

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 11 April 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). 2 Visitors.

9021: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Mr A Evans, (indisposed), Mr I Runnalls (indisposed). The Chairman welcomed all those present.

9022: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

9023: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of Interest.

9024: CASUAL VACANCY.

The Chairman said Mrs Jacobs had provisionally tendered her resignation due to ill health but this had not been confirmed as Mrs Jacobs hoped to return at some point. Mrs Jacobs had recovered and the Chairman proposed that Mrs Jacobs should be welcomed back as a Councillor, Mr Morrison seconded and everyone agreed that they looked forward to welcoming her at the May meeting.

9025: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT¹² (e).

As Mr Ray was present the Chairman agreed to bring this item forward for discussion. Mr Ray had copied the SCC bank statements to Councillors, which showed that they had sufficient funds to make a donation for the practice nets, together with the quotes for the practice nets. SCC were proposing to make a donation to SPC in order for SPC to purchase the practice cricket nets subject to SPC agreeing that SCC should have the use and control of the nets. The quote from Total Play at £27,500 plus VAT, was the cheapest and also the most suitable. Payment was due in stages, 15% of total cost on delivery (£9625), 35% of total costs on completion (£13750), 5% of total cost after 3 months (£1375) and 5% deferred until April 2018 (£2750). Following discussion Mrs Pownall proposed accepting the quote and payment stage subject to SCC placing £23375 into the SPC Barclays account prior to the ordering. Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved.

9026: CORRESPONDENCE

Request to Plant memorial Tree on KGV Playing Field. Mr Anderson had asked for permission to plant a tree in memory of his mother, who had recently died. Following discussion it was agreed to ask Mr Beckinsale for his opinion on the best position and species of tree.

Community Police 5 Year Plan. This could be viewed online and comments were invited.

Local Plan Meeting. Twyford PC were anxious to hold a follow up meeting and had asked for suitable dates/times. The Chairman was not available on Thursday or Friday's. The Clerk would reply to this effect and also of scheduled SPC meeting dates to be avoided.

Thanks for Donations. Thanks for the SPC donations had been received from Sue Ryder, Keep Mobile, Readibus and Age Concern.

Donation to Towpath. A question had been asked about making a donation towards a possible enhancement of the towpath. SPC were only responsible for the Wharf and could only make a suggestion for that area. The Clerk agreed to suggest a seat.

Sonning Football Club. Sonning FC had informed the Clerk that they would not be returning to Sonning for the 2017/18 season.

Mapped Parking Restriction. Maps showing parking restriction in the Borough were now online under maps and comments were invited.

9026: CORRESPONDENCE (Con't)

Fire on KGV Field. Mr Doyle had sent a photo showing that a fire had been lit under the zip wire. This needed to be watched.

Bridge Lights. The Chairman and Mr Fisher would inspect the fuse as the lights were out again. The Clerk would ask SEC for an update on replacements for the broken lights.

9027: PLANNING.

Report. The Chairman said that several new applications had been submitted and Pool Court (170437) 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): Willowmere Bath Road (170093): Land Adjacent to Manor House Thames Street (170301): Fairlawn Thames Street (170550): St. Andrews Church Thames Street (170562): Pool Court Thames Street (170473): 11 Glebe Lane (170575): Readingensians (170580).

The following applications had been approved: 7 Glebe Lane (170248) had been approved.

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

The following applications had been withdrawn. Pool Court (170437)

The following new applications had been received. 33 West Drive (170661). Proposed erection of single storey rear extension and part single, part first floor side/rear extensions to dwelling plus two storey front extension to incorporate existing double garage: Grove Cottage (170732). Listed building consent for proposed installation of 2no. Conservation profile roof-lights to the single storey rear extension and part retrospective removal of the partition wall from the kitchen: 2 The Mews (170807). Single storey rear extension to existing dwelling: Grove Cottage (170816). Householder application for the partial demolition and rebuilding of the brick and flint boundary wall to widen the driveway entrance: Grove Cottage (170817). Listed building consent for the partial demolition and rebuilding of the brick and flint boundary wall to widen the driveway entrance: 3 The High Street (170823). Erection of a single storey extension, to include 2no dormer window extensions and erection of a rear outbuilding to form a garden office: 12a South Drive (170815). Full planning application for the demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a 6 bedroom dwelling: Pavilion Holme Park (170964). Non-material amendment to planning consent 153301 to allow removal of external oxygen tanks and enclosure, alterations to floor plans, alterations to fenestration and removal of access panel: Charfield Cottage (170895). Householder application for the proposed erection of a two storey side extension to dwelling, to include a dormer extension, following demolition and removal of existing single storey and part cat-slide roof: Inniscarra Holmemoor Drive (170892). Householder application for proposed erection of front and rear single storey extensions, front and rear two storey extensions and conversion of existing loft to provide additional habitable accommodation: August Field (170894). Application to vary condition 2 of planning consent F/2013/0140 for the erection of 4 no dwellings with gardens parking and improved access following demolition and removal of existing dwelling and outbuildings. Condition 2 relates to the approved plan numbers, the new plan proposes changes of the appearance of plots 1-3 and move the parking for plot 1 closer to the property. Estoril 9 Old Bath Road (171053). Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, following removal of existing conservatory.

9028: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

The WBC Executive had approved the draft however there was a call in period when other Councillors could review the decision. Providing this didn't happen the Sonning CAA would become effective on 19 April.

Cllr Haines arrived at 7.50pm.

9029: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR.

