

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the pavilion, Pound Lane, on Tuesday 12 October 2021 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT. Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mr A Halliday, Mr P Morrison. 1 Visitors.
Mrs L A Bates (Clerk).

10768: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Cllr M Firmager (WBC). The Chairman welcomed everyone.

10769: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest.

10770: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

10771: CORRESPONDENCE.

WBC Mayor's (Cllr Keith Baker) Charity Fundraising Dinner. This was to be held on Saturday 19 March 2022 at Sindlesham Court starting at 6.30 pm. Tickets £47 each including meal and a welcome drink. Funds to Chance to Dance.

New Code of Conduct. WBC had adopted a revised Code of Conduct in July but did not include revisions to the Standards Board. Once they had the recommendations was for parishes to either keep their existing Code or adopt the revised WBC version.

Temporary Road Closure Pound Lane. This would take place between 25 October and 28 October inclusive (schools half term) to allow improvements to the BT cable.

BALC AGM Woodley TC Offices (Oakwood Centre) at 7.00 pm on 17 November. Speaker from the met office on Climate Change.

CAB Mobile Advice Unit. This was new, CAB now had a vehicle fully equipped to offer advice to residents in their own area. Ideas of suitable locations were required, and the Clerk would mention the possibility of using SPC's car park.

RBCS Firework Display. This would take place on Thursday 4 November, starting at 7.30 pm and lasting for approximately twenty minutes.

Parents Parking in Pound Lane. Mr Fisher said that a complaint about parents parking too close to the entrance of Olde Tudor Place during school times, obstructing access. Mr Fisher would mention it the head teacher.

10772: PLANNING.

List. The Chairman said that the following applications had been approved:

The following applications were ongoing). Uppfield Charvil Lane (210287). 8 Old Bath Road (211178). Sonning Mead Thames St. (211818). 59 Pound Lane (212397): The Gatehouse Sonning Lane (212634): King George's Field (212846): 5 Augustfield Charvil Lane (212911): Olde Tudor Place (212967).

Appeals: No appeals

The following applications had been refused.

The following applications had been withdrawn. No applications had been withdrawn.

The following new applications had been received). Land South of Old Bath Road (213022).

Reserved Matters application pursuant to Outline planning permission 201833 with Appearance and landscaping reserved for the proposed 57 dwellings suitable for older persons accommodation (Use Class C3) with consideration of means of access, layout and scale to be determined. Following demolition of existing dwellings. (Appearance and Landscaping to be considered.): 9 Old Bath Road (212966). Householder application for the proposed erection of a part single, part two storey side extension, erection of a single storey rear extension, partial

10772: PLANNING (Cont'd).

conversion of existing garage to create habitable space, demolition of existing conservatory, loft conversion to create habitable space, including the insertion of 1 no. roof dormer to rear, plus the insertion of 5 no. rooflights, changes to fenestration and associated roof alterations: Elm House (213154) SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION FOR WORKS IN A CONSERVATION AREA Fell 16 Trees (see plans): 3 Augustfield. (213010). Householder application for the proposed erection of a detached double garage: 3 Augustfield. (213010). Householder application for the proposed erection of a detached double garage.

Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Fisher said that a meeting had been postponed because Mr Gilmore had to prioritise his work commitments.

WBC's Reply to Complaint. Mr Fisher had drafted a reply to Justin Turvey who had replied to say that he was happy to meet with SPC and the Clerk had sent the dates for the forthcoming meetings. Mr Fisher said that the Society had arranged a meeting with Theresa, Lady May (MP) to discuss various issues with WBC Planning, which he would attend as SPC representative on the Society Planning Panel.

10773: BOROUGH COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME.

In the absence of Cllr Firmager there were no questions.

10774: PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS.

Mr Kay said that he would like to address the Council, the Chairman agreed and said that he was most welcome. Mr Kay introduced himself for those who didn't know him, he had joined the SCC in 1997. At the time the Club had been close to closing as they had no funds and couldn't pay SPC. A few members got together to raise enough money and Sidney Paddick had asked him to stay with SCC. Initially a team captain and then Chairman of the Club had promised Mr Paddick that he would ensure that the Club remained open for adult and youth cricketers. Over the years Mr Kay had got to know a lot of local people and several SPC Chairmen. In 1999 the pavilion was in need of repairs including the electrics and due to his building links he had been able to call on people to help refurbish the pavilion. The neglected showers had required four acid washes. Now a widower, Mr Kay said that he found time on his hands and once again had become involved with SCC. The set-up had changed over the years and Mr Kay said that he had different views to some committee members and somehow these differences had to be overcome. Mr Kay felt that the original plan had been very grand, but the costs were unrealistic, he favoured something smaller either extending the existing pavilion or demolishing it and building a single storey replacement. From initial enquiries he had a budget figure of £250,000 and would find out if this included VAT. Mr Fisher said that he had met Mr Murphy recently who had similar ideas and agreed the original design was too expensive. The Chairman thanked Mr Kay and agreed a new pavilion would have to satisfy the needs of SPC and SCC, he felt that the relationship between the two had worked reasonably well over the years. Mr Kay took his leave at this juncture.

10775: FINANCE.

- a) Finance Report. This had been circulated and was noted.
- b) Audit Completion. The Clerk reported that the Audit had been completed satisfactorily. The Clerk would circulate the details for approval at the next meeting.

