

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 11 October 2016 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT. Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr A Evans, Mr T Fisher, Mrs S Jacobs, Mrs P Pownall.  
Mrs L A Bates (Clerk). 1 Visitor.

8920: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Mr I Runnalls (indisposed). The Chairman welcomed all those present.

8921: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

8922: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of Interest.

8923: CASUAL VACANCY.

This was ongoing. Mr Fisher had spoken to a potential candidate who, unfortunately, would not be available immediately.

8924: CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Angus Ross. Cllr Ross would now attend the December meeting. Councillors would submit questions for Cllr Ross to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

Berkshire Youth AGM. This would be held at Watlington House, Reading, on 26 October at 6.30 pm.

Wokingham Volunteer Centre AGM. This would take place at Wokingham Town Hall, on 23 November at 12 noon and there would be a buffet.

CIL Payment. The Clerk said that 50% of the CIL money would be paid at the end of October.

BALC AGM 3 November. This would take place at Shinfield Parish Hall.

Boundary Review. Wokingham T. C. had concerns about anomalies relating to changes that WBC proposed for their parish boundaries and had written expressing these concerns.

WBC Budget Engagement Sessions. These would take place throughout the Borough. The Chairman said that he and Mr. Fisher had attended Borough Parish Liaison Forum. There was a Local Plan Update and a presentation on the Budget Engagement sessions.

Shinfield Local Plan. WBC had accepted the independent examiners report and this would now move to the next stage.

Cleaner and Greener. This would be held on 27 at Smallmead Education Room, 2-4 pm.

Invitation from the Mayor. This was to attend the Voluntary Sector Fair on 16 November 7-0 pm Loddon Hall. Two representatives from each council could attend.

SLTC Requests. Their Chairman had said that the contractor was doing a good job trimming the hedge. SLTC had contacted WBC's Tree department about trimming the Chestnut trees as they were overhanging the courts. SLTC now understood that SPC owned the trees but WBC's permission had to be obtained as well. SLTC were prepared to obtain quotes and would pay for the tree work if SPC agreed and if WBC approved the proposals. It was agreed that there was no objection in principle but nothing should be done without SPC's approval. The Club had also asked about storing their petrol leaf blower in a secure space in the compound. It was agreed that there was limited secure space and would involve additional access to several keys and it might be easier if a member of the Club kept it in their garage. The Club had also had problems with unaccompanied dogs in the tennis area. It was agreed to advise the club that signs could be erected and if dogs were soiling the area that they should contact the dog warden.

## 8925: PLANNING.

Report. The Chairman said that the Listed Building application at the Great House (161872), had been withdrawn, the full application was ongoing. Fairlawn Thames Street (162015) had been approved. The Chairman would be on holiday and Mr Fisher would chair the next planning meeting.

**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): 31 Old Bath Road (160624: Sonning Golf Club (161529): 20 Old Bath Road (161638): Microsoft Campus Thames Valley Park (161733): Reading Blue Coat School (161860) F/2014/2319. Chestnut House Mustard Lane (161970): The Great House (161871). The Great House (161872): 3 Old Well Court Thames Street (162138). 16 Glebe Lane (162493).

**The following applications had been approved:** Fairlawn Thames Street (162015)

**The following applications had been refused.** There were no refusals.

**The following new applications had been received.** 14 Glebe Lane (162492). Erection of a single storey front extension to the existing dwelling. New Lodge Mustard Lane (16 2664) Conversion of part of garage to office accommodation and erection of a single storey side extension.

## 8926: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

Mr Hart had written to WBC, expressing SPC's and Society's concerns, regarding changes made to the CAA document prior to approval by WBC's executive. Mr Stephens had agreed to a joint meeting at Shure End on 14 October. The Chairman, Mr Fisher, the Clerk and Mr Hart would attend. Mr Fisher said that it would delay the consultation, if changes were made, making it necessary for the document to go back for executive approval.

## 8927: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR.

In the absence of Cllr Haines there were no question

## 8928: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS

The Chairman and Mr Fisher would attend the next Major Projects meeting on 18 October.

## 8929: FINANCE.

- a) Payment of Accounts Mr Morrison proposed and Mrs Jacobs seconded making the following payments and these were unanimously approved.

### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS OCTOBER '16 (1 TO 30 SEPT)

Date	Chq.	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-Com.
15 Aug 16	100314	C Gilson	Int. Audit	45.00	0.00	45.00	ADMIN	Admin Audit
7 Sept 16	100316	Alpha	Pav. Doors	1457.00	242.83	1214.17	PAVILION	Pav. Repairs
7 Sept 16	100317	Henley Land	Main Mow	245.00	00.00	245.00	RECREATION	Rec Mowing
7 Sept 16	100317	Henley Land	Mow SCC	65.00	00.00	65.00	SPORTS	Sports Mowing
7 Sept 16	100318	Son. Land	Mow Play	56.00	00.00	56.00	RECREATION	Rec. Mowing
7 Sept 16	100318	Son. Land	Mow Wharf	56.00	0.00	56.00	ENVIRON	Environ. Mow
7 Sept 16	100318	Son. Land	Rec. Hedge	100.00	0.00	100.00	RECREATION	Rec. Hedges
7 Sept 16	100318	Son. Land	Allot. Hedg	120.00	0.00	120.00	ENVIRON	Allot hedge
7 Sept 16	100319	ISS	Dog Bins	104.00	17.33	86.67	AMENITIES	Dog Bin
7 Sept 16	100320	M Pownall	Cones x 12	112.75	18.79	93.96	RECREATION	Rec. Misc.
20 Sept 16	100321	K Trimmings	Litter x 2	300.00	0.00	300.00	HIGHWAYS	Highways litter
20 Sept 16	100322	M Pownall	Locksmith	397.00	0.00	397.00	PAVILION	Pav. Misc
20 Sept 16	100323	PHMC	Office rent	221.00	0.00	221.00	ADMIN	Admin Rent
20 Sept 16	100324	Henley Land	Main Mow	245.00	0.00	245.00	RECREATION	Rec. Mowing
20 Sept 16	100325	T. Water	Various	198.65	0.00	198.65	ADMIN	Admin. Misc
			<b>Total</b>	<b>3722.40</b>	<b>278.95</b>	<b>3443.45</b>		

## 8930: HIGHWAYS.

The Chairman had received answers from Mr Horton and would copy them to Mr Evans.

Double Yellow Lines – Pound Lane. It would not be possible to install these until 2018 and it would be three to four years before any other roads could be considered.

Closing Bridge to Carry out Light Repairs. The WBC Street Works Team would need to co-ordinate this.

Move 30 mph Sign in Pound Lane closer to A4. This would require a Road traffic Order.

Speed Signs. Mr Evans would need to contact Mr Horton to agree positions.

Pound Lane Crossing Light. The Clerk would contact Street Lighting about this.

Mr Evans said that he would need to know positions in order to place the order with Westcotec. He had circulated information on the signs and Hurst had recommended Westcotec. Westcotec would supply supports for a number of locations so that only the camera would need to be moved to the other locations. The cost would be in the region of £3,000 and the offer from Hurst, to carry out traffic monitoring, was still available. Lorries could be tracked this way and suitable positions could include, Sonning Bridge, outside the School in Pound Lane and the top or bottom of Sonning Lane. Mrs Pownall said that it had been suggested that painting the gateway in Sonning Lane might alert drivers to the fact that they were entering a 20 mph zone and 20 mph stickers would reinforce this. Mr Evans proposed that Westcotec should be asked to quote for the work, including £250 for the signs to flash 20 mph. Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved. The Clerk would ask if CIL funding could be used to pay for the speed signs. Mr Evans would circulate the proposed positions for the signs to everyone, once he had them.

## 8931: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Mrs Pownall said that she had spoken to Mr Simpson about a security camera and a video, which he could supply free of charge. Signs warning that the pavilion was under security surveillance had been suggested together with an internal camera and an outside camera. There was also a 4G system that sent photographs to mobile phones. Mrs Pownall would check prices. There were alarms already on the side doors.
- b) Safety Checks. Mrs Pownall would check the equipment and Mr Pownall would attend to the damaged concrete on the skate park.
- c) Water Drain-Off Work. Mr Beckinsale would now do the work in October due to pressure of work.
- d) Quotes for the Playground. Proludic had provided an alternative quote at £6,118 for a new swing and walkways and £1755 for a new safety surface under an adjoining piece of equipment. Mrs Pownall proposed accepting the quote, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved.
- e) Wharf Works. The Chairman would check out the seat, which was deteriorating.
- f) Pavilion Door. An emergency locksmith had to be called out in order to access the damaged door at a cost of £397.00. Mr Morrison proposed paying the invoice, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved.

## 8932: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

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

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that the next stage was to consider the heritage lighting.

Quote for Posts. The Chairman had been unable to progress this but would do so as soon as he recovered from his fractured hip.

Allotments. Mrs Jacobs had cut back the brambles on the allotments and the rat man had carried out the regular inspection. Mrs Jacobs had also cut the growth from around the light sensor

8932: TECHNICAL SERVICES (Con't)

next to the bridge. Mrs Jacobs would contact Gareth Wiseman about the damaged post in Thames Street. The Clerk would report an abandoned fridge in Sonning Lane.

8933: WEB SITE.

There was no update. The SPC Newsletter was discussed and everyone agreed to send their copy to Mrs Pownall by 23 October.

8934: ACTION LIST.

The Action List was reviewed and updated.

8935: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 8 November 2016 at 7.00pm.

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