

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 12 July 2016 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT. Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mrs S Jacobs, Mrs P Pownall, Mr I Runnalls.  
Mrs L A Bates (Clerk). 1 Visitor.

8890: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Mr A Evans (working abroad), Mr P Morrison (holiday). The Chairman welcomed all those present.

8891: CASUAL VACANCY.

This was ongoing. The Chairman agreed to produce another letter to residents highlighting the vacancies.

8892: CORRESPONDENCE

Raising Playhatch Road meeting. This would take place on 19 July. The Chairman, Mr Morrison and Mrs Jacobs would attend

Alpha Windows Quote. Alpha windows had confirmed their quote for the replacement doors to the pavilion as £1457 including VAT.

Ali's Pond Award. Mr Fisher had attended the CIEEM awards ceremony, run by the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management, along with Mr and Mrs Driver and Mr Woodhouse. The award was the national award for small scale conservation projects and was a huge achievement recognising 20 years of hard and sustained work by the Friends of Ali's Pond to make the site the wonderful resource for people and wildlife it was. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should send an email congratulating Mr Driver and his team.

New Park and Ride. Wokingham Borough Council had submitted a planning application for a £3.6 million park and ride near Thames Valley Park (TVP). The proposed location was on an undeveloped site west of the roundabout between the A3290 and Thames Valley Park Drive next to the Waterside Centre.

Inspector Alastair Lloyd. The Inspector had been unable to attend the July meeting but had been pleased to confirm his attendance at the September meeting.

SLTC Hedge. The Chairman said that the agreed height for the SLTC hedge was 7ft. 6in.

8893: PLANNING.

Report. Mr Runnalls said that the Great House application, F/2015/0823, had been approved but there was still no notification on the WBC website. The Parish Council had questioned the plans as the car park boundary had not been shown but the architect had confirmed that there were no plans to extend it. The boundary wall was to be rebuilt as it had to be demolished to accommodate the extension to the event and function rooms. The application at 32 Sonning Meadows had been approved and the application at 16 Glebe Lane had been withdrawn.

**The following applications were on going:** Reading Blue Coat School Sonning Lane (152342-F/2014/2319) split decision: Holme Park Farm House, Holme Park Farm Lane (153218): Greendown (160641): 31 Old Bath Road (160624): Sonning Church of England Primary School (161037): Sonning Golf Club (161529): Holmelea, Sonning Lane (161591): 20 Old Bath Road (161638): Microsoft Campus Thames Valley Park (161733): 43 West Drive (161755): Land adjacent to Model Farm Cottages (161565).

**The following applications had been approved:** 32 Sonning Meadows (160981): Little Shire Mustard Lane (161131): Hillside Pearson Road (161124): Readingensians (161129): Shepherds House Overbridge (161142): Shepherds House Overbridge (161118): The Rockery (161355).

**The following applications had been refused.** There were no refusals.

**The following application had been withdrawn.** 16 Glebe Lane (161351).

8893: PLANNING (Cont'd).

**The following new applications had been received:** 42 Old bath Road (161887) Erection of a single storey rear extension to form a conservatory. Reading Blue Coat School (161860) F/2014/2319 Application for submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent F/2014/2319 (dated 9/7/2015) - 4.External materials 6.Ground and building levels of the PAC and GMAC 7.Drainage details 12.Landscaping 15.Protection of trees etc. 17.Archaeological investigation.

Letter from Clare Lawrence. It was agreed to copy the letter to Mr Hart and Ms Coulter to see if they had any comments. There was a short discussion about Village Plans. Ms Lawrence felt that they were inappropriate in Sonning however Mr Fisher said that Sonning would benefit from a higher percentage of CIL funding if it had a Village Plan.

8894: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

The next stage would be for WBC to approve the document.

8895: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR.

In the absence of Cllr Haines there were no question

8896: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

8897: FINANCE.

- a) Report. The Clerk had prepared a report and it was noted.
- b) Payment of Accounts. Mr Runnalls proposed making the following payments, Mr Fisher seconded and these were unanimously approved.

