

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT. Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mrs P Pownall, Mr I Runnalls.  
Mrs L A Bates (Clerk).

10060: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies accepted from Mrs J Fielder, (holiday), Mr J Green (unwell), Mrs Jacobs (unwell) and Mr P Morrison (holiday).  
The Chairman welcomed all those present.

10061: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations.

10062: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

10063: CORRESPONDENCE

Vicar's letter. Concerns were expressed about a recent article in the Parish magazine, which indicated the intension to extend the use of the new church building. This would affect the length of time cars belonging to visitors to the Church were parked in Sonning Lane and surrounding roads and increase the numbers of cars parked in Sonning Lane and other roads. The Clerk would draft a letter outlining these concerns.

New Auditors. PKF Littlejohn, at Canary Wharf, had been appointed as the external auditors.

Police and Crime Commissioner. Anthony Stansfield, the police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley Police, had decided to extend his newsletter circulation to include parish council's and this had been circulated to Councillors.

Beacons in Remembrance of WW1 end. A nation-wide Pageant to mark the end of WW1 in a number of ways but Councils were being asked to light beacons across the country. The Clerk would circulate details.

Meeting with David Lee 17 January. Cllr lee would be attending the planning meeting on 17 January to give an update on the Local Plan.

Campaign to protect rural Wokingham. A meeting had been arranged for Monday 12 February at Loddon Hall Twyford at 7.30pm. The Chairman would attend.

Oxfordshire Mineral and Waste Plan. Oxfordshire were consulting on their Plan between 8 January and 16 February 2018.

Get Involved in Community Policing. The Thames Valley Alert had called for people to get involved in Community Policing.

10064: PLANNING.

Report. Mr Runnalls said that the application for the new pavilion had been submitted. The Clerk would inform SCC and CFC so that they were aware of progress. The Clerk would ask the architect if demolition required permission and ask for a hard copy of the plans. Mr Runnalls said that the application to change the Church gates had been refused and the application at 20 Glebe Lane had been withdrawn.

**The following applications were on going):** The Lawns Old Bath Road (171424): Hope Cottage 11 Pound Lane (171651): The Great House (172697):

**The following applications had been approved:** The Bungalow, Sonning Lane (172569). Ranmore Parkway Drive (172701). The Malthouse (173418).

**The following applications had been refused.** St Andrews Church ((172756).

10064: PLANNING (Cont'd).

**The following applications had not been proceeded with.** 6 Hawthorn Way (172715). 20 Glebe Lane (172347)

**The following new applications had been received.** Pavilion Sonning Recreation Ground (173578) Full planning application for the proposed erection of a replacement half storey sports pavilion and detached maintenance store following demolition of existing pavilion. The Atrium (173537). Full planning application for the proposed erection of replacement dwelling house, with basement and detached double garage and store following demolition of existing dwelling; construction of an external swimming pool and to incorporate a strip of curtilage land from Pool Court. Lawn Cottage Mustard Lane (173689). Householder application for the proposed single storey front extension following the demolition of existing uPVC conservatory and utility room. 7 Glebe Lane (173552). Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension to form shower room, brick infill of existing open sided rear canopy with new curved fascia and insertion of 2no roof-lights in existing roof, and change of roof on existing conservatory from a glazed roof to a tiled roof. Amendment to planning consent 170248. Retrospective.

10065: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR.

In the absence of Cllr Haines there were no questions.

10066: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS.

There were no questions.

10067: FINANCE.

- a) Payment of Accounts. Mr Runnalls proposed making the following payments, Mr Fisher seconded and these were approved unanimously.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS JANUARY '18 (1 TO 31 DECEMBER 2017)

