

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 9 April 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

10308: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. There were no apologies.

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

10309: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations.

10310: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

10311: CORRESPONDENCE

WBC Planning Update. Marcia Head had circulated an update, which had been circulated to Councillors.

Local Liaison Group Meeting 25 April. This was the meeting at Tarmac, which Mr Morrison would attend.

Request from SLTC. SLTC had asked about their gate, which was in poor condition. The Chairman would check this out but it was thought to have been installed by SLTC. It was agreed that SLTC could hold BBQ's on 19 May and 15 September and possibly on their Finals Day on 21 July.

Request from Angus Ross. Cllr Ross (WBC) had asked if SPC would consider making an annual donation to a high achieving youth sports person living in Sonning (if there was one). This would be reconsidered in November when putting the draft 2020/21 budget together and the Chairman would discuss with Cllr Ross.

Sonning Triathlon. This event planned for 13 July had, unfortunately, been cancelled.

New Pavilion Meeting 16 April. Councillors were invited to attend this meeting in the pavilion.

Changes to WBC Highways Department. Plans for all enquiries to go through a dedicated Highways email, not individual emails, had commenced on 1 April. Under the new arrangements Volker-Highways would be responsible for maintenance and construction including street lighting, structures, bridges, drainage, road resurfacing and other highways projects.

Piggott School Aim to Become Multi Academy Trust. Notification of this had been received.

Elections. The Chairman said that he had hand delivered the four completed nomination papers to WBC and received a receipt. WBC had declared that, as only four nominations for nine Sonning seats, had been submitted by the deadline of 4.00pm on 3 April the election was uncontested and the Chairman, Mrs Fielder, Mr Fisher and Mr Morrison had been duly elected as Sonning Councillors for the next four years.

10312: PLANNING.

Report. The Chairman said that planning permission to remove the thatch at 22 Pound Lane (183075), had been refused.

The following applications were on going): Sonning Golf Club (190557). Application to vary condition 1 of appeal planning consent 161529 for the erection of 13no dwellings. Condition 1

10312: PLANNING (Cont'd).

refers to the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale and seeks to allow the wording to be changed to facilitate access works and wider pedestrian improvements. 08/04/19: Butts End House (190630). Householder application for a proposed conversion of an open fronted garage to create habitable accommodation, including erection of front and side walls and front porch, changes to the existing boundary walls and fenestration, and creation of vehicular access and parking. 05/04/19: Holme Park Sports Ground (190606). Full application for the erection of a medical consultation and treatment clinic (including sports and physiotherapy) plus cycle and refuse store, following demolition of existing sports club changing facilities, club bar and external store. 18/04/19: The Lawns Old Bath Road (190693). Full planning application for the proposed erection of a 1no. dwelling including landscaping. 16/4/19

The following applications had been approved: Sonning Dene (190186): 21 West Drive (190228).

The following applications had been refused. Home Park Farm House (181161): 22 Pound Lane (183075)

The following new applications had been received. No new applications.

10313: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

In the absence of Cllr. Haines, there were no questions.

10314: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS.

Mr Runnalls asked about double yellow lines in Pound Lane and was told that none were proposed but there were proposals for Sonning Lane.

Mr Runnalls also asked about the memorial Lychgate, at the Pearson Road entrance to the churchyard. It was understood that the Churchwardens were dealing with this.

10315: FINANCE.

- a) Payment of Accounts April (1-30 March). Mr Morrison proposed making the following payments, Mr Fisher seconded and these were approved unanimously.

SPC PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS APRIL (1 TO 31 MARCH) '19

Date	Chq	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-committee
21/03/19	566	Tivoli	Dog Bins x 2 Jan + Feb	312.00	52.00	260.00	ENVIRON	Dog Bins
21/03/19	567	Purco Print	Newsletters	60.00	0.00	60.00	ADMIN	Photocopying
21/03/19	569	Nat. Savings	T Court Fund	3325.16	0.00	3325.16	SPORT	SLTC Cont.
21/03/19	569	Nat. Savings	T Court Fund	633.36	0.00	633.36	SPORT	SPC Cont.
21/03/19	570	Berks Blind	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00	DONATION	Donations
21/03/19	571	Age Concern	Donation	200.00	0.00	200.00	DONATION	Donation
21/03/19	572	Air Ambulance	Donation	200.00	0.00	200.00	DONATION	Donation
21/03/19	573	Parochial CC	Donation	200.00	0.00	200.00	DONATION	Donation
21/03/19	574	ReadiBus	Donation	150.00	0.00	150.00	DONATION	Donation
21/03/19	575	Sue Ryder	Donation	100.00	0.00	100.00	DONATION	Donation
21/03/19	576	CAB	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00	DONATION	Donation
21/03/19	577	Twyford Vol.	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00	DONATION	Donation
21/03/19	578	Keep Mobile	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00	DONATION	Donation
21/03/19	579	Relate	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00	DONATION	Donation
21/03/19	580	Me2	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00	DONATION	Donation
21/03/19	581	L A Bates	Honarium less tax	2636.20	0.00	2636.20	CLERK	Clerk
21/03/19	581	L A Bates	Telephone	40.00	0.00	40.00	ADMIN	Post, telephone
28/03/19	582	Inland Rev.	Tax	163.80	0.00	163.80	CLERK	Clerk Tax
28/03/19	582	Inland Rev	NIC	112.12	0.00	112.12	CLERK	Clerk NIC
28/03/19	583	Sonning Litter	Litter x 10	1450.00	0.00	1450.00	HIGHWAYS	Litter
			TOTAL	9882.64	52.00	9830.64		

10315: FINANCE (Cont'd).

b) Report. The Clerk had prepared a report which was noted.

