### HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.00pm in the Library, Hungerford

**Present:** Cllrs Simpson, Chicken, Fyfe, Downe, Alford, Shatford, Knight, Carlson, Schlanker, Yakar-Wells, Keates and Greenwell

Also: West Berkshire Council (WBC) Emily Ashton-Jelley and Meghan Dalgarno, District Cllrs James Cole (JC), Dennis Benneyworth (DB) and Claire Rowles (CR)

Representatives from Penny Post, Newbury News and Notrees Care home.

In attendance: Claire Barnes (Town Clerk) and several members of public.

Police Report: The police were not in attendance and no report has been received to date.

West Berkshire Council presentation on their Environment Strategy and Delivery Plan: (Please refer to the attached power point). Particular points of interest and questions raised are summarised below. Hungerford schools are encouraged to become part of the eco-school's education programme. WBC can help with this and part fund it. The school will become accredited as a result.

Additional restrictions grant for businesses has now closed.' Dine out sustainability' is the new promotion with a deadline for applications of 27<sup>th</sup> June. The next digital magazine is coming out in the summer. The Hub has applied so will be featured in the promotion. The Veolia sustainability fund is available for projects enhancing biodiversity and recycling etc. The deadline for this is 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The Greening Campaign is underway and WBC fund 50% of the fees. Parishes are being asked to be the lead for their area. Kintbury PC are active on this and it was suggested Hungerford may wish to partner with them.

If anyone wishes to join the WBC Climate Forum they are welcome to be added to the mailing list for the 6 weekly meetings. Cllr Downe has been attending these. If we wish to highlight a particular project to the community it can be included in the Resident's magazine.

Cutting has been reduced to twice a year and no mow May is being observed. Verges are being left uncut where possible and safe to do so. Every tree with Ash die-back will be replaced. WBC are working with Greenham Trust on their 25,000 tree planting project and if there are any pieces of land appropriate to plant on please can we let them know.

It was asked why there is not a focus on planning to become more sustainable following the declaration of a WBC Climate Emergency. Emily advised the Local Plan Review is on-going and they are consultees. High standards set can be overruled by appeal. They are working with BBOWT for advice on rewilding and a tree maintenance policy is in place.

More info was requested from WBC on the fuel poverty grant and how the 120/130 people will be selected.

#### FC202200131 Note apologies for absence - Councillors, Lewis, Hudson and Winser

FC202200132Declarations of interest – Cllr Greenwell declared a new interest as he has recently been<br/>employed as programme manager for Bristol University. Cllr Alford item FC202200148.<br/>Several Cllrs declared an interest in item FC202200145; Cllr Knight (Hub and CHAIN),<br/>Cllr Downe (Nursery), Cllr Shatford (Ben East and JOG school), Cllr Schlanker (HAHA).

FC202200133Approval of Minutes of the Annual Full Council meeting of 3rd May 2022, and<br/>outcome of actions<br/>Proposed: Cllr Simpson<br/>Seconded: Cllr Alford<br/>Resolution: To approve minutes of 3rd May 2022 as a true record. 2 abstentions<br/>Outcome of actions: None outstanding.

FC202200134Consider response to consultation on Future of Notrees care home in Kintbury.<br/>Deadline for responses is 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Zoe Williams, manager of the care home spoke<br/>representing all the staff and the majority of the residents at Notrees, wishing to increase<br/>awareness of the proposed closure. They are putting together a counter proposal. Kintbury<br/>PC has already made representations.

She advised there has been an increase in respite care so they wish to offer more interim placements for patients coming out of hospital ahead of them returning home. They have received recent referrals from hospitals. Occupancy has remained low due to Covid. The needs of those in care have increased so they weren't able to take admissions and now when they are in a position to improve this, they are faced with closure. Notrees are locally staffed, and they have had no trouble recruiting, apart from obtaining temporary staff. They currently have 10 residents at Notrees but have capacity for 16 permanent residents and 2 respite. More staff have recently been employed to provide a safe environment. Notrees is 40 years old but has recently been refurbished. It is in a relatively rural location and the only residential setting in WBC. It is set to close within the coming 18 months and it is not clear what the plans are for the building.

