

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT. Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mrs J Fielder, Mrs J Harvey, Mrs P Pownall.
1 Visitors. Mrs L A Bates (Clerk).

10225: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Mr J Green (unwell), Mr P Morrison, (holiday).
The Chairman welcomed all those present.

10226: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Mr Fisher said that he would have an interest in Beech Lodge as he was on the Executive.

10227: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

10228: CORRESPONDENCE

Call for Sites. Notification of the WBC Consultation on the Local Plan Update had been received, including the Site Allocation across the Borough. This would give residents the opportunity to comment on the suitability of the sites proposed for development. Various venues for 'events', where residents would have the opportunity to see the proposed sites and ask questions had been identified. The closest 'event' in Woodley would not be held until the 12 February, just prior to the deadline for comments on 16 February. Following discussion it was agreed that a visit to the first 'venue' in Winnersh on 4 December, 7pm to 9pm, would allow more opportunity to consider any responses. The Chairman would make arrangements for those who wished to attend.

Christmas Rubbish Collection. Notification of changes to collections had been received. Christmas Eve collections (a Monday and the usual day for Sonning) would be as scheduled (24 December) but collections for 31 December would be on Tuesday 1 January 2019.

Mayor's Gala Ball 9 March 2019. This would take place at Sindlesham Court, tickets £60 each.

RBCS Letter on Sonning Lane TRO. The head teacher had written supporting the proposals.

Request to use the Field. The South East Sunday Cricket League had asked if the field could be used one Sunday in July 2019. It was agreed that it would be difficult as it was the middle of the cricket season.

10229: PLANNING.

Report. The Chairman said that there was an application for Holme Park Sports Ground to alter the wording for the existing permission for a physiotherapy clinic.

The following applications were on going: The Great House (172697): The Atrium (180770): The Atrium (180857): August Field (81082): The Great House (181058): Cedar Cottage Thames Street (181196): Home Park Farm House (181161): Greendown (182245): Charfield Cottage, Charvil Lane (182453): The Conifers, 48 Old Bath Road (182821). Householder application for the proposed erection of part single, part two storey side and rear extensions, including roof alterations: 50 Little Glebe (182578): Star Court (182612): 21 West Drive (182734).

The following applications had been approved: 34 West Drive (181271): Reading Blue Coat School (182281).

The following applications had been refused. York Cottage Pearson Road (181800).

The following applications had been withdrawn. None.

The following new applications had been received. Sonning Dene (182889). Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension, covered entrance porch to side

10229: PLANNING (Cont'd).

elevation, single storey detached annexe building to the side/rear with garage, replacement of existing high wall at front with high timber fence and access gates, continuation of the existing brick wall that forms the boundary treatment with the highway at the Eastern end of the site at a low level in place of the existing picket fence, internal/external alterations and changes to fenestration. Holme Park Sports Ground, Pavilion, Sonning Lane (182856). Application to vary conditions 2 & 14 of planning consent 153301 dated 28/04/2016 for sports and physiotherapy clinic building. Condition 2 relates to substituted and additional drawings and condition 4 to be reworded as: The premises shall be used for medical consultation and treatment (including sports and physiotherapy) and for no other purposes, including any other purpose in Class D1 of the schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) or in any provision equivalent to that Class in any statutory revoking and re-enacting that Order (with or without modification).

10230: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

In the absence of Cllr Haines there were no questions.

10231: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS.

There were no questions.

10232: FINANCE.

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

SPC PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS NOV (1 TO 31 OCT) '18

Date	Chq	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-committee
01/10/18	534	Sonning Land	Cut Allot. Hedge	110.00	0.00	110.00	ENVIRONMENT	Allot Hedge
01/10/18	536	PK Littlejohn	Ann Audit	360.00	60.00	300.00	ADMIN	Admin Audit
01/10/18	537	Henley Land	Main Mowing	252.50	0.00	252.50	RECREATION	Main Mowing
01/10/18	538	L A Bates	Honorarium less tax	2386.50	0.00	2386.50	CLERK	Hon. less tax
01/10/18	538	L A Bates	Tel.	40.00	0.00	40.00	CLERK	Print, post tel.
01/10/18	539	Inland Rev.	Tax	163.50	0.00	163.50	CLERK	Tax
01/10/18	539	Inland Rev.	NIC	102.00	0.00	102.00	CLERK	NIC
01/10/18	540	E. Agency	Wharf Licence	54.78	0.00	54.78	ENVIRONMENT	Wharf Licence
				3469.28	60.00	3409.28		

- b) Report. The Clerk had prepared a report which was noted.
- c) New Signatory. Barclays had confirmed that Mr Fisher was now a signatory.
- d) SSL Certificate. It had been suggested that this was something that SPC should be considering for the website at a cost of £49.00 per annum. Following discussion it was agreed that this should be obtained as it would give those visiting the site confidence that it was a safe site to visit and unlikely to be hiding dangerous viruses etc.

10233: HIGHWAYS

School Crossing Patrol. Mr Fisher said that he and Mrs Harvey had met to discuss the problems. They had agreed that the crossing was mostly used by parents, children and residents in the Glebe areas. A petition seemed to be the most likely way to get WBC's attention. Mrs Harvey would

10233: HIGHWAYS (Cont'd)

contact parents at the school and Mr Fisher would contact residents from the area. Additionally Mr Fisher had written to Sara Allman, Tim Allen and Matthew Gould for an update and would write again on a weekly basis. Mrs Harvey said that the speed and numbers of vehicles along Pound Lane should be part of the equation.

Speed Indicator. Mr Fisher had compared the results from the new SID, since had been installed in Pound Lane, with the old SID. Average speeds were slightly down by 1mph and the volume had gone down Charvil Lane had been closed. Results from the previous Friday showed a vehicle travelling at 60mph during the evening. The old SID had now been installed in Charvil Lane. Mr Fisher asked for views on its location (telegraph pole), because it was difficult to find a perfect position. The battery in the new SID had to be changed every 10 days.

