

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 11 July 2017 at 7.00pm.

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

9076: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Mr Farnese (unwell) and Mr Morrison (away). In the absence of Mr Farnese, Mr Fisher took the Chair. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

9077: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations.

9078: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

9079: CASUAL VACANCY.

There had been no applications, however Mrs Fielder was in attendance to observe with a view to applying. Mr Fisher said that he had met a couple in Old Bath Road who might be interested.

9080: CORRESPONDENCE

SCC Request to hold Chairman's Day 27 August. This would include a BBQ and Bar as was open to all residents/ It was agreed that there was no objection.

Request to play football - KGV Field 2017/18 Season. As SFC had confirmed that they would not be playing during the 2017/18 season it was agreed, in principle, and on the same terms as SFC.

Bu Shelter A4 North. The Clerk had received a report that a bus had collided with the shelter and had reported it to WBC. WBC said this shelter was the responsibility of SPC (although they had installed the one on the opposite side of the A4). However WBC would send a highways inspector out due to the amount of damage.

S106. WBC had approved the S106 payment for the playground equipment.

Jackie Wright. MS Wright had responded to the article in the Newsletter asking for volunteers and was interested in a variety of issues. As there were no current projects the Clerk would thank MS Wright and say that SPC would be in touch as soon as there were.

SLCC Data Protection Webinar. There had been recent changes to Data Protection Legislation and SLTC were offering online training sessions at a cost of £25 plus VAT. It was agreed that the Clerk should sign up for a session.

Allotments. A complaint had been received about allotment 14 being overgrown. It was understood that this had now been addressed.

Notification of Application for full variation of a Premises. The Great House had applied to vary License following the recent refurbishments. This was only to include the changes made during the refurbishments and no other changes to the exiting License.

Me2 Club. This was a local Charity using trained volunteers to support children and young people aged between 5 - 19 years old to access mainstream leisure activities. They had assisted one child from Sonning and were appealing for a donation from SPC. Mrs Pownall would look into the Charity and report back at the September meeting in order to consider a donation.

Request to sell Ice Cream on Wharf. A resident had asked if she could sell ice cream on the Wharf from her old fashioned trike (with a freezer basket on the front). The question of insurance was raised and also what the effect the proposal would have on other local businesses. It was also suggested that the recreation ground might be a suitable location. While generally supportive of the proposal it was agreed that Mr Fisher should consult the Lock Keeper and the Great House prior to a decision being made.

## 9080: CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd).

Residents Confusion between SPC and SPCC. Mr Runnalls said that he had been approached by a resident who was unhappy about the Vicar's letter in the July/August edition of the Parish Magazine produced by the Church, which he considered to be inflammatory. The resident thought that SPC and SPCC were the same organisation. Friends of the resident had written to the editor asking to be removed from the circulation list. It was agreed that this needed some consideration and the Clerk would put the matter on the September agenda.

## 9081: PLANNING.

Report. The Chairman said that Pool Court had been substantially refused and 89 Pound Lane had been approved. There was no news about a decision on Land Adjoining Model Farm or the Golf Club.

**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): Readingensians (170580). 33 West Drive (170661): Grove Cottage (170816): Grove Cottage (170817): Pavilion Holme Park (170964): Inniscarra Holmemoor Drive (170892): August Field (170894): 2 South Drive (170989): Holme Park Farm House (171247): Pool Court (171117): The Atrium (171293): The Lawns Old Bath Road (171424): 47 Old Bath Road (171631).

**The following applications had been approved:** 89 Pound Lane (171356).

**The following applications had been refused.** Pool Court (171117).

**The following applications had been withdrawn.**

**The following new applications had been received.** 3 High Street (171733). Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, to include 2no dormer window extensions and erection of a rear outbuilding to form a garden office. 18/07. Hope Cottage 11 Pound Lane (171651). Householder application for the proposed part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension to dwelling. 19/07. Keepers Cottage Duffield Road (171785). Householder application for the proposed erection of part two side storey extension plus erection of single side extension to dwelling. 25/07. Keepers Cottage Duffield Road (171786). Listed Building for the proposed erection of part two side storey extension plus erection of single side extension to dwelling. 25/07. St. Andrews Church (171841). Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed replacement of existing timber gates with new black painted steel gates. RBCS (171780). Full application for the proposed construction of multi-use games area with associated fencing, lighting and surface treatments. 04/08

Dates for the next planning meeting were discussed. Mr Runnalls said that he was looking at an application for the property owned by Mr Liddiard, who he knew well. Although this was not a prejudicial interest Mr Runnalls requested a dispensation, Mr Fisher said that he was in the same position as was Mr Farnese. The Clerk agreed to provide dispensations for all Councillors attending the planning meeting where Hope Cottage was discussed as all Councillors knew Mr Liddiard.