- ACTION: Councillors will individually respond to the consultation and District Cllrs will provide more information along with a copy of Kintbury PC's response.
- **FC202200135** Receive Mayor's Report <u>See attached.</u> Constable Peter Joseph was present to invite all councillors and staff to a social meeting at the Town Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> July to help build a stronger relationship. His invite was welcomed by the Mayor.
- FC202200136 Receive District Councillor's Reports – HTC was congratulated on the success of the Jubilee celebrations. A retaining wall found when foliage was cleared near the Priory Road roundabout will be fenced off and made safe. It was thought to be an old bus stop and will be replaced with a smaller wall. Cllr Fyfe was thanked for his PROW report and works in respect of this will happen in the winter. A Member's Bid has been submitted for the wildflower matting. WBC failed to find a consultant for the conservation area appraisals and the money is no longer available. Instead, it will be project managed in house. The out of hours 'customer journey' service has worked well and will continue to run. Reported footway defects around town are scheduled to be repaired. The abandoned vehicle in The Croft has been removed. A thanks was extended to all involved in keeping Hungerford clear of litter during the Jubilee celebrations. DC Rowles is lobbying our MP to improve safety at the Denford junction. The foliage is being cut back but speeding is an issue as too are the heavy vehicles driving through Denford. DC Rowles is also addressing areas that feel unsafe due to poor lighting such as the alleyway past the Fairfield allotments. It was reported that Jon Winstanley is arranging for the 12 listed milestones to be painted.
- **FC202200137 Consider request from WBC for list of any local issues in relation to water abstraction, storage, mains supply, sewer system and wastewater treatment, to assist with their future investment plans.** DC Cole advised this was his request as they will soon have the opportunity to put forward questions to Thames Water. The deadline for responses is 30<sup>th</sup> June. A couple of concerns were raised such as the impact due to population growth and neighbouring parish projects affecting Hungerford. Any feedback should be directed to DC Cole.

### FC202200138Health & Safety – Any complaints or concerns, (including Denford Junction and<br/>footways in Coldharbour Road) – The Mayor reported that every resident in Coldharbour

Rd and Clarkes Gardens had received a letter from WBC recognising the poor footway workmanship and advising that necessary remedial works will be made. Lessons have been learnt and in future inspections ideally should take place before, during and after works.

- FC202200139 Hungerford 2036 Consider and propose a way forward Discussed in Part 2
- FC202200140Receive Committee reports (no more than 3 minutes per report) Projects requiring<br/>funding at the station were considered. It was agreed the station (separate to the<br/>WBC station car park) is an inappropriate location for Electric Vehicle chargers. Cllr<br/>Chicken advised Network Rail needs to consult before they can allow a gate/garden to the<br/>north of the London Platform so this cannot be pursed at present.ACTION:Clerk to resubmit the two GWR bids, written prior to Covid, for a facsibility study and
  - **<u>ACTION:</u>** Clerk to resubmit the two GWR bids, written prior to Covid, for a feasibility study and painting of the bridge.
- FC202200141Propose authorisation of payment run (circulated along with copies of invoices)<br/>for May<br/>Proposed: Cllr Knight<br/>Seconded: Cllr Schlanker<br/>Resolution: Agree payment run for May totalling £24,207.28.
- FC202200142
   Propose Year to date accounts refer to circulated Income/Expenditure Report. It was noted the first half of the Precept had been received and that income was above budget due to Croft Field hire and burials.

   Proposed: Cllr Knight
   Seconded: Cllr Simpson

   Resolution: Agree year to date accounts.

FC202200143Croft Field improvement project – Agree draft tender document<br/>Proposed: Cllr Downe<br/>Seconded: Cllr Greenwell<br/>Resolution: To proceed to tender based on the draft document submitted, subject to two<br/>amendments being the specification of LEDs and making the insulation of the roof space<br/>clearer on the plans.

- ACTION: Instruct architect and invite tenders.
- FC202200144Platinum Jubilee arrangements Receive feedback from event and confirm location<br/>of Jubilee bench The mayor felt the event could not have gone better. Attendance was<br/>good, the weather held out and the Town Band were amazing.

ACTION: It was suggested that the Jubilee shield should be installed on the outside wall of the library and the Platinum bench outside Farewise.

ACTION: Cllr Simpson and Cllr Keates to work on a press release.

FC202200145Annual Grants – Ratify recommendation from F&GP and consider payment of<br/>additional grants as detailed in the spreadsheet.<br/>Proposed: Cllr Simpson<br/>Seconded: Cllr Fyfe<br/>Resolution: Ratify the recommendations from F&GP to pay grants to the sum of<br/>£19,923.50 (as detailed in the spreadsheet attached). Four abstentions.

