

MEMBERSHIP:

Cllr O'Connell
Cllr Roberts
Cllr Braiden
Cllr Akala
Cllr Harrison -ex officio
Cllr Baker – ex-officio



**MINUTES OF WORKS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 23rd September 2025**

Present: Cllr O'Connell (part) Cllr Braiden
Cllr Akala Cllr Harrison
Cllr Baker

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence, Roz Morton (Clerks), Cllr Shankland, Cllr Darley, Mr. Justin Goldstone

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Baker chaired the meeting until his arrival – All in favour.

WE50 25/26 To consider and agree to accept apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr Roberts and were accepted

WE51 25/26 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda.
None received

WE52 25/26 To approve the Minutes of the Works & Events Committee meeting held on the 22nd July 2025
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Works & Events Committee meeting held on the 22nd July 2025, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Akala – all in favour.

WE53 25/26 Clerks/Chairman's Report.
The Clerk reported that the surface around roundabout has now been re-surfaced. The area to be monitored to ensure the surface remains fixed and does not flake.

Cllr O'Connell arrived and continued to chair the meeting.

WE54 25/26 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation, if members of the public are present– there is a 5-minute time limit, (if applicable).
It was **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for public participation – all in favour.

Q: Cllr Shankland asked if the Committee would consider the introduction of another autospeedwatch camera at the eastern approach to Fairford as the western approach camera appears to be effective in that speeds seem to have dropped.

A: Cllr O'Connell said that this request would be considered at the next meeting in October but in the meantime the Clerk to contact Glos. Traffic & Transport and Glos. Police regarding possible locations.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Glos. Traffic & Transport, Glos. Police and to add this item to the Agenda for the next W & E meeting.

WE55 25/26 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation (if applicable).

It was **RESOLVED** to reconvene the meeting following Public participation – All in favour.

FINANCE

WE56 25/26 To receive W & E expenditure against budget to the end of August 2025 –

The Clerk reported that the figures were made available at the Full Council meeting and were received with no comment.

WE57 26/27 To consider and agree possible budgetary requirements for 2026/27 and also looking ahead to requirements for the following 3 years.

The Clerk had prepared a spreadsheet covering the next 5 years with 5% increase applied year on year. Major projects not included in these as these remain listed under Earmarked Reserves. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to agree the figures as presented and that these should be given to the Finance Committee for approval and/or amendment. Proposed Cllr O'Connell, seconded Cllr Braiden – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to include the budget recommendations to the Agenda for the next Finance meeting.

WE58 25/26 To consider and agree a list of future projects that W & E would like to initiate over the next 3 to 5 years.

Cllr O'Connell had prepared a list of possible future projects and discussion took place to consider other projects and ideas that Cllrs had. Cllr O'Connell opened the discussion to include Cllr Shankland, Cllr Darley and the Mr. Goldstone. An extensive list was compiled and it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr O'Connell would collate the list prioritising items and circulating when complete. This would then be discussed at the next W & E meeting. Proposed Cllr O'Connell, seconded Cllr Harrison – all in favour.

ACTION: Cllr O'Connell to collate list, circulate when complete and Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next W & E meeting.

GENERAL TOWN MAINTENANCE & HIGHWAYS

WE59 25/26 To consider and agree work to make good the roof to Milton Street bus shelter.

The Clerk reported that quotes had been received for works to repair the roof to the bus shelter on Milton Street, however, the quotes were not like for like and the costs varied considerably. It was agreed to try to obtain further quotes. This item to be deferred to the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the agenda for the next meeting.

- WE60 25/26 To consider and agree to install signs and/or barriers to prevent the 'Keble path' being used as a cycleway.**
Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to look at possible 'NO CYCLING' signs. Cllr Braiden suggested that a possible alternative would be stenciling 'NO CYCLING' onto the path. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to obtain some form of signage for each end of the path. Proposed Cllr Harrison, seconded Cllr O'Connell – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to contact PROW to obtain permission and to obtain quotes

PLAYGROUND

- WE61 25/26 Update on completed works in the Walnut Tree Field**
The Clerk reported that the contractor that carried out the work to repair various items in the playground had been approached to look at the gaps that have formed around the surface of the basketball area. They report that they will be carrying out remedial work when they are next in the area.

- WE62 25/26 To consider to purchase replacement trim trail parts where required.**
The Clerk reported that she has received a sale leaflet from Kompan and suggested that a replacement beam is purchased to replace one that had been removed at a cost of £305. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to purchase replacement beam. Proposed Cllr O'Connell, seconded Cllr Akala – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Kompan to place order

- WE63 25/26 Update on works at Keble Alley -**
The Clerk reported that resurfacing work has now been completed.

OTHER MATTERS

- WE64 25/26 To consider and agree to open negotiations with Cotswold Markets with a view to obtaining Christmas stalls in the future.**
The Clerk reported that due to information received recently it might be appropriate for the Council to consider a long term agreement with Cotswold Market for the supply of Xmas stalls for the future. The Clerk requires approval for her to talk to Cotswold Markets accordingly. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should talk to Cotswold markets. Proposed Cllr O'Connell, seconded Cllr Braiden – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Cotswold Markets

- WE65 25/26 Update on application for nomination of Horcott Lakes, as a Community Asset.**
The Clerk reported that as yet no information from the Fishing Group or the Scouts has been received. The Clerk was asked to chase this up.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Fishing Group and the Scouts.

- WE66 25/26 To receive an update following the meeting with The Door**

The door presented their quarterly report to the Council representatives. The report was received positively and they reiterated the difficulty in getting grant funding and urged the Council to consider precepting.

WE67 25/26 Anything the Chair considers urgent.

- Cllr O’Connell asked that the wildflower meadows are cut back. The Clerk reported that this will be done when the grass is next cut.
- The Clerk reminded Cllrs that the flags need to come down and dates will be circulated. She also said that the small Christmas trees had been ordered and that RIAT had been contacted regarding wrapping of lights.
- Nomination of Green spaces – 3 areas suggested – 1. Park Close ; 2. Milking Path.

WE68 25/26 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 21st October 2025

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

.....**Chairman**

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