Date	Chq	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-Comm.
6/12/17	447	SSE	St Light Mtnce underpaid	30.00	1.43	28.57	HIGHWAYS/ LIGHT	Light M'tnce
6/12/17	448	Sonning Land	Rec Hedge	120.00	0.00	120.00	RECREATION	Rec hedges
6/12/17	448	Sonning Land	Mow Playground x 2	60.00	0.0	60.00	RECREATION	Mow Play
6/12/17	448	Sonning Land	Mow Wharf x 2	56.00	0.00	56.00	ENVIRONMENT	Wharf Mow
16/12/17	449	ISS	Dog Bins	156.00	26.00	130.00	ENVIRONMENT	Dog Bins
16/12/17	450	RES	Extinguishers	37.00	0.00	37.00	SPORTS	Pav M'tnce
16/12/17	451	Henley Land	Main Mowing x 2	490.00	0.00	490.00	RECREATION	Main Mow
16/12/17	451	Henley Land	Leaves x 2	50.00	0.00	50.00	RECREATION	Tree care
16/12/17	451	Henley Land	Blow Leaves	200.00	0.00	200.00	RECREATION	Tree Care
21/12/17	452	Sonning Land	Cut Wharf Scrubs	30.00	0.00	30.00	ENVIRONMENT	Wharf M'tnce
21/12/17	452	Sonning Land	Wharf Fallen tree	190.00	0.00	190.00	ENVIRONMENT	Wharf m'tnce
21/12/17	453	Castle Water	Pavilion Water	53.60	0.00	53.60	SPORTS	Pavilion
21/12/17	454	AE Farnese	Pavilion Key	8.08	0.00	8.08	RECREATION	M'tnce
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1480.68</b>	<b>27.43</b>	<b>1453.25</b>		

- b) Report and Budget. The Clerk had prepared a report which was noted. The report also included the proposed 2018/19 budget figures. Following discussion it was agreed not to make any changes to the proposed expenditure, although an increase in photocopying might be required to allow for printing off the planning applications now that WBC no longer provided copies. An increase in the proposed fee to the CFC from £650 to £800 per season was also agreed.

## 10067: FINANCE (Con't)

Following discussion the Chairman proposed accepting the Budget, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved.

The Budget allowed for a Precept of £36280, Mrs Pownall proposed setting the Precept at £36280, Mr Runnalls seconded and this was unanimously approved.

## 10068: HIGHWAYS.

School Crossing Patrol. Mr Fisher said that there had been very little progress on resolving the school crossing patroller issue as WBC were against any suggestions. It had therefore been agreed to concentrate on encouraging WBC to replace the existing crossing to a light controlled crossing. The school were to have a meeting and Mr Fisher said that he saw the main reasons to justify such a change were: the dangerous bend in the road, the speed of traffic approaching the crossing and that the 30mph zone ended just before the crossing when vehicles were travelling at speed having just existed from the A4.

Speed Indicator. Mr Fisher had said that there had been problems with the indicator and he had returned it to the manufacturer. The same component had been causing problems on other indicators as well. The last download had indicated a speed of 60mph at 7.15pm and that speeding was more prevalent between 6 and 7 am. 15% of vehicles were travelling at 36 mph during those times. The possibility of purchasing a second indicator so that speeds could be monitored on other roads at the same time was discussed and Mr Fisher agreed to get an up to date price.

Speed/Lorry Watch. Mr Fisher said that he was still waiting to be vetted by the police.

Sonning Lane Parking. Mr Fisher said that the meeting at RBCS on 13 December had been very well attended and another had been arranged to 16 January. Mr Fisher said that a retired solicitor had responded to an article in the Summer Newsletter and had some interesting ideas.

## 10069: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Safety Checks. Mr Farnese had inspected the play equipment and would deal with the moss. Mrs Pownall was to check the exercise machines.
- b) New Pavilion. Mrs Pownall said that Mr Anderson had submitted the plans and Mr Driver was keen to fundraise for the pavilion.
- c) SLTC Improvements. No update.
- d) Improvements to Approach Road to KGV Field. The contractor had submitted a quote for the work in Liguge Way: Cut out and tarmac area near to speed hump: Dig out 2No road gullies jet through to main pipe: To supply and fit materials for the above work: Remove any rubbish from site at a price of £460.00+ vat. The Chairman proposed and Mr Fisher seconded accepting the quote and this was unanimously approved. The Chairman agreed to draw up a sketch for improvements at the entrance to Liguge Way.
- e) Pitch Use 2018/19. The Clerk would chase this up.

## 10070: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

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

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that unfortunately converting the remaining lights to LED could not be carried out under the discount scheme. Mr Fisher would find out more information.

Wharf Gate. The Chairman had discussed the requirements with the contractor.

Allotment hedge. This had been cut.

10071: NEWSLETTER.

Mrs Pownall said that there had been insufficient input and it was agreed to wait for further input. Ideas for inclusion included finance and details of the Litter Pick.

10072: POLICE AND SECURITY.

The police had asked for an increase which would affect the council tax.

10073: WEB SITE.

This was going well.

10074: ACTION LIST.

The Action List was reviewed and updated.

10075: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 13 February at 7.00pm.

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