Proposed: Cllr Simpson
Seconded: Cllr Downe
Resolution: Agree payment of the additional grants as detailed in the spreadsheet as follows: Hungerford Carnival £500, HRFC Kitchen Refurbishment £1,000, Swings & Smiles £200, Hungerford Scouts up to £600 as necessary (Cllr Shatford to see if he can help arrange a minibus at a lower cost). Totalling £2300. One abstention.

FC202200146 Any other Reports (3 minutes each) not to include any proposals – None

#### PART 2 Confidential

The public and press may be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity might be prejudicial to the public interest as per the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

FC202200147Update on John O Gaunt Artificial Grass Pitch Project – Consider changes to HTC's<br/>involvement and funding input – Refer to report<br/>Proposed: Cllr Simpson<br/>Seconded: Cllr Knight<br/>Resolution: Clerk to draft letter to District Cllrs and Howard Woolaston requesting<br/>confirmation of WBC's contribution towards the funding of this project. Circulate draft to<br/>Council before sending.

 FC202200148
 Community Centre lease – Consider and propose acceptance of lease renewal and acceptance of fees

 Proposed: Cllr Knight
 Seconded: Cllr Simpson

 Resolution: Accept terms of lease renewal and associated fees.

 ACTION: Clerk to instruct solicitor to finalise the lease. One abstention.

 FC202200149
 Ratify hiring charges for Triangle Field as recommended by R&A and consider if session discount is required

 Proposed: Cllr Simpson
 Seconded: Cllr Keates

 Resolution: Ratify recommendation from R&A for £26 a session for hire of the field or car park, including a 15% discount for more than one session.

 ACTION:
 Finalise documentation.

#### FC202200139 (Moved from Part 1)

Hungerford 2036 – Consider and propose a way forward
After discussion a vote was taken.
Proposed: Cllr Simpson
Seconded: Cllr Yakar-Wells
Resolution: Take forward the one site, HUN14 for inclusion in the H2036 NDP, one objection, one abstention.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

#### Mayor's report: May appointments 2022

#### **Constables Parade**

I was delighted to attend the Constables parade on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The parade was well attended, it's always a delight to march behind Hungerford Town Band. Huge congratulations to Peter Joseph who was elected as Constable for a second term. Peter, I know we will have lots of joint adventures throughout the civic year. Congratulations!

#### John O Gaunt Artificial Pitch

Discussions are on-going, HTC was present at a meeting with all parties recently. There is so much support for this project within WBC and HTC. I'm extremely optimistic this project will be delivered on time.

#### **Police Meeting**

Cllr Fyfe and I attended a meeting with the local police team and residents to discuss a local concern relating to drugs and antisocial behaviour. The residents were supported with positive actions they can do to report the incidents of concern.

#### **Band Concert**

Hungerford Town Band held a concert in the Corn Exchange for the community, the afternoon performance was well attended and I think the band played the best I've heard them play. It was great to listen to the junior band who were absolutely brilliant. Thank you to all those involved.

#### **WBC Meeting Pavements**

Over 20 people were present at this meeting including WBC, Volker Highways, Rejuvo District, and Town Councillors to discuss the recent pavement improvements in Hungerford. Thank you to Jon Winstanley for allowing Hungerford residents to speak directly with officers and also to contractors, who explained the process and apologised for poor workmanship on this occasion. It has been agreed any remedial works will be done and the surface monitored over the coming months.

#### **Newbury Spring festival**

I was delighted to be invited as a guest of Doves Farm to the Hungerford venue of the Newbury Spring Festival. I had a wonderful evening listening to the Oculi Ensemble string quartet. Congratulations to the Newbury spring festival team on another successful festival.

#### **Hungerford Theatre Company**

I was thrilled to be asked to the theatre company's production of 'Two'. There were moments when I laughed so hard and others where I had a tear in my eye. Superb performance, David Clayton would have been so proud of you all.

#### **Twinning Association Sun Dial**

As president of the Twinning Association I was so pleased to be present at the unveiling of the new sun dial placed on the library building. Thank you to RBFRS for funding the project and to local stone mason Barry Humphries for such a beautiful replacement, following only pictures as a guide. Ted, your vegetarian rolls at the reception following were outstanding!

