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Clerk's Written Report:

Monday 23rd June 2025

Beansheaf Centre/Parish Office:

Maintenance:

28/05/2025 Linear Hall front left shutter broke over the weekend. The motor was replaced just over a year prior. Therefore, although outside its warranty period, the installer replaced for free (only charge was the call-out fee).

Centre General:

15/05/2025 Fire Door service was completed with no reported issues.

26/05/2025 Following a party on 24th May, the Council received several complaints regards litter, noise and late finishing. Following review of the CCTV, the hirer was witnessed to be in breach of several of the Council's Conditions of Hire. Therefore, actions have been taken against the hirer.

June: Due to heavily increased pricing, a new contactor has been sought for the hygiene services in the Beansheaf Centre. The hand sanitisers will be removed but the rest of the services will remain the same. Install date is set for 30/06/2025. Due to the change in company a few access controls have been altered including a change to the height barrier lock and a new key lock box installed in the Linear Hall.

Office:

05/06/2025 The Clerk attended a Clerk's Forum meeting.

06/06/2025 Following a recent work experience the following feedback was received: *'The work experience placement was great, I would like a full time paid position doing a similar job.'* This feedback will be used in marketing by Business Education Partnership that has stated how much our work experience offering is valued.

10/06/2025 The Clerk attended an 'Essential HR Update' free training course in Reading and had a free follow-up consultation on 18/06/2025. The Clerk will share the outcomes with the HR Committee.

29/05/2025 Notice was received that the Roger Charging Case that the parish council previously purchased, is subject to a product safety recall. The item has been returned. The Council will receive a credit return for the returned chargers. Additionally, as a

replacement for each charger, four units of the 055-3010-Roger Charging Rack 4, which will be shipped in the coming weeks.

Parish:

- 13/05/2025** The Clerk, with two volunteers, completed a Community Speed Watch session on Carters Rise.
- 22/05/2025** The Clerk, with two volunteers, completed a Community Speed Watch session on Mill Lane.
- 28/05/2025** The Police reviewed the Council's CCTV following an incident in Linear Park on Monday 19th May. The footage is of use.
- 28/05/2025** Report received from our contractors that the dog bin at the entrance to the bottom end of Cow Lane is broken (the lock has failed and it cannot, therefore, be opened to be emptied). A quote was supplied and accepted to the cost of £336.00 inclusive VAT. Install date awaited.
- 04/06/2025** Report received that the dog bin at Mill Lane/Hawkesbury Drive was overflowing. Reported to contractor who dealt with this the same day.
- 04/06/2025** Report received from a resident concerning the condition of housing association homes on Carters Rise. The Clerk has written to the companies involved and has copied in the District Councillors. On-going.
- 09/06/2025** Report received from West Berkshire Council's Traffic and Road Safety Team, following contact from a resident, who reported *'In recent weeks, I've heard/seen multiple loud cars and motorbikes backfiring, revving, and racing down Charrington Road at far faster than the 30mph speed limit, I suspect to avoid any traffic/cameras on the A4. As there are no speed bumps on the road, only a few 'give way' traffic calming places, it can be easy to build up speed on the road when there's no other traffic around. The speed is an obvious safety issue, and the volume of the vehicles is incredibly disruptive in an otherwise quiet neighbourhood. I live in XXXXX close to Charrington Road. I haven't been disturbed at night by the noise so I wouldn't say it happens too late but it definitely happens 3-4 times a day. Unfortunately as my visibility of the road is quite poor, I haven't been able to identify the make/colour of any of the vehicles.'* I have onward reported this to the District Councillors and the Police. Responses awaited.
- 10/06/2025** Complaint received regards the amount of litter on the Holymead Recreation ground and an alleyway in Vine Crescent. The person has been responded to and, for the alleyway, referred to Reading Borough Council.
- 13/06/2025** Further complaint received regards the inconsiderate parking on The Chase which has been persistent since the building of the care home commenced. The Clerk has chased West Berkshire Planning for a response and has copied in the District Councillors. The Police have also been contacted. Responses awaited.
- 17/06/2025** Two residents have borrowed Council litter picking equipment to pick their local areas.

Play Parks:

- 28/05/2025** Contractor reported that there had been further fire damage at the Holymead playground and three bins have been burnt out and glass melted into the grass. A clear-up has been completed.
- 02/06/2025** Contractor visited to provide quotes for replacement youth shelter (also made minor repairs to rope crossing).
- 02/06/2025** The condition of the Holymead playground was really poor. Several litter bins had been emptied out over the grounds. Our contractor was contacted to conduct an emergency clear up.
- 03/06/2025** Resident raised a complaint regards overgrown foliage at the Underwood Road playground which has impacted the fence to their garden. A quote to repair the fence and have the foliage cut back has been requested.

Finance:

General finance:

- 19/05/2025** Santander wrote to advise that due to the Council being moved from Corporate and Commercial bank to business banking, from 1st July 2025, it will no longer permit BACS payments. Salaries, HMRC and pension contributions are paid via BACS. Due to the short timeline, Moorepay has been instructed to start the process to enable these payments to be made by Faster Payment. However, the set-up process takes 6-weeks (way past the deadline of 1st July). Therefore, Santander was contacted for a possible extension on the deadline which has been granted to 31st July 2025. There is a cost of £28.00 per month for the faster payment service which will take the Council over budget. The Council is in contract with Moorepay for, at least, a further two years.
- 06/06/2025** Santander has advised that it is going paperless so statements will no longer be issued by post.
- 06/06/2025** Nationwide Building Society has advised that the Council's interest rate will reduced to 1.70% from 04/06/2025 (previously 2.00%).

Planning:

West Berkshire Council Planning Decisions:

| Application Number | Location | Application Proposal | Decision |
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| 24/02714/HOUSE | 49 Narromine Drive, Calcot, Reading, RG31 7ZL | Retrospective application for a single storey rear extension and demolition of canopy. | GRANTED |
| 25/01036/CERTP | 19 Greencroft Gardens Calcot Reading RG30 3PL | Rear dormer loft conversion. | LAWFUL |
| 25/00499/HOUSE | 13 Rushmoor Gardens, Calcot, Reading, RG31 7AH | Front porch, side extension and garage conversion | APPROVED |
| 25/00850/CERTP | 18 Red Kite Close Calcot Reading RG31 7BT | Velux conversions | REFUSED |