

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 8 November 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.

8936: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Mr A Evans (indisposed). Apologies were received for the December meeting from Mr Morrison and Mrs Jacobs (previous engagement). The Chairman welcomed all those present.

8937: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

8938: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of Interest.

8939: CASUAL VACANCY.

This was ongoing. The Chairman said that he would express the urgent need for new Councillor's in the winter edition of the Newsletter. Cllr Haines said that several councils were in the same situation, Shinfield was down in numbers. The Chairman said that it would be possible to amalgamate with another Council and Cllr Haines said that Woodley had a waiting list of people wishing to join the Council.

8940: CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Angus Ross. Cllr Ross would attend the December meeting. Two questions had been suggested, one about the condition of the drains in Sonning and to ask if Sonning could be doing anything else to be 'greener'. The Clerk would submit these questions unless there were additional suggestions.

New Dog Bin RBCS nature Area. The Clerk had been informed that this had been installed, although it had been allowed to overflow before it was reported, and the Clerk had added it to the dog bin emptying schedule.

Pound Lane Crossing Light. WBC Street Lighting had confirmed that they had received the Clerk's report and they would carry out an inspection.

WBC Cardboard Campaign. WBC were trying to raise public awareness of the importance of recycling cardboard, far too much was going into the waste, which could not then be recycled.

WBC Leisure Strategy. Wokingham were now carrying out a consultation to gather the public's views on this.

Travellers. Wokingham had sent out information about a large encampment in Bracknell. The travelers had moved from Reading to Bracknell passing through Wokingham on their way. Cllr Haines said that the site had not been locked and the landowner was trying to get them removed with the assistance of the police.

8941: PLANNING.

Report. The Chairman said that the following applications had been approved: The Great House (161871): 3 Old Well Court Thames Street (162138): 16 Glebe Lane (162493). 14 Glebe Lane (162492): Grove Cottage Pearson Road (162510): New Lodge Mustard Lane (162664).

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): 31 Old Bath Road (160624): Sonning Golf Club (161529): 20 Old Bath Road (161638): Microsoft Campus

Thames Valley Park (161733): Reading Blue Coat School (161860) F/2014/2319. Chestnut House Mustard Lane (161970):

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

The following new applications had been received. South Meadow Cottage (161434). Proposed erection of single storey outbuilding to provide gym and store plus provision of car port. Pavilion, Recreation Ground (162872). Erection of a cricket training net facility at the existing site

8942: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

The Chairman said that the exhibition on 26/27 October had gone very well. Several members of the Council and the Society had spent an hour of two assisting, or deputising for, Giles Stephens the WBC Conservation Officer. Approximately 50 people has visited the exhibition, which was a reasonable turnout. The latest update on progress was that assessing the comments and integrating them into the document might take longer than expected and delay it getting onto the agenda for the executive to sign off, until the new-year.

8943: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR.

The Chairman said that there had been some concern about the Land Supply list, which had been complied following the call for sites. Cllr Haines said that inclusion on the list did not mean that the area would be developed. There was a process for assessment (suitability, availability or able to be delivered) prior to any land being included on the preferred option list, many would be unsuitable. Cllr Haines said that he was concerned about the University, they had been selling their land off elsewhere. There were talks about building a new town, possibly near Grazeley, with 15,000 houses. West Berks and Reading would be the main beneficiaries and Wokingham would have a smaller share of the housing. There would be a new railway and other facilities but it was near AWE. Mr Fisher asked about the third bridge and Cllr Haines said it had gone very quiet. Local traffic was particularly bad due to one or two major accidents on the M4 and repairs to the flyover would take at least a year. The concrete was failing (concrete cancer) and the work would be carried out over several months rather than closing the route for two weeks. The proposed electrification of the railway had also been put on hold due to the failure of one of the piling machines. The anticipated completion date was now 2024. The Chairman said that OCC were intending to raise the Playhatch Road and another public meeting had been arranged. Mrs Jacobs would confirm the date. Cllr Haines said that Wokingham Social Services were to merge with Maidenhead and Windsor. Cllr Haines would endeavour to attend the December meeting.

8944: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

There were no questions from parishioners.

8945: FINANCE.

- a) Report. The Clerk had prepared a report which was noted.
- b) Allocation of CIL Funds. The Chairman said that he understood that Shinfield wanted to build a community centre however but this had caused some concern. Three parishes came under 'Shinfield' but some residents felt that the parish council were doing a lot for Shinfield but nothing for the other two. It was agreed to put CILL allocation on the December agenda for further discussion.

8945: FINANCE (Cont'd).