10316: HIGHWAYS

School Crossing. Mr Fisher said that Sara Allman had said that the legal costs and the TRO would be £5,000 and the changes to the crossing £15,000. To extend the 20mph to the A4 would require more work. There was enthusiasm for a possible expenditure of £20,000 and Mr Fisher would ask for confirmation of this figure.

Speed Indicators (SID). Mr Fisher said that the maximum speed in Pound Lane had been 60mph at 3.25am, which was similar to the previous month. The average speed in February 2018 had been 27.4 but the February 2019 figure had dropped to 24.29 and there were 3.5% fewer vehicles over the speed limit than in 2018. Mr Fisher said that Mr Runnalls was assisting him with changing the battery over in Charvil Lane. The latest figures showed a speed of 55mph at 3.00am in Charvil Lane.

School Crossing. Mr Fisher said that M/s Allman had been slow to respond. There was discussion about the contribution towards the scheme and Mr Fisher agreed to ask for clarification about the £1,000 towards the engineering, which appeared to have been undertaken when WBC prepared the draft scheme proposals.

Speed Indicator. Mr Fisher said that Mr Runnalls continued to assist him. The latest download for Pound Lane indicated that one vehicle had driven at 60mph at 9.25pm. The number of vehicles was 4000 per day and the seven day average was over 3,900, 71% of vehicles were over the speed limit. The Charvil Lane figures showed a vehicle driving at 65 mph at 7.05pm. The seven day indication was 3500 vehicles per day and this dropped slightly to 3300 over a seven day period. It was understood that Finchampstead moved their SID every three weeks and this would be considered once Charvil Lane had been fully assessed.

Speed Lorry Watch. Mr Fisher that the police had now decided that all those taking part in the Speed Watch had to undertake training in order to be warranted, ruling out untrained volunteers. Cllr Roy Mantel from Twyford had been trained and would get involved. One lorry had been spotted in the village but it was delivering to the Atrium.

Pound Lane Survey-Speed Hump. No further update.

Sonning Lane TRO. It was understood that there were now no reasons for this not to be implemented.

10317: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Safety Checks. Mrs Pownall had carried out the checks. Mrs Fielder was prepared to undertake this after Mrs Pownall stood down from office.
- b) Field maintenance. This was in the process of being done.
- c) Pavilion Fund Raising. Mrs Pownall said that this was going slowly, only two people had made donations at the SCC Annual Event.
- d) Tree Work. WBC had approved the first phase of the work
- e) ROSPA Report. This was to be undertaken during April.
- f) Recreation Path. The Chairman was looking at the possibility of a resin path, which were permeable. Mrs Pownall would ask Mr Pownall to adjust the slabs in the meantime if possible.
- g) Pagoda Light. The Chairman was arranging this and said that he continued to have concerns about the sort of litter being left in the Pagoda and outside the Pavilion. He would call 101 to discuss this.
- h) Charvil Football Club Property. Mrs Harvey was following this up.
- i) Building Regulations and Engineering Quotes. The Architect had clarified that there was a discounted fee of £1,250, plus VAT, for the Structural Engineer's drawings and calculations

10317: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G (Cont'd).

(OMK Design Ltd) and the Civil Engineer's drawings and calculations (Infrastruct CS Ltd) would be free of charge. Mr Morrison proposed accepting these changes, the Chairman seconded and this was unanimously approved.

10318: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

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

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that he had attended the WBC Highways meeting and Volkers would now be the point of contact for lighting and other highways issues.

Repairs to the Wharf. The Chairman proposed and Mr Fisher seconded accepting the Henley landscapes quote of £ £327.14 to fit it and dispose of the old gate. This was unanimously approved.

10319: LITTER PICK/NEWSLETTER.

Mrs Fielder said that this had been another successful event. The Coppa Club and the Bull Hotel had provided food and Waitrose a £10 token. Mrs Harvey's company Sybella, had made a £10 contribution and she had assisted on the day. The number of bags full of rubbish totalled 45 to 50, similar to 2018. There had been a good feedback from volunteers some of whom came as families and there were lots of young people.

10320: POLICE AND SECURITY.

Mrs Fielder said that there was only one reported burglary in Old Bath Road and a garage in Wokingham had been broken in to.

10321: ALLOTMENTS.

Mrs Fielder said that the one shed was falling down, the walnut tree had been cut back but the fence was in poor condition, the compost bin was lower but overgrow, there was little plastic left and the carpeting had been removed. Mrs Fielder understood that the National Trust were steering away from the use of plastic and were trying out organic matting. The Chairman said that the shed had been left by a previous allotment holder and he would attend to the fence.

10322: WEB SITE.

This continued to work well.

10323: ACTION LIST.

This was reviewed and updated.

10324: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 14 May 2019 at 6.00pm and the Annual Parish Meeting would follow immediately afterwards. Refreshments would be served from 5.45pm

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