Mr Doyle was permitted to ask Cllr Haines a question concerning the removal of the school crossing patroller outside Sonning School. There had been lots of complaints about this. Cllr Haines said that Wokingham was one of the highest populated areas in the country with a high proportion of residents in need, and aged. There was also high percentage of car ownership and employment in the area. With reduced government grants some cuts were necessary and WBC had to make savings of £6.7 million. Mr Doyle said that 13,000 houses were being built in the SDL's, which would generate large sums of money of which parishes would receive 25% and that permission for 25 houses in Charvil had been granted at appeal, which would generate £3 million. Cllr Haines said that WBC had the highest CIL in the country and could decide where this would be applied but much of the CIL money was already required for Social Care. WBC became responsible for elderly residents, who were in fee paying establishments such as Sunrise and paying very high fees and ran out of funds. In addition WBC had lost two or three of their care homes. WBC had a lot of land supplies and these now had to be evaluation. There was a suggestion of a new town in the Grazeley area jointly developed by Wokingham, Reading and West Berks. The existing SDL's were running behind schedule and CIL funds were affected by this. Sonning was not much affected although there was an appeal at land next to Model Farm Cottages. Cllr Kate Haines would support WBC/Sonning at the appeal as would Cllr Emma Hobbs.

9030: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

Mr Doyle said that the CAA document contained typo's and hoped that WBC would proof read it prior to printing. Two developments in Sonning had included conversion of garages to habitable accommodation. Once built the gap between the building and the road/pavement was insufficient for large cars to park and they encroached onto the road/pavement. SPC should bring this to WBC's attention in future. Mr Doyle had widened his access onto Thames Street. WBC would tarmac and repair the pavement and an official opening would be in three weeks.

9031: FINANCE.

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

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS APRIL '17 (1 TO 31 MARCH)

Date	Chq	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-Com.
21 March 17	361	Thames Water	Pavilion	27.19	0.00	27.19	SPORTS	Pav Water
28 March 17	363	R Hulley	Litter Jan +Feb	300.00	0.00	300.00	ENVIRON	Litter
28 March 17	364	Berks Blind	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00	DONATION	Donation
28 March 17	365	Age Concern	Donation	200.00	0.00	200.00	DONATION	Donation
28 March 17	366	Air Ambulance	Donation	200.00	0.00	200.00	DONATION	Donation
28 March 17	367	PCC	Donation	200.00	0.00	200.00	DONATION	Donation
28 March 17	368	ReadiBus	Donation	150.00	0.00	150.00	DONATION	Donation
28 March 17	369	Sue Ryder	Donation	100.00	0.00	100.00	DONATION	Donation
28 March 17	370	CAB Wok'ham	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00	DONATION	Donation
28 March 17	371	Twyford Vol.	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00	DONATION	Donation
28 March 17	372	Keep Mobile	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00	DONATION	Donation
28 March 17	373	Relate	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00	DONATION	Donation
28 March 17	374	Nat Savings	Investment	3752.68	0.00	3752.68	SPORTS	Invest' mt
31 March 17	375	Alpha Windows	Pavilion Door	676.00	112.67	563.33	SPORTS	Pavilion
31 March 17	376	SSE Contracting	St Light M'tnce	718.58	119.76	598.82	LIGHTING	M'tnce
31 March 17	377	L A Bates	Honorarium	2550.00	0.00	2550.00	CLERK	Honar'm
31 March 17	377	L A Bates	Telephone	40.00	0.00	40.00	ADMIN	Tel.
			Total	9164.45	232.43	8932.02		

9031: FINANCE (Cont'd).

- c) Allocation of CIL Funds. Mr Fisher proposed that CIL money should be used to purchase the SID and new lighting under the WBC scheme, Mr Morrison seconded and this was unanimously approved.

9032: HIGHWAYS.

Withdrawal of School Crossing Patrol. The Clark agreed to write objecting to the proposal.
Speed Indicator. Mr Fisher said that delivery was expected by the end of the month and delivered to Mr Fisher. The indicator would be installed initially in Pound Lane near the school.
Speed/Lorry Watch. The new speed indicator provided similar information as Speed Watch but volunteers wanted to carry out a Speed Watch. The Chairman suggested that a group of five volunteers should meet by the Bridge to assess the number of heavy vehicles using the Bridge illegally, double decker busses had been seen. Mr Fisher said that he would find out details for obtaining a speed gun and then agree positions, the best time would be late afternoon.

90133: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Safety Checks. These had been carried out. The Chairman said that adults were using the new piece of equipment. Mrs Pownall would provide a sign outlining restrictions.
- b) Pavilion. Mrs Pownall said that comments from the meeting had been circulated as had the original plans for the pavilion. A question was raised about the footprint of the proposed pavilion and Mrs Pownall would investigate this. Funding from the Lord Taverners might be available but one of the criteria was that facilities for women were included.
- c) Repairs to Field. Mr Beckinsale had provided a quote which was a similar price £1750, to previously. The Chairman proposed and Mr Fisher seconded accepting the quote and this was unanimously approved.

9034: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

Safety Checks. The Chairman had carried out the safety checks on the Wharf.
Overgrown Hedge Parkway Drive. Mr Fisher said that the resident's had confirmed that there were no objections to SPC trimming the hedge back. Mr Fisher agreed to meet Mr Collier on site.
Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that there was no update.
Quote for Planters. The Chairman said that examples of the planters could be seen at Wyvale, he was hoping to obtain funding.
Allotments. There was no update.
Mr Doyle agreed to provide backing for the noticeboards.

9035: NEWSLETTER. The Chairman said that he would circulate the draft.

9036: WEB SITE.

There were no updates.

9037: ACTION LIST.

The Action List was reviewed and updated.

9038: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

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

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