

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 9 May 2017 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT. Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mrs S Jacobs, Mr P Morrison, Mrs P Pownall.  
Mrs L A Bates (Clerk). 2 Visitors.

9039: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Mr I Runnalls (indisposed). The Chairman welcomed all those present.

9040: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr Morrison took the Chair for this item. Mr Morrison proposed that Mr Farnese be elected as Chairman for the coming year. In the absence of any other proposals Mr Fisher seconded and Mr Farnese was duly elected as Chairman. Mr Farnese signed the Declaration of Office and to Abide by the Code of Conduct and this was witnessed by the Clerk.

9041: CASUAL VACANCY.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Jacobs back and it was noted that Mr Evans had resigned.

9042: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations.

9043: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

9044: COUNCILLORS PORTFOLIOS.

The Following were agreed:

PLANNING	<b>Mr Runnalls (Chair)</b> , Mr Farnese, Mr Fisher, Mr Morrison, Clerk. Named substitute: Mrs Pownall
HIGHWAYS	<b>Mr Fisher (Chair)</b> , Mr Runnalls, Clerk Mr Bell, Mr B Hulley, (co-opted)
FINANCE	<b>Mr Morrison.</b> Clerk. <b>Treasurer</b> , Chairman, Clerk. Requests to be submitted by Councillors with a spending responsibility.
1. Treasurer	
2. Regular Financial Control	
3. Budget & Precept.	
RFO	Clerk.
TECHNICAL SERVICES W.G. (AMENITIES inc PUBLIC TRANSPORT & SPRING CLEAN) ALLOTMENTS & WHARF	<b>Mr Farnese (Chair)</b> , Mr Fisher.  <b>Mrs Jacobs</b>
RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT INC. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND	<b>Mrs Pownall (Chair)</b> , Mr Farnese, Mr Fisher, Clerk
POLICE & SECURITY	<b>Mr Fisher (Chair)</b> ,
WEB SITE (Inc. Facebook)	<b>Mrs Pownall</b> , Clerk.

#### 9045: APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES.

ALMSHOUSE TRUST	Mr Parker (from Feb '09)
SONNING & DISTRICT WELFARE TRUST	Mrs Baldwin (ongoing)
SONNING EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION	Mrs Baldwin (ongoing)
PEARSON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	Mrs Robinson (Ongoing)
SONNING TWINNING ASSOCIATION	Chairman (ex-officio)
FIRE BRIGADE TRUST	Chairman (ex-officio)

#### 9046: CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation to attend Tarmac Information Day 20 May. This was to provide local people with information about the various stages of extraction over the next 12 years and plans for restoration following completion of the extraction period.

Police and Crime Commissioner. The Commissioner had announced a new website to support victims of crime.

Sonning C of E. The School were advertising for a Site Coordinator.

#### 9047: PLANNING.

Report. The Chairman said that no repairs had been undertaken on the damage to the Bridge. The Clerk would chase Ed Day. The Chairman said that the increased flow of water due to the Archimedes Screw installed in Sonning Eye had resulted in a boat being damaged.

**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): Readingensians (170580). 33 West Drive (170661): 2 The Mews (170807): Grove Cottage (170816): Grove Cottage (170817): 12a South Drive (170815): 3 The High Street (170823): Pavilion Holme Park (170964): Charfield Cottage (170895): Inniscarra Holmemoor Drive (170892): August Field (170894): Estoril 9 Old Bath Road (171053).

**The following applications had been approved:** West Drive (161363): RBCS (170118): The Old School House (170184): 11 Glebe Lane (170575): Fairlawn Thames Street (170550): St. Andrews Church Thames Street (170562): Grove Cottage (170732).

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

**The following applications had been withdrawn.** Land Adjacent to Manor House Thames Street (170301): Pool Court Thames Street (170473):

**The following new applications had been received.** Land Adjacent (to West) of Orchard Lodge Sonning Eye (171201). Consultation from South Oxfordshire District Council for the following proposal: Temporary (one year) use of land as off-site car park for the Great House Hotel.

#### 9048: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

There had been no call in and the CAA had become effective on 19 April. Giles Stephens was seeking additional prices for printing.

#### 9049: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR.

In the absence of Cllr Haines there were no questions

#### 9050: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

## 9051: FINANCE.

- a) Report. The Clerk had prepared a report which was noted.
- b) Receipts and Payments 2016/17. Mr Morrison had prepared the figures and explained that the main difference between 2015/16 and 2016/17 was the CIL receipt. It was noted that there this could only be spent on capital items. Mr Morrison proposed adopting the accounts, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved
- c) Payment of Accounts. Mr Morrison proposed and Mr Fisher seconded making the following payments and these were unanimously approved.

### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS MAY '17 (1 TO 30 APRIL)

Date	Chq	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-Comm.
18 April 17	DD	S. Electric	St. Light Energy	479.32	21.82	456.50	HIGH & LIGHT.	Light energy
			<b>Total</b>	<b>479.32</b>	<b>21.82</b>	<b>456.50</b>		

- d) Purchase of New Lock. Mr Fisher said that the SID came with clips but they not secure enough to ensure the security of the SID. Mr Fisher had therefore purchased a lock and chain at a cost of £43.86. Mr Morrison proposed the payment, the Chairman seconded and this was unanimously approved. The Chairman said there had been favourable comments following the installation of the SID in Pound Lane.
- e) Hire of Skip. The SCC wished to clear up the compound and had asked if SPC would pay half the skip hire of £380. The Chairman proposed spending £190 on the skip, Mr Morrison seconded and this was unanimously approved.
- f) CIL Allocation. WBC had asked if SPC would contribute their CIL allocation towards electronic signs on the A4. The Clerk would respond to say that the SPC CIL had already been allocated to new lights, the mini SID and the new pavilion.

## 9052: HIGHWAYS.

Withdrawal of School Crossing Patrol. The Chairman said that the C of E Primary School business manager had made enquiries about employing the crossing patroller. WBC had replied that their insurance would cover them employing the crossing patroller providing that they had carried out a full and satisfactory risk assessment, had a satisfactory management system in place and had provided adequate training and all necessary equipment, then they would be covered by their insurance. The School wished to progress this with WBC highways and asked how much SPC would contribute to the scheme. In the meantime the Chairman and Clerk would draft a letter objecting to the decision to dispose of the crossing patroller.

Parents parking in Pound Lane. Mr Fisher had been asked by the crossing patroller if the parents could be persuaded not to park either side of the crossing, as this reduced her sightlines. Mr Fisher had taken a photo to illustrate the problem. Mr Fisher agreed to ask the head Teacher if he could discuss this with parents.

Speed Indicator. Mr Fisher said that he and Mr Lydiard had installed the mini SID in Pound Lane near the school and it was working well. Once the battery needed to be changed he could download the data that had been collected up to that time. Mr Fisher had undergone training with the police speed watch team and they would be interested in seeing the data from Sonning. The police had reiterated that a 20 mph zone should be self-policing.

Speed/Lorry Watch. The new speed indicator provided similar information as Speed Watch but volunteers wanted to carry out a Speed Watch. Mrs Jacobs said that a number of heavy vehicles were driving through Sonning. In order to ascertain if these were overweight Mr Fisher would meet up with Mrs Jacobs in a convenient position near the bridge.

9053: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Safety Checks. These had been carried out. The Annual ROSPA inspection had also been carried out. The Chairman said that adults were using the new equipment and disregarding instructions not to do so. The sign needed to be updated.
- b) Pavilion. Mrs Pownall said that all four of the immersion heaters supplying hot water to the showers had failed and a plumber had been called in and replacement heaters had been installed as a matter of urgency. The Chairman proposed paying £460 for the replacement heaters, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved.
- c) New Pavilion. Mrs Pownall said that she was to meet Mr Anderson to discuss the plans on 12 May. Mr Anderson said that there would be no charge initially as he was carrying out the work for SCC. If there was to be an extra charge he would let SPC know in advance.
- d) Repairs to Field. These had been carried out successfully.
- e) SCC Practice nets. These were now on order.
- f) Request to Site S&SE Society Noticeboard in the Copse. The Society wanted to move their noticeboard from outside the Bull Inn to the Copse. There were other items underway in the area and this would be considered at the next meeting.

9054: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

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

Overgrown Hedge Parkway Drive. There was no update on this.

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that he still hadn't received any firm price for the heritage lights but the cost might be £650 per column. Four of the modern columns still had to be installed and another two had not been included but this had been corrected. Mr Fisher had spoken to Mr Collier about trimming back the overgrown hedge in Pound Lane, which was obscuring the light. Mr Collier had said not as it was close to the road and could be a safety issue involving a road closure. The Chairman agreed to ask WBC to trim the hedge.

Quote for Planters. There was no update on this.

Allotments. Mrs Jacobs said that the hedge needed trimming and the Clerk would ask Mr Collier to carry this out. Mrs Jacobs said that there was some evidence of rats in one corner of the allotments but the contractor had only reported a dead mouse in this recent report. The Chairman would ask Mr Tinson to take a look.

Bus Shelters. It had been reported that the cover on the bus shelter on the A4 was loose and busses had damaged the roof to the bus shelter in Pearson Road. The Chairman would check this out.

9055: NEWSLETTER. The Chairman said that he would circulate the draft.

9056: WEB SITE.

There were no updates.

9057: ACTION LIST.

The Action List was reviewed and updated.

9058: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The Annual Parish Meeting would follow the Annual Meeting at 8.00pm. The next monthly meeting would be held on Tuesday 13 June at 7.00pm.

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