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Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting** held on Monday 2nd February 2015 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Benneyworth, Crane, Brookman, Thompson, Farrell, Bumbieris, Small, Leach
Also present: Sarah Brinkley, Headteacher, John O'Gaunt School, District Cllrs Paul Hewer (PH) and James Podger (JP) and Geoff Adams

Police Report: No Police present.

Sarah Brinkley, Headteacher, John O'Gaunt School. Year 11 had 56 pupils last year, 60% for 6th form which is very small. The school needs 17 students to break even. 6th form traditionally around 40. 7 other post 16 options in the area. Last year did not offer year 12. Annual fares £700 (fee towards this £130) for transport. How will council support provision of travel? National shortage of maths teachers – second specialist for existing teachers. Busing students to St Barts last year didn't work. Students class 3 to 32. English and science good results last year and working on maths. Ofsted monitoring visit – JOG are taking effective action. Expect them next September after results. Student Council met here. Taught how to run a meeting and talked about recreation and plans moving forward. Were elected WBC £2.5 million project started today for 9th Feb at JOG £10k fundraising target for library. SB doing marathon and walking London to Brighton. Rotary – Robin Dunkin has met with SB, evening with Jon Snow.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Podger, Wilson and Hudson
- 2. Declarations of interest.** Cllr Thompson re item 10 as he is a member of Hungerford Theatre Co.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of the Full Council meeting on 5th January 2015.** Cllr Benneyworth proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Crane, 1 abstention, rest in favour.
- 4. Propose agreement of restructuring of JOG school to enable its long term viability.** WBC consultation open for another week. JP – important every child has best education. Nos are enough. It is suspension proposed and could be reinstated. £1.25m purely for JOG School. Can £5k mill be used to help with transport. No it was ringfenced for the previous project only. No problem for capital exp. JP that would be found. The 4-18 all through school considered by wasn't 6th form looked at then? Can Primary School move to 2 or 3 forms entry level. Feasibility study ongoing. 6th form viable – led by JOG, right process. Most of 6th form go to St Johns because of choice of subjects. Concern that JOG without a 6th form – not help choice. Work on getting 11-16 working well. Concern over travel. Cllr Benneyworth proposed support JOG, Head and Governors in their plans to suspend 6th form, seconded by Cllr Thompson, all in favour.
- 5. Mayor's Report.** To follow.
- 6. District Councillor's Reports.** JP – resurfacing programme – Homefield Way, Prospect Way, Sanden Close and Upper Eddington 2015 to plan. Sanden Close also now in programme. No patching in this area, Hillside Road is also concrete – why is this not added? PH will take this to ME. A Garrett is doing study on all crossings in Hungerford. Week or 2 delay for starting of pedestrian crossing – Easter w/e. ME is looking at better lighting for Charnham St crossing and was 4 years ago. Coldharbour Road and grass verges being done. Members bid – will be submitted anyway – even though draft lease not agreed.

7. **Committee reports (no more than 3 minutes per report)**
R&A – Cllr Benneyworth. Report to follow
F&GP – Cllr Colin Bumbieris. Met Jan 13th. Xmas lights exp and PAT testing. Discussed Croft lease. Staff appraisals have happened. Part 2 – claim compensation.
E&P – Cllr Benneyworth reported. No objections and one support. Roger Croft, WBC housing portfolio holder will be invited to meeting.
H&T – Cllr Rob Brookman. Online survey encouraged to take part in – NR. Requested 2 bus stops by Redwood. Await agreements from JOG School. Hoped S106 will finance this. Meeting with 4th D Landscapes today, £5k electric one off. Approx £4k additional installations costs. Will report at next Full Council. Tender not accurate. Not in Council’s control.
T&E – Cllr Crane. Printing of leaflets. CB to propose.

8. **Finance – Cllr Bumbieris**
 - a) **Propose authorisation of cheque run payments.** Cllr Bumbieris proposed £8,915.24+VAT, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour.
 - b) **Propose year to date accounts.** 20k under H&T budget which will be offset by 4th D Landscape and bus route bill awaited. Cllr Bumbieris proposed year to date accounts, seconded by Cllr Benneyworth, all in favour. Rod has collected over £3k in donations for lights.
 - c) **Agree and propose amount of expenditure towards printing of leaflets (from T&E budget).** Cllr Leach proposed £640 toward reprinting of Hungerford leaflets, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour.

9. **Leases update - Croft Field, Triangle Field and Football Club (discussed after item 6).** Waiting ages for WBC to send freehold papers through (4 months) – received nothing. PH and JP to chase this up. Croft Field lease – draft received is not suitable. S House – not been forthcoming with anything? PH and JP to chase tomorrow and speak to C Broughton. Post box collection time changing. Can WBC make representations, HTC and Chamber? Football Club – waiting for Skippy to produce info – this Thursday.

10. **Triangle Field - Marketing and future use.** CF – rugby club not being marketed as use other than rugby. Concerts/car boots? No other users queing up. Once we have freehold – use can be broader and can be discussed at R&A. Schools / tag rugby has grown. Show case facilities / open day? Not TFMC job to market it under constitution. TFMC supportive of Theatre Company as another use. Look at Croft Field and Triangle Field together to market. Ideas from town.

11. **Here and Now – Councillor Contributions.** Contributions good. 3rd Friday is 20th Feb, Sarah, Carolann, Rob (Martin-April).

12. **Annual Town Meeting – Committee chairs consider items for power point.** Powerpoints to Clerk. Need someone accurate. Sarah? Tap into audience for volunteers as Town Councillors.

13. **Notification of Fly a Flag Day.** Fly flags of Commonwealth. Invite those from other countries?! Cllr Crane can come. Cllrs Thompson, Benneyworth, Bumbieris?

14. **Any other Reports (3 minutes each) not to include any proposals- all councillors.** Friends of the station? Speak to John Willmot, Chamber of Commerce his Thursday 6.30pm at Three Swans.

Meeting closed at