#### Twinning 40year Anniversary, commemorative Plaque

A couple of years later than planned due to the pandemic, we were finally able to unveil a fabulous anniversary plaque on the town hall. The plaque commemorates 40 years of our twinning with French town Ligueil. The success of the twinning association is down to the hard -working committee and following years of friendship. I very much hope it continues to go from strength to strength in the future. Realisation fantastique, Tres Bon!

#### **Beacon Lighting**

The beacon lighting was so well attended, although some hoped our beacon was a little more impressive in size, I believe everyone had a lovely evening. Thank you to HRFC for supporting the event and thanks to Roger Ballard, Derek & Di Loft and HTC office for putting together such a lovely event for the town.

#### **Platinum Jubilee Picnic**

Wow! What an incredible event. I couldn't be more pleased with how this event went. My goodness weren't we lucky with the weather!

The community really supported this event, I will do lots more in the way of thanks to all those who supported the event within the press, but firstly, I'd like to thank our dedicated committee for pulling off (in three months and which took other towns a year to plan) a hugely successful Platinum Jubilee celebration. Hungerford you make me so proud to serve as your Mayor. Cllr Helen Simpson, Mayor

#### Grant Applications 2022 - 2023

Applicant	Cost of Project	Suggested Amount 2022/23	The Good Exchange appl no
1st Hungerford Brownies	£710.00	£100.00	19538
Arts for Hungerford	£32,400.00	£800.00	19240
CHAIN	£6,990.00	£1,500.00	19547
Citizens Advice West Berkshire	£2,550.00	£750.00	19584
Eight Bells for Mental Health	£269,000.00	£250.00	19421
Great Western Hospital (Scanner Appeal)	£500,000.00	£500.00	18751
Greenham Trust	£100,000.00	£500.00	19509
HADCAF	£37,620.00	£1,000.00	19438
НАНА	£1,800.00	£600.00	19467
Headway Thames Valley	£7,062.00	£250.00	19472
Home-Start West Berkshire	£42,993.00	£250.00	19422
Hungerford Club	£1,761.00	£500.00	19475
Hungerford Cricket Club	£10,038.48	£1,000.00	19536
Hungerford Food Community	£4,145.00	£500.00	19386
Hungerford Town Band	£11,531.00	£1,000.00	19488
Hungerford Town Football Club	£611,275.00	£0.00	19464
John O'Gaunt School PSA	£4,125.00	£500.00	19537
Kennet Community Radio	£10,184.00	£100.00	19166
Parkinsons UK, Newbury	£12,600.00	£100.00	19505
Recovery in Mind	£25,572.00	£250.00	19373
The Shoal of Friends (Nursery School)	£3,927.58	£1,000.00	19541
The Tuesday Burchett Club (Holiday for the disabled 3 yr olds)	£9,120.00	£500.00	19426
The Tuesday Burchett Club (Christmas Party)	£1,000.00	£100.00	19567
Time to Talk West Berkshire	£44,764.00	£250.00	19522
Young People & Children First	£27,953.00	£250.00	19346
Ben East		£300.00	N/A
		£12,850.00	
Applied after May deadline	<b></b>		 
Hungerford Carnival	£8,200.00	£500.00	N/A
Hungerford Rugby Football Club	£18,313.00	£1,000.00	19546
1st Hungerford Scout Group	£700.00	£600.00	N/A

Swings and Smiles	£18,000.00	£200.00	19281
		£2,300.00	
£15,000 Total			
Hungerford & Camburn Education	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	N/A
£1000 Total			
Hungerford Library & Community Trust	£4,546.00	£1,273.50	19417
£9,000 Total			
Hungerford Youth & Community Centre	£18,619.00	£4,800.00	19489
£4,800 Total		£7,073.50	
	TOTAL	£22,223.50	

#### FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES REPORT FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 MONTH 2, MAY 2022 INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT

#### **101 FINANCE:**

50% of the Annual Precept has been received.

#### **102 ADMINISTRATION:**

Expenditure of £14,290 is slightly above the budget year to date.

#### **103 GRANTS & DONATIONS:**

No Expenditure this month.

#### **104 POOL HOUSE:**

Expenditure of £878 is within budget year to date.

#### **105 CONTINGENCY:**

No expenditure this month.

#### **106 TOURISM SUPPORT BUDGET:**

No Expenditure this month.