- c) Payment of Accounts Mr Morrison proposed and Mrs Jacobs seconded making the following payments and these were unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS OCTOBER '16 (1 TO 31 OCT)

Date	Chq	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-Comm.
8 Oct 16	326	ISS	Dog Bins	104.00	17.33	86.67	AMENITIES	Dog Bins
3 Oct 16	327	Mazars	Audit	360.00	60.00	300.00	ADMIN	Audit
3 Oct 16	328	En. Agency	Licence	51.93	00.00	51.93	ENVIRONMENT	Wharf
3 Oct 16	329	SSE	Light Repair	718.58	119.76	598.82	LIGHTING	M'tnce
3 Oct 16	331	Henley. Land	Mow Main	245.00	00.00	245.00	RECREATION	Rec. Mow
3 Oct 16	331	Henley. Land	Outfield.	65.00	0.00	65.00	RECREATION	Sport Mow
17 Oct 16	332	Henley. Land	Mow main	245.00	0.00	245.00	RECREATION	Rec. Mow
17 Oct 16	332	Henley. Land	Mow Pond	410.00	0.00	410.00	POND	Pond Mow
17 Oct 16	333	Scribe	A/c system	234.00	39.00	195.00	ADMIN	Accounts
19 Oct 16	334	E Woodards	Gate Padlock	45.50	00.00	45.50	RECREATION	Padlock.
19 Oct 16	335	K Trimmings	Litter x 2	300.00	0.00	300.00	HIGHWAYS	Litter
31 Oct 16	336	Son. Land	Wharf Mow	28.00	0.00	28.00	ENVIRONMENT	Wharf Mow
31 Oct 16	336	Son Land	Play mow	28.00	0.00	28.00	RECREATION	Play Mow
31 Oct 16	336	Son Land	Cut hedge	40.00	0.00	40.00	RECREATION	Cut hedge
31 Oct 16	337	Wicksteed	Swing Rep.	312.00	41.60	270.40	ADMIN	Misc.
			Total	3187.01	277.69	2909.32		

8946: HIGHWAYS.

WBC had confirmed that CIL funds could be used for speed signs. Mr Fisher agreed to obtain the details from Mr Evans and progress ordering the speed signs.

Lorry Watch. This was ongoing.

Joint Parking Group Meeting. Mr Fisher had met Mr Hamblin and Mr Hine for first joint meeting. Unfortunately Mr Evans had missed the meeting. The group had drawn up a list of problem areas, which would be prioritised. Mr Hine would speak to the manageress at the Great House about meeting her with Mr Fisher to discuss the hotels parking problems. Mr Hamblin would speak to the RBCS. The Chairman said that the parking in Sonning Lane would be coming up for review in 2017 and double yellow lines might be considered. It was a police responsibility to monitor parking but WBC would take over the responsibility in 2017. Cllr Haines said that parishes could pay for a traffic warden if they wished to and some larger parishes were making arrangements to use this facility in some of their hot spots. Mr Fisher said that parking was an issue in Pearson Road for the residents of the Alms-houses and alternative possibilities were being explored. One resident's car had been damaged. Suggestions for alternative parking in the parish were at the RC&R Club and off Glebe Gardens. The Chairman said that these were short term and too far from the centre. Cllr Haines said that there would be a new park and ride at 'Winnersh station. The Chairman said that he would attend the next joint parking meeting. Several signs were being obscured by vegetation and the Chairman would speak to WBC about this.

8947: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Safety Checks. Mrs Pownall had checked the equipment and everything was fine.
- b) Water Drain-Off Work. This had now been completed and the Chairman said that it would need to be checked regularly to ensure that it wasn't being blocked by leaves.
- c) Security. Mrs Pownall said that Maplins had provided some help and two internal cameras with a monitor would cost £280 including one external camera. Cllr Haines said that it would need produce good quality photos for identification purposes. Mrs Pownall would speak to Mr Simpson again.

8947: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G (Cont'd).

- d) Wharf Works. The Chairman would check out the seat, which was deteriorating.
- e) Pavilion Door. This was ongoing.

8948: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

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

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that there were three concrete lights that needed to be replaced. Following discussion it was agreed to install simple lights in the three positions as these would all benefit from the extra illumination. There were ten heritage lights in the Conservation Area, which would cost £5740 to replace. It was agreed to discuss this in the new ear.

Quote for Posts. The Chairman said that Sonning School had purchased some planters, which would be ideal and he would obtain a price for four to use at the entrance to Liguge Way.

Allotments. Mrs Jacobs said that some areas were very untidy and people were using compost.

8949: WEB SITE.

The Clerk agreed to do a piece for the newsletter regarding the CAA.

8950: ACTION LIST.

The Action List was reviewed and updated.

8951: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 13 December 2016 at 7.00pm. Seasonal refreshments would be served from 6.30 pm.

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