**JULY 2016 (01/06/16 TO 30/06/16)**

Payments Date	Cheq No.	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee Headings	Sub-Committee
06 June 16	286	L A Bates	ZEN sub-domain	57.46	9.58	47.88	ADMIN	Admin Subs.
06 June 16	287	Thames Water	Pavilion Water	60.00	0.00	60.00	PAVILION	Pav. Water, electric
06 June.16	288	Glasdon	New Dog Bin	250.12	41.68	208.44	AMENITIES	Amenities Dog Bin
06 June 16	289	Henley Landscape	Mowing Main	245.00	0.00	245.00	ENVIRONMENT	Recreation Mowing
06 June 16	289	Henley landscape	Mowing Outfield x 2	130.00	00.00	130.00	RECREATION	Sports Mowing
06 June 16	290	ISS	Dog Bins	104.00	17.33	86.67	AMENITIES	Environ Dog Bins
13 June 16	291	CAS Insurance	Annual Premium	2318.92	00.00	2318.92	ADMIN	Admin Insurance
13 June 16	292	Henley Contracting	Replace Wood posts car park	279.50	0.00	279.50	RECREATION	Rec. Misc
13 June 16	293	Henley Landscape	Mow Main	245.00	0.00	245.00	RECREATION	Rec. Mowing
13 June 16	293	Henley Landscape	Mow outfield	65.00	0.00	65.00	RECREATION	Rec Sport
13 June 16	294	Sonning Landscape	Mow Wharf	56.00	0.00	56.00	ENVIRONMENT	Rec. Mowing
13 June 16	294	Sonning Landscape	Mow Playground	56.00	0.00	56.00	RECREATION	Rec. Mowing
13 June 16	295	Thames Water	Pavilion Water	45.03	0.00	45.03	PAVILION	Pav. Water, Electric
27 June 16	296	S Clarke	Weed High St.	30.00	0.00	30.00	HIGHWAYS	Highways Misc.
27 June 16	297	L A Bates	Pest UK Rats	120.00	20.00	100.00	ENVIRONMENT	Environ Allotments
27 June 16	297	L A Bates	ZEN hosting charge	59.40	9.90	49.50	ADMIN	Admin Subs
27 June 16	298	Pest UK	½ year rat service	182.40	30.40	152.00	ENVIRONMENT	Environ. Allotment
27 June 16	299	Son. Landscapes	Mow Playground	56.00	0.00	56.00	RECREATION	Rec Mowing
27 June 16	299	Son. Landscapes	Mow Wharf	56.00	0.00	56.00	ENVIRONMENT	Environ. Wharf
27 June 16	299	Son. Landscapes	Cut Pound Hedge	50.00	0.00	50.00	RECREATION	Rec. hedges
27 June 16	300	Brookes	Pav. outside light	55.00	0.00	55.00	PAVILION	Pav. Mntnce
			<b>Months Total</b>	<b>4520.33</b>	<b>128.89</b>	<b>4391.94</b>		

8897: HIGHWAYS.

The Chairman said that other roads outside Sonning had speed signs and Sonning should have the same. It was important that a speed sign was installed in Pound Lane prior to the new school term and the Clerk agreed to send an email to Mr Evans to this effect. Mr Runnalls said that he was in favour of using one of the small round signs seen on the Twyford Road. The Chairman asked Mr Runnalls about the Lorry Watch. Mr Runnalls said that the number of heavy lorries in Charvil Lane varied, some days there were none. It would assist if the police could be persuaded to release details of vehicles caught on the ANPR cameras on the bridge. The Chairman would speak to his contact about this. Mrs Pownall asked about using cones when the football season began, which would cost £100 for 12. The Chairman proposed purchasing 12 cones for £100, Mr Runnalls seconded and this was unanimously approved.

8898: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Safety Checks. The Chairman had checked the playground and the Clerk would order new shackles for the swings.
- b) Water Drain-Off Work. The Clerk would ask Mr Beckinsale when he could install the drain.
- c) Quotes for the Playground. Nothing had been received from the contractor, the Clerk had chased again but still no reply. The Clerk would ask alternative suppliers for a quote.
- d) Wharf Works. The Chairman said that two seats remained on the Wharf and all the rubbish had been removed. There were some weeds and thistles by the tree stump and the grass needed to be trimmed by the bridge. The Chairman said that it would be useful to hold another joint meeting with representatives of the sports clubs.

8899: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

Safety Checks. The Chairman had carried out the safety checks.

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that Mr White (WBC) wanted a purchase order for the 10 new lamps, he would ask if a signed letter would suffice.

Quote for Posts. The Chairman said that Mr Fisher had seen a planter as an alternative to posts approximately 12 ft long by 1 metre wide and three would be required. Following discussion the Chairman agreed to get quotes.

Allotments. Mrs Jacobs said that the hedge had been cut and no more rats had been seen. People were dumping household rubbish and tree branches in the compost heap. As all allotment holders had their own compost bins for disposing waste generated by their allotments the old compost heap was not necessary. The Clerk would write to all allotment holders explaining that the compost heap was being used inappropriately and that the Council were proposing to remove it and asking for any feedback. A decision could then be made at the September meeting. Mrs Jacobs said that Mrs Carr who was waiting for a quote for a new heritage light. Mr Fisher said this would be in the region of £1500 to £2,000 per lamp and two were required.

8900: WEB SITE.

There was nothing to report.

8901: ACTION LIST.

The Action List was reviewed and updated.

8902: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 13 September 2016 at 7.00pm.

Signed..... Dated.....