

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 12 May 2019 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT. Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mrs J Fielder, Mr T Fisher, Mr J Harvey.
Mrs L A Bates (Clerk). 2 Visitors.

10325: CODE OF CONDUCT-COUNCILLOR INTEREST FORM & DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

The outgoing Chairman received the Declaration of Interest forms for those present and the Declarations of Office. These were signed by the Clerk as required.

10326: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr Fisher took the Chair for this item and nominated Mr Farnese as Chairman as there were no other nominations Mr Farnese was unanimously elected as Chairman for the coming year.

10327: CO-OPTION OF MRS HARVEY, COUNCILLOR INTERESTS AND DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

The Chairman proposed co-opting Mrs Harvey, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved. Mrs Harvey signed the Declaration of Office and would complete the Interest forms and return to the Clerk.

10328: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Mr P Morrison (holiday).
The Chairman welcomed all those present.

10329: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations.

10330: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING and 2018 ANNUAL PARISH MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. The draft minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting were noted.

10331: COUNCILLORS PORTFOLIOS.

PLANNING **Mr Farnese (Chair)**, Mr Fisher, Mrs J Harvey, Mr Morrison, Clerk.

HIGHWAYS **Mr Fisher (Chair)**, Mrs Harvey, Clerk

FINANCE **Mr Morrison.**
1. Treasurer Clerk.
2. Regular Financial Control (RFO) **Treasurer**, Chairman, Clerk. Requests to be submitted by
3. Budget & Precept. Councillors with a spending responsibility.

Clerk.

RFO

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10331: COUNCILLORS PORTFOLIOS (Cont'd).

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RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT INC. **Mrs Harvey (Chair)**
CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND Mr Farnese, Mr Fisher, Clerk

POLICE & SECURITY **Mrs Fielder (Chair)**, Mr Fisher

WEB SITE (Inc. Facebook) **Mr Morrison**, Mr Gilmore, Clerk.

10132: APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES.

ALMSHOUSE TRUST	Mr Parker (from Feb '09)
SONNING & DISTRICT WELFARE TRUST	Mrs Baldwin (ongoing)
SONNING EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION	Mrs Baldwin (ongoing)
PEARSON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	Mrs Robinson (Ongoing)
SONNING TWINNING ASSOCIATION	Chairman (ex-officio)
FIRE BRIGADE TRUST	Chairman (ex-officio)

10133: CORRESPONDENCE

Pavilion Meeting. This would be held on 23 May at 6.00pm in the pavilion. The Chairman, Mr Fisher and Mrs Harvey would attend.

10k and 5k Run 26 May. Unfortunately SPC, SLTC and residents of Gunners Lane had not been informed by Berkshire Sports but they had now been made aware. The Clerk would ask SLTC if they would open the vehicular access to the field to avoid a crush at this pinch point.

Request to install potting shed on allotment. The new tenant on allotment 2 had asked to remove the existing shed and to replace with a new one. This was unanimously agreed.

Request from Berkshire Ladies Cricket Team. The team wished to practice on KGV Field on 29 May, then on Wednesdays from 3 July to 14 August. There would be a clash with planning on two occasions, 17 July, but the ladies would not need to use the pavilion and it would be possible to hold the planning meeting at the same time. It was unanimously agreed to allow the request.

Pavilion Report in Henley Standard. There was concern about the content of the report, which indicated a SCC project rather than a joint project. The Chairman would draft some background.

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

WBC Volunteer Centre. The Centre were holding a fundraising sale of plants on 29 May, 10.00am till 2pm in Wokingham market Place.

V E Day 8-10 May 2020. The Clerk would put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Invitation to Iftar Dinner 17 May RC&HC. Unfortunately no one was available to attend but the Clerk would send regrets and best wishes for the event.

10334: PLANNING.

Report. The Chairman said that planning permission at Butts Hill House (190630), had been approved.

The following applications were on going): Sonning Golf Club (190557): Holme Park Sports Ground (190606: The Lawns Old Bath Road (190693).

10335: PLANNING (Cont'd).

The following applications had been refused. No refusals.

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

10336: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

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

10337: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS.

Mr Doyle asked about the Churchyard gate. Mrs Fielder said that this was being dealt with. Questioned about this by Mr Doyle, Mrs Fielder said that she had spoken to the Vicar who said that this was the responsibility of the Church Wardens and they would be discussing at their next meeting. Mrs Fielder would report back at the June meeting. Mr Doyle said that he would be willing to make a donation towards repair of the gate. Mr Doyle said that he had suggested that the Chairman should write to welcome letter to the new Lock Keeper and asked if the Chairman had done so. The Chairman said that he had reconsidered the request and decided that this would be setting a precedent and as Mrs Harvey had already extended an invitation to the Lock Keeper to attend the AGM it was not necessary. Mr Doyle was disappointed with this reply and an exchange of words between him and the Chairman followed. Mr Doyle then said that the Lock Keeper had asked about a defibrillator for the Lock.

10338: FINANCE.

