

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT. Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mrs P Pownall, Mr I Runnalls.
Mrs L A Bates (Clerk). No Visitors.

8970: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies received from Mr A Evans (indisposed), and Mr Morrison (holiday). The Chairman welcomed all those present,

8971: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

8972: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of Interest.

8973: CASUAL VACANCY.

This was ongoing.

8974: CORRESPONDENCE

WBC Local Plan - Call for Sites. The Northern parishes were to hold their second meeting on 11 January at 7.45. As no one could attend the Clerk would send apologies.

Door to pavilion. This would be repaired on 11 January at 1.00pm. The Chairman would unlock for the contractor.

Operation Bridge. SPC had been asked if they had any plans to mark the Queens passing. Some options were discussed and Councillors would give this further consideration.

WBC Workshop – Transport Vision to 2036. This would be held on 25 January 7 to 8 in the David Hicks Room. The Chairman would attend.

Carbon Neutral Marinas. The owners of the marina had installed an Archimedes screw in Sonning in order to produce electricity. This would make all their marinas carbon neutral. The Chairman said that the Great House were hoping to use land owned by the marina as a 100 space car park.

The Royal Berkshire Authority (the Fire Service) Consultation. The Authority were consulting on their planed service design, deadline for comments was 13 March 2017.

WBC – Unauthorised Traveller Site Finchampstead. WBC had announced their success in removing illegal mobile homes park from protected woodland after a six year legal battle.

WDVTA Appeal. The organization were looking for a warden to monitors trees in Sonning and had asked for a grant. It was agreed to add the WDVTA to the list of donations and to ask Mr Driver if he would be interested in taking on the wardenship and to add the WDCTA on the donation list.

8975: PLANNING.

Report. The Chairman said that the application at 9 Glebe Lane had been approved and WBC had replied to the Openreach consultation to install a box in Hawthorn Way.

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): Chestnut House Mustard Lane (161970): South Meadow Cottage (161434). Pavilion, Recreation Ground (162872): Inniscara 15 Holmemoor Drive (163105: 31 West Drive (163113: The Old School House (163053): The Great House at Sonning (161332): 32 Sonning Meadows (163244): 37 Pound Lane (163258): Sonning Church of England Primary School (163312).

The following applications had been approved: 9 Glebe Lane (163088).

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

8975: PLANNING (Cont'd).

The following new applications had been received. Little Tudor Duffield Road (162805). Full application for the proposed erection of 3no detached dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling: Grove Cottage (163418). Listed Building consent for the proposed overhaul of roof. 8 South Drive (163448). Erection of a single storey rear extension, relocation of front entrance door and erection of new porch: 43 West Drive (163513). Submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent 161755 (24/08/2016) 4. Protection of trees.

8976: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

There was nothing new to report and it was assumed that the WBC executive would sign it off in the new-year.

8977: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR.

In the absence of Cllr Haines there were no questions.

8978: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

There were no questions from parishioners.

8979: FINANCE.

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

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS JANUARY '17 (1 TO 31 DEC '16)

Date	Chq.	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-Comm.
08 Dec 16	345	Sonning Land	Mow Playground	28.00	0.00	28.00	REC.	Playg Mow
08 Dec 16	345	Sonning lands	Mow Wharf	28.00	0.00	28.00	REC.	Mow Wharf.
08 Dec 16	346	Henley Lands	Mow main	245.00	0.00	245.00	REC	Main Mow
08 Dec 16	347	Thames Water	Water	129.51	0.00	129.51	PAVILION	Elect, Water
08 Dec 16	347	Thames Water	Water	57.64	0.00	57.64	AMENITIES	Allotments
08 Dec 16	347	Thames Water	Water	114.60	0.00	114.60	SPORTS	Sport Utility
18 Dec 16	348	ISS	Dog Bins	129.20	21.53	107.67	AMENITIES	Dog Bins
18 Dec 16	349	Henley Lands	Tree Stump	585.44	0.00	585.44	REC	REC M'tnce
18 Dec 16	349	Henley Lands	Mow main	240.00	0.00	240.00	REC	Main Mow
18 Dec 16	349	Henley Lands	School Sign	50.00	0.00	50.00	REC	Misc.
18 Dec 16	350	Pest UK	Rat ½ year	182.40	30.40	152.00	AMENITIES	Allot
18 Dec 16	351	Henley lands	Mow main	245.00	0.00	245.00	REC	Main Mow
18 Dec 16	352	Sonning Land	Mow Wharf	28.00	0.00	28.00	ENVIRON	Wharf mow
18 Dec 16	352	Sonning Land	Mow Playground	28.00	0.00	28.00	REC	Play mow
			Total	2090.79	51.93	2038.86		

- c) 2017/18 Budget/Precept. The Clerk had circulated the draft Budget. Further changes were agreed, Honorarium up 2.5%; Donations up by £50 and to include £250 for the SLTC Hedge totalling £43068. With an anticipated income of £3646, it was agreed to take £3854 from reserves and to increase the Precept to £35568. The Chairman proposed a budget of £43068 and a Precept of £35568, Mr Runnalls seconded and this was unanimously approved.
- d) Allocation of CIL Funds. This would be discussed at the February meeting.

8980: HIGHWAYS.

Electrical Speed Indicators. Mr Fisher had met Mr Horton together with the Chairman and Mr Runnalls and had agreed possible positions for the indicators. Pound Lane near the school, Sonning Lane near the RBCS entrance, Pearson Road was undecided, Thames Street near the Bridge and by the repeater 20mph signs in Charvil Lane, Mr Horton felt that the speed in Pound Lane should be 30mph at the Glebes and 20mph by the bus shelter in both directions. Some road narrowing might also help and Mr Horton would find out more details, Mr Fisher agreed to confirm that SPC would be interested in such a scheme. Mr Horton had arranged for a traffic counter to be installed in Pound Lane on 12 January. Mr Fisher said that vegetation was a problem as it was obscuring the signs.

8981: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Safety Checks. The Chairman would be checking the equipment in future.
- b) Security. Mrs Pownall said that the security system had been installed and a notice to this effect had been placed outside by the door.
- c) Pavilion. Mrs Pownall would be concentrating on this in future and would arrange a meeting with the sports clubs at the beginning of February and a report would be placed in the Newsletter. The Chairman asked that Wednesday and Thursday evenings should be avoided.
- d) Wildflower Planting. The Clerk would ask Mr Collier to trim the copse. The Clerk would ask Cllr Ross if WBC could supply seeds or if there were grants for this.

8982: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

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

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that the designs for the heritage lights had not been supplied yet but he would prepare a list of those existing heritage lights for replacement ready for the February meeting. There were also about 12 metal non-heritage lights that should be replaced

Quote for Posts. The Chairman said that the planters were £300 each.

Allotments. There was no update.

8983: NEWSLETTER. The Chairman had discussed with Mrs Pownall and agreed to publish this in the New Year.

8984: WEB SITE.

The Clerk had received a request for there to be a link on the SPC web site to the new Pearson Hall web site as with other organisations and this was unanimously agreed.

8985: ACTION LIST.

The Action List was reviewed and updated.

8986: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 14 February at 7.00pm.

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