#### **109 HUNGERFORD 2036 PROJECT:**

Expenditure of £40 is within budget year to date.

#### **201 RECREATION & AMENITIES:**

Expenditure of £1,547 is within budget year to date.

#### **202 WAR MEMORIAL GROUND:**

Expenditure of £175 is within budget year to date.

#### 203 ST SAVIOURS:

Expenditure of £1,350 is within budget year to date. Burial Fee Income of £1,576 is above budget.

#### **204 CROFT FIELD:**

Expenditure of  $\pounds 215$  is within budget year to date. Income up by  $\pounds 2,158$  year to date.

#### **205 LIBRARY MAINTENANCE COSTS:**

No Expenditure this month.

#### **206 TRIANGLE FIELD:**

Expenditure of £52 is within budget year to date. The new rent is now being received.

#### **301 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:**

No Expenditure this month.

#### **302 HIGHWAYS:**

Expenditure of £1,225 is within budget year to date.

#### 303 CCTV:

No Expenditure this month.

This month's Income of £3,866 is above the budget year to date and this month's Expenditure of  $\pounds 18,895$  is within budget year to date.

Claire Winser Chair of F&GP 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

# West Berkshire Council

Emily Ashton-Jelley Principal Environment Delivery Officer and Megan Dalgarno Environment Delivery Officer



- □ WBC unanimously declared a **Climate Emergency** on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.
- □ Commitment to work towards carbon neutrality by 2030
- Comprehensive engagement and consultation activities to seek views from across West Berkshire (including popular Climate Conference, Oct 2019)
- □ The consultation process helped to formulate the **Environment Strategy** which was approved on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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#### **Environment Strategy Delivery Plan**

 Framework of actions to help us work towards reaching carbon neutrality. The Delivery Plan picks up on the statements of intent made in the Strategy

						erfake to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Each Strategic ocument is 'live' and as such will be regularly updated to show the Progress Key: Blue = not started, Green = In progress, on track, Organie = norgards, behalt schedule, Purole = complete		
			Long = Ap	or 2026 - M	lar 2030	orange	- In progress, be	mind scheddle, r di ple - complete
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: C		Performance	Timescale		Responsibility	Comment /	Predicted Carbon Saving	Links to the Environment Strategy: Statements of
CN001	Undertake an assessment of West Berkshire Council's current assets and building portfolio in order to establish the opportunity and technical requirements / constraints for installing renewable energy technology	Measures Assessments completed for all relevant Council assets	Start Short term	Short term	WBC Env Delivery	Progress In progress, on track	Impact Necessary pre- delivery work	Commitment Foreword: Installing more solar panels across our estate 6.1.2 Buildings: Review of our own services and support functions in relation to use of buildings and reducing carbon
CN002	Use the results of the assessment created (ref CN001) to develop a rolling programme for the installation of renewable energy technology across the Council's assets and building portfolio	2 Megawatts of solar panels installed	Short term	Medium term	WBC Env Delivery	In progress, on track	High	Foreword: Installing more solar panels across our estate 5.1 Carbon neutral by 2030: Increasing the deployment of renewable energy technology across the Council's estate Renewable energy infrastructure will be installed on all Council sites where it is feasible to do so
CN003	Using the principles of GHG protocol, establish a carbon footprint baseline for West Berkohire Council, and a robust methodology that is repeatable on an annual basis, in order to monitor progress towards carbon neutrality in 2030	An agreed Carbon Management System has been established	Short term	Short term	WBC Env Delivery	Complete	Medium	Fereversi: Conduct council carbon audit 6.2.2 Managing our own carbon budget: In managing our own carbon budget we will: - Define the types of emissions that should be - included. - Understand these emissions typu or genations - Provide greater certainty on how emission levels will change in a business as subusi cercanic, and - Develop a series of options and actions for delivery of a carbon neutral Council by 2030
CN004	Deliver the actions as identified within the Council's ULEV Strategy, to include: installation of Electric Vehicle Charge points and ensure 25% of the Council's fleet uses ULEV by 2022	All actions in the ULEV strategy are met	Short term	Medium term	WBC Env Delivery / WBC Network Management /WBC Transport services	In progress, on track	High	5.1 Carbon neutral by 2030: Replacing existing ICE vehicles on the Council's fleet with ULEV
CN005	Work with stakeholders and central energy contract electricity suppliers to ensure that the Council's electricity supply is from confirmed 'green' / renewable sources	100% of the Council's electricity supply comes from renewable sources	Short term	Short term	WBC Env Delivery	In progress, on track	High	6.1.3 Energy: Work with local suppliers, community energy co-operatives and similar groups to invest in renewable energy in the district