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

SPC PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS APRIL (1 TO 30 APRIL) '19

Date	Chq	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-committee
01/04/19	584	P J Doyle	Litter + Mooring signs+ repaint power sign	339.00	0.00	339.00	ENVIRON	Wharf Mtnce
11/04/19	585	Purco Print	Newsletters	65.00	0.00	65.00	ADMIN	Photocopying
11/04/19	586	Castle Water	Square	287.49	0.00	287.49	SPORT	Other (SCC)
11/04/19	586	Castle Water	Allotments	31.98	0.00	31.98	ENVIRON	Allot. Water
11/04/19	587	Sonning Litter	Litter March	150.00	0.00	150.00	HIGHWAYS	Litter
11/04/19	588	SSE	St. Light Repairs	276.28	46.05	230.23	HIGHWAYS	St. Light Repairs
11/04/19	589	Son. Landscape	Mow Playground	30.00	0.00	30.00	RECREATION	Mow Playground
11/04/19	589	Son. Landscape	Mow Wharf	28.00	0.00	28.00	ENVIRON	Mow Wharf
11/04/19	589	Son. Landscape	Cut Wharf Hedge	60.00	0.00	60.00	ENVIRON	Wharf Hedge
20/04/19	590	Playsafety	ROSPA Report	231.60	38.60	193.00	RECREATION	ROSPA
			TOTAL	1499.35	84.65	1414.70		

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

- c) 2018/19 Income & Expenditure Accounts.

In his absence, Mr Morrison had prepared the 2018/19 accounts. The Chairman proposed adopting them, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved.

- d) New Signatory.

With the resignation of Mrs Pownall it was necessary to appoint a new signatory. Following discussion The Chairman, with her approval, proposed Mrs Harvey and this was unanimously approved.

10339: HIGHWAYS

School Crossing. Mr Fisher said that he had discussed the introduction of a new light controlled crossing in Twyford with Mr Mantel who had said that this was close to their primary school and WBC had agreed because of the number of heavy vehicles travelling along this stretch of road. Mr Fisher agreed to check what these figures were. It was pointed out that there had been minor accidents plus one loss of life involving vehicles in Pound Lane. Mr Fisher had also reported the recent accident involving his son, when a vehicle had driven into the back of his son's vehicle. Mr Fisher said that if the upgrades were introduced in Pound Lane then the 20mph zone would have to be extended into all the side roads joining Pound Lane, requiring six speed surveys. It was agreed that the 20mph zone should be extended to the A4 as no additional speed survey would be required. However Mr Fisher thought that WBC would be unlikely to change their view on a puffin crossing. Following discussion it was agreed that Mr Fisher would request a meeting with WBC to discuss the situation and arrange a petition to back up the request for a puffin crossing.

Speed Indicators (SID). Mr Fisher said that the figures for Pound Lane were similar to previous months, with one vehicle travelling at 55mph at 4.15am and another at 9.15 am. Over a three month period the level of vehicles travelling on Pound Lane had increased by 9%. The daily average was 4000 vehicles south bound and a similar number northbound. Charvil Lane had slightly fewer vehicles, 3600, and slightly lower speeds. Overall speeds had reduced since the introduction of the two SID's.

Speed/Lorry Watch. Mr Fisher said that Thames Valley Police had changed the requirements so that only trained people could operate the speed cameras and these could only be booked one week ahead. This made it more difficult to arrange for three trained people to be available at the same time. However the police were now prosecuting speeding drivers. One HGV had been seen in Charvil Lane and the driver had driven over the Bridge..

Pound Lane Survey-Speed Hump. No further update.

Sonning Lane TRO. This was still ongoing.

10340: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Safety Checks. The Chairman had inspected the playground and reminded Mr Fisher that the equipment needed to be cleaned. Mrs Fielder would inspect the exercise equipment.
- b) Field maintenance. This had been completed.
- c) Pavilion Fund Raising. The next meeting would be on 23 May.
- d) Tree Work. The Chairman said that the first phase of the work would start on 20 May.
- e) ROSPA Report. The Clerk said that the safety surfaces needed attention. The Chairman and Mrs Harvey would check this out.
- f) Recreation Path. The Chairman had seen a good example of a porous surface at the Wee Waif and would obtain details.
- g) Pagoda Light. The Chairman had purchased this and would arrange for it to be installed.
- h) Charvil Football Club Property. Mrs Harvey would continue to liaise with the Club.
- i) SLTC Main Gate. The Chairman said that this could be renovated and was making arrangements.

10341: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

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

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that there had been no reply from Volker regarding the maintenance.

Wharf Gate. No update.

10341: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

Allotments. Mr Driver had sent a series of questions to Mrs Fielder about the allotments and she had replied to him. One question was about the need for the compost heap. The Clerk would write to all allotment holders asking if they wished to keep this or for it to be removed.

10342: POLICE AND SECURITY.

Mrs Fielder said that there was no update from the police but she would circulate one if it arrived.

10343: WEB SITE.

This continued to work well.

10344: ACTION LIST.

This was reviewed and updated.

10345: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 11 June 2019 at 7.00pm

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