10775: FINANCE (Cont'd).

- c) Payment of Accounts. Mr Fisher proposed, and Mr Morrison seconded making the following payments for October and this was unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS NOV (01 Oct to 31 Oct '21)

Date	Chq	Name	Service Item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-committee
07/09/21	825	TIVOLI	Dog Bins	170.57	28.43	142.14	ENVIRON	Dog Bins
07/09/21	825	TIVOLI	Play Inspect	24.00	4.00	20.00	REC,	Play Inspect
07/09/21	826	Henley Land	Main Mow x 2	520.00	0.00	520.00	REC	Main Mowing
15/09/21	827	Sonning Land	Play Mow	64.00	0.00	64.00	REC	Hedges
15/09/21	823	Sonning Land	Wharf Mow	56.00	0.00	56.00	ENVIRON	Wharf Mow
15/09/21	823	Sonning Land	Rec Hedge	120.00	0.00	120.00	REC	Rec Hedge
15/09/21	823	Sonning Land	Wharf Hedge	60.00	0.00	60.00	ENVIRON	Wharf hedge
15/09/21	823	Sonning Land	Pav. Hedge	60.00	0.00	60.00	SPORT	Pav. hedge
				1074.57	32.43	1042.14		

10776: HIGHWAYS

Speed Indicators (SID). Mr Fisher said that the fixed SID in Pound Lane showed the maximum speed to be 55 mph at 1.00 am. The of volume of vehicles was 3500, 82% of the number in 2019. The maximum speed in Pearson Road was 55 mph at 1.40 am and the average number of vehicles was 730, one way. The sign had now been turned in the opposite direction to assess the number of vehicles going in an opposite direction.

Highways Sub-committee. This was going well

Wayfinding Signs. There had been no further update.

Tree in Charvil Lane. Cllr Firmager was dealing with this.

Meeting with RBCS Head. This was to take place on Friday 15 October. Questions being raised included, the RBCS Traffic Plan, and SPC's objections to the increase in pupil numbers.

Community Speed Watch. Mr Fisher said that there had been a change in direction and the police now wanted Parish Council's to be involved. Signs to say 'Community Speed Watch Area' at the entrances to the Parish and the Bridge could be erected as part of the new approach, which might be an added deterrent. Signs and speed cameras would need to be purchased at the parishes expense, Mr Fisher would check prices and bring figures to the November meeting. The police would send two warning letters to any motorist caught repeatedly speeding and then they would be prosecuted. Mr Fisher said the best news was that he could be the co-ordinator and would be able to put details on the Cloud which could then be printed off and sent to the offender. The police insurance would cover the local scheme. Others involved in Community Speed Watch would need to undergo some training in speed watch procedures.

Mr Morrison said that he was concerned to hear about the two cycle routes through Sonning being promoted by Strava, there were enough vehicles in Thames Street without racing cyclists. The Clerk would find out how to contact the organisations, in order to send an objection.

10777: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G

- a) Safety Checks. Mr Fisher was still waiting for the contractor to provide a quote.
- b) Security Proposals. This was ongoing.
- c) Open Air theatre. No further information.
- d) Pavilion Meeting. A meeting would be arranged.
- e) Pavilion Drain The insurance would cover up to £25,000 for repairs to the drain with SPC paying 2 % of the total.
- f) Tree Work. The application to carry out the work to the trees in the Rec had been approved. It was agreed that that the Clerk would ask Mr Collier to cut the allotment hedge and the overgrown scrubs on the Wharf.

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- g) Football Season. The season had begun, and football would be played between 9 am and 12 noon on Saturdays, but not on Sundays.

10778: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

Safety Checks. The Chairman had checked the Wharf.

Litter. Mr Morrison said that the dog bin on the Thames Path beyond the Lock was being filled with rubbish and overflowing. Currently the Lock keeper was emptying it. The Clerk would check with Tivoli.

Use of Wharf as a Landing Stage Only. Caroline and James would like to meet up to discuss the boat operation plans for 2022. The Clerk would check availability.

Bridge Lights. Mr Fisher agreed to meet up with Mr Stephens.

10779: CLIMATE CHANGE.

WBC Tree Scheme. Laura Buck, who had just been appointed as the WBC's Green Infrastructure Special Project Manager, specifically to plan the Tree Project, had proposed a meeting with SPC. It was agreed to meet, via Microsoft Teams on Friday 15 October at 10.30 am.

10780: HIGH SPEED BROADBAND.

This was ongoing.

10781: POLICE & SECURITY.

Mr Fisher agreed to find out if the contact, who had supplied Mrs Fielder with Sonning related issues, would be able to continue to supply them to SPC.

10782: ALLOTMENTS.

Fence. The Chairman and Clerk would meet the contractor on Monday 18 October at 11.00 am.

Meeting with Allotment Holders. This had been cancelled due to availability problems. It was agreed that it was always difficult to get a suitable date involving so many people and the Chairman agreed to write an apologetic letter to the allotment holders instead. The Chairman would also mention proposals to remove miscellaneous items from the allotments. A contractor would be identified to carry out the clearing. Mr Collier would be asked to cut the allotment hedge.

10783: ACTION LIST.

This was reviewed and updated.

10784: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 9 November 2021 at 7.00 pm in the pavilion.

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