

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 14 March 2017 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT. Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mr P Morrison, Mrs P Pownall. Cllr M Haines (WBC) part time from 7.50 pm. Mrs L A Bates (Clerk). No Visitors.

9004: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Mr A Evans, (indisposed), Mr I Runnalls (indisposed). The Chairman welcomed all those present.

9005: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

9006: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of Interest.

9007: CASUAL VACANCY.

This was ongoing.

9008: CORRESPONDENCE

Thames and Chilterns in Bloom. It was agreed that there was insufficient time to organise Sonning in Bloom.

ROSPA Inspection. It was agreed to ask ROSPA to undertake the annual play equipment inspection in April as usual.

Joint Minerals Plan. Bracknell, RBC, Windsor and Maidenhead and Wokingham were all calling for suitable sites.

Litter Collection. Mr Trimmings had decided to retire, Mrs Hulley had agreed to take over but would be away for the first two weeks in April. The Chairman and Mr Fisher would oversee litter during that time.

SLTC Requests. The tennis club wished to hold their annual BBQ and open day on 21 May, plus another undecided date. They also wanted advice about the grassed area, which had been waterlogged for much of the winter. The Chairman would take a look and contact the SLTC Chairman to discuss.

CIL Money. The Clerk said that WBC had passed £24559 onto SPC and the same amount was to be paid at the end of April. An additional £9443 was shown as being available but no further information.

Major Projects Meeting. Sonning had not received information about these meetings since December, the Clerk had chased this up and WBC said that they would correct this error. The next meeting would be on 28 March and the Chairman would attend.

Glebe Gardens Car Park. The Chairman was concerned about the cost of WBC's proposal to paint white lines to identify the spaces. It was agreed that the Chairman should follow this up.

Mr Runnalls. Mr Morrison had informed the meeting of the sad news that Mr Runnalls' father had died that afternoon. The Clerk would send a sympathy card from Councillors.

9009: PLANNING.

Report. The Chairman said that several outstanding applications had now been approved.

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): St Andrews Church (170283). Willowmere Bath Road (170093): 7 Glebe Lane (170248): Land Adjacent to Manor House (170301).

9009: PLANNING (Con't)

The following applications had been approved: South Meadow Cottage (161434): Inniscara 15 Holmemoor Drive (163105): 37 Pound Lane (163258): 8 South Drive (163448): 37West Drive (163512): Shepherds Hill Overbridge (170154 &170119): 7 Glebe Lane (170248).

The following applications had been refused. No applications had been refused.

The following applications had been withdrawn. St Andrews Church (170283)

The following new applications had been received. Land Adjacent to Manor House Thames Street (170301). Change of use of existing office to two dwellings including a single store extension and associated works: Fairlawn Thames Street (170550). Submission of details to comply with the following conditions of planning consent 162015 (dated 21/09/2016) 7. Access to be provided before development 9. Off-site works 10. Accommodation of construction vehicles and deliveries 11. Landscaping 12. Protection of trees 13. Archaeology: St. Andrews Church Thames Street (170562). Submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent F/2014/0049 (Dated 28/03/2014) 8. Landscaping: Pool Court Thames Street (170473). Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with new dwelling with basement and garage annex: 11 Glebe Lane (170575). Single storey rear extension to dwelling following demolition of a rear storage annex: Readingensians (170580). Proposed installation of artificial grass pitch (AGP) to form a full sized playing enclosure measuring 122m x 800m with associated technical areas. Installation of new pitch perimeter and associated gated entrance to form a playing enclosure, new hardstanding, new (artificial) flood lighting, new maintenance equipment store and retention of soil arising onsite to form a sculpted grass mound to an adjacent grass pitch.

Update on Local Plan. Charvil PC were proposing to hold a joint meeting of northern parishes after the meeting with WBC on 27 March.

9010: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

There was nothing new to report.

9011: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR.

In the absence of Cllr Haines there were no questions.

9012: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

There were no questions from parishioners.

9013: FINANCE.

