore having the cricket nets built outside the tennis courts be sought in order for this agenda item to be reconsidered again at the next council meeting.

05012024-09 Clerk Update

The clerk informed the council of the following:

- Natwest Current Account Bank Balance: £200,760.
- Saving Accounts: Redwood Bank (£85,000), Cambridge & Counties Bank (£85,000), Nationwide (£85,000) and Buckinghamshire Building Society (£85,000).
- The legal case around election expenses is ongoing against SBC and a defense will be filed at Reading County Court.
- Successfully advertised the RFO position with significant interest being achieved
- Re-established links with SBC to consider our offer to acquire further allotment land, as well as, purchase the freehold of the parish hall.
- Hand railings have been removed from the front of the hall by vandals, therefore, contractors have been contacted in order to fix new handrails.

05012024-10 Appointment of Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

WCPC unanimously resolved and approved, the following:

- a. To elect interview & appointment panel, which shall consist maximum of six Parish Councillors who shall be responsible for shortlisting the candidates, interviewing and making the appointment of RFO. The following councillors were

elected to sit on the panel: Cllr M. Satti, Cllr H. Bajwa, Cllr M. Ahmed, Cllr I. Ahmed, Cllr G. Jeynes and Cllr S. Akbar.

- b. The interviewing panel will agree its own term of reference at its first meeting.
- c. The meeting of the panel will be convened by the Clerk.

05012024-11 Payment List – January 2024

The payment list for January, 2024 was presented at the meeting and unanimously approved. Former Cllr Ghalib Hussain, one of the signatories, was requested to sign the cheques until the signatories have been changed. The Clerk was requested to issue the cheques as soon as possible.

Position:
Signature:
Date:

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