Speed/Lorry Watch. Mr Fisher said that he and a gentleman from Woodley would work together on this but it wasn't easy to sync their availability with the availability of the equipment. Mr Fisher had attended the NAG meeting and asked about obtaining the information from the ANPR cameras. He would have to undertake training first but there was a long waiting list and it wasn't currently available. Mr Fisher had identified two overweight vehicles and contacted the owners but it was possible that they were delivering to Pool Court and not going over the Bridge.

Pound lane Survey. This was now with Sara Allman at WBC and he understood that WBC would deal with it when they had time.

TRO Sonning Lane. WBC were consulting on the proposals for double yellow lines in Sonning Lane. The Clerk would write to support the proposals, and ask for Conservation Area double yellow lines to be used, before the deadline of 16 November.

Mr Fisher said that the RBCS Head Teacher Jessie Ezra, had organised parking at Berkshire Sports and this had resulted in little or no parking on Sonning Lane and Mr Fisher agreed to write to thank him.. The situation could change as students obtained their driving licences but by then it was hoped that the TRO would come into force

10234: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Safety Checks. Mrs Pownall said that the exercise machines had been checked.
- b) Pavilion Joint Meeting. Mrs Pownall said that there had been a very useful meeting. SCC had applied to Berkshire Cricket but the web site conflicted with what they were being told. The National Lottery was a good bet but one of the stipulations was for SCC to have a long lease. Tarmac would also consider and application. The cricket club were hoping to move forward and there would be another meeting the following day (14 November). The Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to WBC and would chase up as there had been no reply. There would be a Fire brigade Trust meeting on 14 December, when any request for funding should be made. Mrs Pownall would write to Mr Russell. The Tennis Club Chairman would be attending the fundraising meeting on 14 November.
- c) Seat by Skate Park. Mr Pownall had installed the seat and it was an improvement to the area.
- d) SCC Licence. Fields in Trust had said that a 7 year lease would be acceptable but they would need to check out the licence for anything longer. Following discussion it was agreed that a 10 year lease would be offered to SCC as this would open up more funding opportunities.
- e) Beech Lodge Licence. A slightly redrafted Licence had been received. One or two changes were reviewed and the Chairman would check out the 'Rules' section and return to the Clerk for approval at the December meeting.
- f) Dogs on KGV Field. Mrs Pownall said that this had gone very quiet. Mrs Harvey said that the Police were only interested if a dog bit or attacked another animal and the offending dog owner had taken to parking next to the tennis club.

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- g) Defibrillator Light. The Chairman proposed spending £166.26 on the light. Mrs Fielder seconded and this was unanimously approved.
- h) ROSPA Report. The Chairman hope to clean the play equipment with Mr Green in the near future.
- i) Recreation Path. The Clerk would try to arrange a meeting to discuss the root problems and a possible solution.
- j) Hedges. These had been done.

10235: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

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

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that there should be a reduction of 35% in the energy cost now the new lighting had been installed. Overhanging branches were still obstructing some lights and he would assess the problem. Mr Fisher said that Dave Halley (WBC) had said that the replacement light on Belisha beacon would be fitted in the next five days. WBC were still offering the lighting scheme and he would check to see if any other lights needed to be replaced. The Clerk would pit it on the December agenda for discussion.

Allotments. Mrs Fielder would be undertaking the allotment survey.

10236: WW1 TRIBUTE REVIEW.

Mrs Fielder said that the number of people attending the event had far exceeded expectations. As many as 250 had been present and the weather had remained dry. In the event the Chairman had arranged the beacon and the Vicar had sourced the bugler, the children reading during the service and for the Church bell to peal. The Vicar had also said that the school assembly had been very successful. The food and bar had been a great success and thanks were due to all those who had helped. Mrs Fielder had written to thank those who had provided the food and would put a piece in the Parish Magazine to thank all those who had helped make the evening such a success. The Chairman said that the success had been due to good advertising and well planned arrangements. The Chairman asked that the minutes record thanks to Mrs Fielder and all other helpers.

10237: POLICE AND SECURITY.

Mr Fisher said that the police had confirmed that they would only act if a dog attacked another dog. Mrs Fielder said that there had been an increase in offences in the area in the past few months. Two burglaries, two incidences of criminal damage, four thefts and two thefts from vehicles had been recorded. One burglar had gained access by forcing the garage lock another had smashed the front and rear door to a house but it was unclear if anything had been taken. The police had received a call about an aggressive domestic incident and in another incident a bottle had been thrown at a vehicle causing damage. A resident had reported that his MacBook worth £2,000 had gone missing on his flight and it had not been handed in to lost property. Another resident had reported that a mobile phone and bankcards had gone missing and in Thames Street a poppy collection box had been stolen, along with an iron and other items. A thief had gained access to a vehicle and had stolen a laptop and another thief had stolen a debit card from a vehicle. Mrs Fielder also said that she had a new volunteer litter picker in Charvil Lane.

10238: NEWSLETTER.

The Chairman's letter had gone out before the celebration on 11/11/18 and had included details of the event. There had been problems with delivering the newsletters due to limited numbers of Councillors available.

10239: WEB SITE.

This continued to work well and Mr Morrison had circulated the e-news. Mrs Harvey would provide some details about herself, her contact details and a photograph for the website.

10240: ACTION LIST.

This was reviewed and updated. The Chairman said that the improvements to the Pound and bus shelter needed to be progressed. The Chairman would check out the date for the 2019 litter pick.

10241: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 11 December at 7.00pm. Seasonable rinks and nibbles would be available from 6.30pm

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