The actions relate to our key Strategic Objectives shown here:





#### Our Local Delivery – the Council's role

#### What is in the Council's control?

- Our investment programmes
- Our internal policies and actions
- What can the Council facilitate?
  - Working as enabler or partner on projects
  - Engagement creating opportunities for local action
  - Local Policy making
  - Bidding for funds
- What can we influence regionally and nationally?
  - Working with others Thames Valley Berkshire LEP, other LAs and regional groups
  - Influencing areas of national policy, engaging with consultations









- Funding for approx. 120-130 households for West
   Berkshire as part of the Sustainable Warmth Programme
- Aim: to tackle fuel poverty by increasing low-income homes' energy efficiency rating which will impact their energy bills
- Also delivers carbon savings to help to work towards our net zero ambition
- Details out towards the end of June –opportunity for Parish and Town Councils to help spread the word and encourage eligible households to sign up
- Working with the Greater South East Energy Hub who have appointed Warmworks as Managing Agents.









#### What is happening? Natural Solutions

- Helping to coordinate and facilitate community projects to enhance the environment and sequester carbon:
- tree planting, community orchards, wildlife and biodiversity enhancements
- □ For support contact <u>Jo.Watt1@westberks.gov.uk</u>
- Natural Solutions Delivery Partnership: West Berkshire organisations working together to deliver coordinated ways of increasing biodiversity and capturing carbon for the improvement of West Berkshire's natural environment.
- Involving landowners and linking with nature recovery, habitat creation and some potential large scale projects





We are supporting our schools to take green action by partnering with the Eco-Schools Charity.

- This is an internationally recognised, 7 step programme that empowers young people to take positive environmental action in their schools.
- Students lead the work and choose from 10 different action areas to start making a difference in their school





# What is happening? Businesses

- Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) Challenge Fund, supported environmentally friendly economic recovery and growth.
- Funded projects include air source heat pumps, solar panels, LED lighting, electric vehicle charge point, air quality testing, water conservation equipment etc.
- This Summer Enjoy Local, Enjoy Green supporting local businesses with a strong environmental values who are offering activities or events throughout summer (July-September) for residents to enjoy.





□ The businesses will be showcased in WBC Summer Magazine for 2022.



## What is happening? What can you do?

- Do you have links with Schools in your communities? Encourage and support them to become <u>Eco-Schools</u>
- Consider <u>Veolia's Sustainability Fund</u> which will provide grants of up to £1,000 to support non-profit organisations, community groups or individuals that help transform their local community through enhancing biodiversity, promoting sustainable waste behaviours, protecting or preserving resources and the environment, or using recycled, reused or reclaimed materials.
- Taking action through starting The Greening
   Campaign in your area...





- The Greening Campaign provides tailored action plans for each
   Parish to help kick-start climate action and adaptation in your area
- □ There are 4 phases to the campaign:
  - Phase 1 community engagement
  - Phase 2 acting together: retrofitting, re-wilding and human health
  - Phase 3 self assessing the community in light of sustainability
  - Phase 4 adaptation
- □ Each phase costs £50 WBC will part-fund 50% of fees for Parishes
- □ Parishes are being asked to be the lead for the Greening Campaign for their area
- □ Kintbury, Beenham, Stratfield Mortimer, and Ufton Nervet/Sulhamstead have signed up



Communications channel between town and parish councils and WBC

- Chance for WBC to highlight projects, give support and advice, and invite external speakers along
- □ Parish and town councils can highlight problems or help needed, encourage others and share good ideas and best practice
- 1 hour meetings every 5-6 weeks (normally around lunchtimes)
- Email <u>megan.dalgarno1@westberks.gov.uk</u> if you would like to be added to the mailing list. (All main Parish and Town Council email addresses are included)



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### **Key links and contacts**

Sign up to the Environment Newsletter

Environment Strategy 2020-2030

Environment Strategy Delivery Plan

Annual Progress Report 2021

### a greener West Berkshire

Contact the Environment Delivery Team: <u>environment@westberks.gov.uk</u>

<u>EV@westberks.gov.uk</u> for anything to do with electric cars and charging points



# **Questions?**



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