## 9082: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

There was no further update. The Assessment had been adopted and a decision had been made about ways to view it online and it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

## 9083: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR.

In the absence of Cllr Haines there were no questions

## 9084: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

Mrs Fielder said that she was interested in litter and the school, where she helped on a regular basis, and was looking for ways to help the community. Having spoken to Mrs Pownall she had decided

## 9084: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

to come along to observe in order to make a decision. Mrs Fielder lived in Pound Lane and collected litter and had reported a damaged litter bin the WBC, who had replaced it. As a co-ordinator under the Neighbourhood Watch scheme Mrs Fielder had been instrumental in setting up the No Cold Calling in Sonning.

Mr Doyle asked about the bridge lights, which had been out for some time, probably due to the sensitive trip switch. The Chairman would take a look at this. Mr Doyle said that he understood that the new practice nets were to be available for use by other cricketers, not just SCC. The Chairman agreed to contact Mr Phillip's to ask that a note to this effect were placed on the nets. Mr Doyle asked about the damaged bus shelter in Pearson Road, Mr Pownall was in the process of repairing it. Mr Doyle asked that the minutes on the website be brought up to date and that the invitation to the AGM be removed. Mr Doyle asked about progress on the planters by the Pound Lane bus stop and the Chairman said that this was still under consideration. Mrs Fielder asked who would maintain the planters and was informed that the children at Sonning School were keen to do this.

Mr Doyle left at this point.

## 9085: FINANCE.

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

### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS JULY '17 (1 TO 31 JUNE)

Date	Chq	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-Comm.
05/06/17	387	Henley Land	Main Mowing	245.00	0.00	245.00	REC.	Mowing
05/06/17	388	R J Pownall	Water heaters 4	460.00	0.00	460.00	SPORTS	Pav. Repair.
05/06/17	389	Sonning Land	Mowing Play	60.00	0.00	60.00	REC.	Playground
05/06/17	389	Sonning Land	Mowing Wharf	56.00	0.00	56.00	ENVIRON	Mow Wharf
05/06/17	390	ISS	Dog Bins May	156.00	26.00	130.00	ENVIRON	Dog Bins
05/06/17	391	L A Bates	Pav. TV Licence	147.00	0.00	147.00	SPORTS	SCC
05/06/17	391	L A Bates	ZEN Hosting	57.46	9.58	47.88	ADMIN	Subs
05/06/17	392	P J Doyle	Noticeboards	114.00	0.00	114.00	ADMIN	Misc.
06/06/17	393	Proludic	Play equip + surfaces	9447.61	1574.61	7873.00	RECREATION	Playground
19/06/17	395	L A Bates	ZEN Domain	58.40	9.90	48.50	ADMIN	Subs
19/06/17	396	CAS	Insurance	840.21	0.00	840.21	ADMIN	Insurance
19/06/17	396	CAS	Insurance	610.06	0.00	610.06	SPORT	Pav.
19/06/17	396	CAS	Insurance	152.75	0.00	152.75	SPORT	SLTC
19/06/17	396	CAS	Insurance	544.00	0.00	544.00	RECREATION	Insurance
19/06/17	397	D P Bates	Cabinet Lock	163.44	27.74	135.70	ADMIN	M'tnce
22/06/17	399	Total Play	Cricket nets	28050.00	4675.00	23375.00	RECREATION	Nets
			<b>Total</b>	<b>41161.93</b>	<b>6322.83</b>	<b>34839.10</b>		

## 9086: HIGHWAYS.

It was noted that WBC were not repairing potholes despite being reported.

Withdrawal of School Crossing Patrol. The Chairman said that WBC had decided that the school could not employ the crossing patroller. The Chairman and Mrs Pownall had visited the school to explain the role of a Parish Council and during the course of this a large number of children had asked about the patroller and confirmed that they used the crossing regularly. The Chairman had spoken to the Head Teacher who had agreed to speak to the Governors and that one would ring him.