- a) Report. The Clerk had prepared a report which was noted. The Chairman asked about interest rates and Mr Morison agreed to check out possibilities.
- b) Payment of Accounts Mrs Pownall proposed and Mr Fisher seconded making the following payments and these were unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS MARCH '17 (1 TO 28 FEBRUARY)

Date	Chq	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-Comm.
16 Feb 17	358	ISS	Dog Bins	129.20	21.53	107.67	ENVIRON.	Dog Bins
28 Feb 17	359	ISS	Dog Bins	129.20	21.53	107.67	ENVIRON	Dog Bins
28 Feb 17	360	L A Bates	Honorarium	2584.76	0.00	2584.76	CLERK	Clerks Hon,
28 Feb 17	355	L A Bates	Telephone	40.00	0.00	40.00	ADMIN	Tel.
			Total	2883.16	43.06	2840.10		

9013: FINANCE (Cont'd).

- c) Allocation of CIL Funds. Mr Morrison suggested that an entrance feature in Pound Lane would improve the area at the entrance to Liguge Way and agreed to investigate possibilities.
- d) Insurance premium for SID. The insurers would charge £22 per annum to cover against theft, vandalism and fire with SPC paying the first £100 of any claim. It was agreed that this was very good value and once SID was installed this should be taken up.

9014: HIGHWAYS.

Withdrawal of School Crossing Patrol. Cllr Haines arrived at 7.50pm and the Chairman said that WBC had decided not to employ 'lollypop' people to monitor school crossings that had pedestrian crossings from the end of the summer term 2017. Eight schools across the district were affected and this was a cost saving exercise. The Chairman asked Cllr Haines what price WBC put on a child's life. Cllr Haines said that WBC just didn't have the money and, as the lowest funded authority in the country, needed to save £20 million. The government had cut the education funding and amongst other things, WBC were also considering selling off the facilities that they owned. Cllr Haines said that it had been suggested that schools could find a sponsor. This was an individual Executive Member decision, not the Executive Committee and the Executive member was Malcolm Richards and the Chairman agreed to make contact with him.

Cllr Haines said that he had looked at the planning list and asked if SPC had any concerns about Pool Court. The Chairman said that this had not been discussed at committee and no decision had been reached. Cllr Haines asked about the RBCS proposed car park and the Chairman said that SPC were against the proposal for numerous reasons and that the parking situation was of the school's own making. The Chairman asked Cllr Haines if there was any progress on the appeal on land adjacent to Model Farm Cottage. Cllr Haines said not but WBC had a barrister and the officer would also be representing them.

Speed Indicator. Mr Fisher said that this was now on order and the police had confirmed that they had no objections. The police were also considering the possibility of carrying out a speed monitoring exercise in Sonning. It was agreed that the data collected from the new SID should be sent to the police. Mrs Pownall said that the recent WBC speed report could be used regarding the loss of the school crossing patrol. The speed indication would be installed in Pound Lane and then Sonning Lane, possibly outside RBCS.

Speed/Lorry Watch. Mr Fisher was looking for volunteers.

9015: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Report. Mrs Pownall had received a complaint about cars parked in Pound Lane during football and she had visited the area but found only two cars being parked on the road. Photographic evidence to this effect was available. SCC had asked if SPC would order the new cricket practice nets.
- b) Safety Checks. Mrs Pownall was in the process of checking the equipment.
- c) Pavilion. Mrs Pownall said that lots of ideas had been gathered at the meeting and she would circulate a list. The Chairman said that, if a bar was provided, it would need to be shared amongst the users and not just for SCC. Mrs Pownall had met Mr Kay who was a member of the Lord Tavernier's and had said that funding was available providing the pavilion catered for both genders. The Chairman said that the playground needed to be cleared and he and Mr Fisher would take a look when Mr Fisher returned from holiday. Mrs Pownall would ask Mr Pownall about installing slabs under the picnic table.
- d) Wildflower Planting. This would be held over to later in the year.

9016: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

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

Overgrown Hedge Parkway Drive. The hedge belonging to the residents of Parkway Drive was hindering pedestrians and Mr Fisher had spoken to a resident who was discussing this with other residents.

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that the prices for the heritage lights was still needed.

Quote for Posts. The Chairman said that six planters were required at £80 each and proposed purchasing these, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved. This would be actioned after the Easter holiday.

Allotments. There was no update.

9017: NEWSLETTER. The Chairman said that he was waiting for the speed indicator and new lights to be installed.

The Chairman said that the Sonning Branch of the British Legion were not against the newsletter from the Shiplake branch being published on the SPC website.

9018: WEB SITE.

There were no updates.

9019: ACTION LIST.

The Action List was reviewed and updated.

9020: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 11 April at 7.00pm.

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