## 9086: HIGHWAYS (Cont'd).

Having done some research about parent volunteers the Chairman understood that they couldn't stop traffic, whereas the controller could, which was an advantage. SPC had contacted WBC supporting the school's request for the exiting crossing to be upgraded to one with traffic lights but no response had been received. While attending the NAG meeting the Chairman mentioned the request and had been informed that Wargrave Piggott had a similar problem but had persevered until the crossing was upgraded. The Chairman had been given the name of someone who knew how this had been achieved. Inspector Alastair Lloyd had been at the meeting and explained the changes at Twyford Police Station.

Speed Indicator. The Chairman said that Indicator had been installed on 2 May and he had now analysed the first full month's data. The maximum speed recorded was 55 mph during the night and 21,000 vehicles had been travelling above 29 mph, which was below the average speed recorded by WBC. At peak times 3,000 vehicles were recorded travelling in one direction. The Chairman explained to Mrs Fielder how the speed indicator worked, it flashed at speeds between 25 and 30 mph but at speeds above that. Following up on the idea of turning the sign around so it faced the Pearson Road direction the Chairman had become aware that a lot of the overhanging greenery would obscure the sign and had contacted Kelly Novis about cutting this back, but she had not replied yet.

Speed/Lorry Watch. The Chairman said that he now had six volunteers but had just heard that, as leader, he would need to undergo training to become a police support volunteer and had put his name down. The Chairman would meet up with Mr Charlesworth to carry out the Lorry Watch in Thames Street.

Sonning Lane Parking. The Chairman said that Mr Horton was to come back with some plans.

Removal of Road Humps. There was no update but it was agreed that the humps did not slow traffic.

## 9087: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Report. Mrs Pownall said that she had been very busy and had not spoken to Mr Pascall and there was no progress on the pavilion but she would be able to concentrate over the summer holidays.
- b) Safety Checks. Mrs Pownall would carry these out on 12 July.
- c) New Pavilion. Mrs Pownall said that a hole had formed in the visitors changing room and a temporary repair carried out and Mr Pownall would be asked to find out what was required to full repair. Water was running from one of the urinals and Mrs Pownall would call in a plumber.
- d) SCC Practice nets. These had now been sign off and were being used.
- e) Improvements to Approach Road to KGV Field. Mr Farnese was drawing up plans

## 9088: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

Safety Checks. Mr Farnese had carried out the safety checks on the Wharf.

Lighting Upgrade. The Chairman said that the order was fine but he had looked to see if any would benefit from shields, he thought three but would double check. The Chairman said that West Drive were happy with the price. However it had become clear that the lights would need to belong to SPC to benefit from the scheme. The Chairman had written to Mr Brighton to explain and had asked Mr Brighton to confirm that this did not imply that SPC would become responsible for replacing the columns in the future. WBC could not guarantee installation dates.

Hedge trimming Pound Lane. No update.

Bus Shelters. Unfortunately a bus had collided with the bus shelter on the A4 along-side Hawthorne Way and the Clerk had reported it to WBC. WBC had said the shelter was the responsibility of

9088: TECHNICAL SERVICES (Cont'd).

SPC despite replacing the shelter on the opposite side of the A4. As it was in a dangerous condition WBC were sending a highway officer to inspect it.

Police and Security. The Chairman asked that the Clerk put this back on the agenda on a regular basis. The Chairman said that Hurst had a similar problem to Sonning but they also had unruly dogs in one of their fields where there were horses. A number of stolen Land Rovers had been found on a site in Warwickshire. Mrs Pownall said that their Land Rover had been found burnt out. They had replaced and had put a number of security measures in place to prevent it being taken again. The Clerk would look up the decision on making a contribution to the police SID.

Allotments. Mrs Jacobs said that the grass had been cut but the hedge needed to be trimmed again. The gate between the Great House and the Wharf was not being shut and the extra chain and lock was still on the main gate.

9089: NEWSLETTER.

It was agreed that this had been a great success and the Chairman congratulated Mrs Pownall. Several people had signed up for the regular Council updates and others intended to. The completed forms could be emailed back or posted through the Office door.

9090: WEB SITE.

This had been covered above.

9091: ACTION LIST.

The Action List was reviewed and updated.

9092: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 12 September at 7.00pm.

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