

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 24 May 2022 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT. (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mr A Halliday, Mr P Morrison. One visitor. Mrs L A Bates (Clerk).

10892: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Cllr Firmager had sent his apologies. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Runnalls for attending the meeting and the assistance he gave to Mr Fisher when changing the SID. This was unanimously approved.

10893: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. It was agreed that Mr Fisher should take the Chair for this item. Mr Fisher proposed Mr Farnese as Chairman, Mr Morrison, seconded. As there were no other nominations Mr Farnese was elected unopposed. Mr Farnese thanked everyone for their support and said that he would be standing down in May 2023, or earlier, depending on his health.

10894: CHAIRMANS DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

The Chairman signed the declaration, and this was witnessed by the Clerk,

10895: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declaration of Interest.

10896: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

10897: COUNCILLORS PORTFOLIOS. The following were confirmed.

PLANNING	Mr Farnese (Chair), Mr Fisher, Mr Morrison, Mr Halliday Clerk
HIGHWAYS	Mr Fisher (Chair), Mr Halliday Clerk Mr Bell, Mr B Hulley, (co-opted)
FINANCE	
1. Treasurer	Mr Morrison
2. Regular Financial Control	Mr Morrison, Clerk.
3. Budget & Precept.	Treasurer, Chairman, Clerk. Requests to be submitted by Councillors with a spending responsibility.
RFO	Clerk.
TECHNICAL SERVICES W.G. (AMENITIES inc PUBLIC TRANSPORT & SPRING CLEAN) ALLOTMENTS & WHARF	Mr Farnese (Chair), Mr Fisher. Mr Halliday (Chair)
RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT INC. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND	Mr Farnese (Chair), Mr Fisher, Clerk
POLICE & SECURITY	Mr Fisher (Chair),
WEB SITE (Inc. Facebook)	Mr Morrison Clerk.

10898: 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)

10899: CORRESPONDENCE.

Request from Woodley Deputy Mayor to wear Insignia at event in Sonning. The Chairman had been pleased to allow this.

WBC were welcoming refugees from the Ukraine.

Meeting with Neil Whiteman (RBFRS) 11.00 am 27 April. The Chairman, Mr Fisher and the Clerk had met Mr Whiteman at the Wharf regarding the water safety exercise (a similar event had taken place in 2021), aimed at teenagers jumping off the Bridge etc. An electronic throwline had been mentioned, this would alert nearby safety units that the throw line was in use so they could join in the rescue. The Clerk would make enquiries about the cost of this. Additional signage had also been discussed.

WBC Antisocial behaviour Service. This was now underway, any cases should be referred to 'asb@wokingham.gov.uk'.

10900: NEW CODE OF CONDUCT.

Councillors had considered this and following discussion the Chairman proposed adopting it, Mr Fisher seconded, and this was unanimously approved.

10901: PLANNING.

- a) List. The Chairman said that the Appeal at 18 Pound Lane had been partially dismissed. The following applications were ongoing. 9 Old Bath Road (212966): Sonning Golf Club Duffield Road (212418): Land Adjoining Sonning Golf Club (214173): 101 & 101a Pound Lane (220133): Holme Park Sports Ground (220103): 49 West Drive (220116): 50 Little Glebe (220482): 1 The Mews High Street (220586): Caversham Park, Peppard Road RG4 8TZ (221025): Land South of Old Bath Road (220663).
The following new applications had been received: Reading Rugby Club Holme Park Sonning (221321). Full application for the proposed erection of 3x15m floodlight columns with associated 7x lights: Fairlea, 1 Guard Road (221446) Householder application for the proposed single storey rear extension, single storey front extension, single storey side carport and changes to fenestration: 4 Pound Lane (221447). Householder application for the proposed single storey rear extension, single storey front extension, single storey side carport and changes to fenestration: 18 Pound Lane (221458). Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension: The Acre, Thames Street (221387). Householder application for the proposed modifications to front roof with demolition of 3No gable roofs and replacement with part hipped roof. Part single, part double storey side extension with dormer to form first floor, rear bay window, following demolition of garage and outbuilding, single storey front extension to create porch and other changes to fenestration: Sonning Lock, Weir House (221502). Application to remove condition 4 of planning consent 211801 for the proposed erection of a part single part two storey rear extension following the demolition of existing conservatory additions, plus changes to fenestration and replacement of existing windows. Condition 4 refers to the replacement

10901: PLANNING (Cont'd).

windows and the proposed removal of this condition is to allow flexibility on material choice for the windows. RRFC (Holme Park). Full application for the proposed new extension to form changing block and internal alterations: Pavilion KGV Field Sonning (221499). Full application for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension, following part demolition of existing sports pavilion.

Local Plan Update. The Chairman said that a meeting was to take place on 6 June

10902: PLANNING APPLICATION: HOME PARK FARM (RRFC) 221321.

This was to provide lighting to the long established, rugby pitch, which was some distance from the road. Following discussion, it was to say that SPC could find no reason the object.

10903: BOROUGH COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME.

In the absence of Cllr Firmager there were no questions.

10904: PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS.

There were no questions.

10905: FINANCE.

- a) Finance Report. This had been circulated and was noted.
- b) Payment of Accounts. Mr Morrison proposed paying the May (1 to 30 April) payments, Mr Fisher seconded, and this was unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS MAY 2022 (01 APRIL to 30 APRIL '22)

Date	Chq	Name	Service Item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-committee
07/04/22	884	A1 Asbestos	Remove 2 asbestos water tanks	210.00	35.00	175.00	ENVIRON	Allot M'tnce
14/04/22	885	Sonning Land	Play mowing	34.00	0.00	34.00	REC	Play Mowing
14/04/22	885	Sonning Land	Wharf Mow	30.00	0.00	30.00	ENVIRON	Wharf Mowing
14/04/22	886	Henley Land	Main Mowing	270.00	0.00	270.00	REC	Main Mowing
			TOTAL	544.00	35.00	509.00		

- c) 2021/22 Income & Expenditure Accounts. Mr Morrison said that he would like his thanks to the Clerk for the contribution that she made, to be noted. Mr Morrison had prepared the accounts for 2021/22, which had been circulated. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed adopting the accounts, Mr Fisher seconded, and this was unanimously approved. Mr Morrison said that CIL additional income was likely, but payments were irregular as they relied on the developers starting work the projects and then making their payments,

10906: HIGHWAYS

- a) Speed Indicators (SID). Mr Fisher said that thanks were again due to Mr Runnalls for his assistance. The new batteries had arrived. The SID in Charvil Lane had recorded 65 mph on 11 April at 9.40 pm, this was the maximum speed with the average speed being 28.4 mph.

10906: HIGHWAYS (Cont'd)

However, 90.7% of vehicles were over the speed limit. The SID in Pound Lane showed the maximum speed as 60 mph on 14 April at 10.10 pm. The average speed was 21 mph but 68.2% were over the speed limit. Volumes were about 90% of those recorded before Covid.

- b) Speed Watch. This was progressing and Mr Fisher had ordered signs, high vis jackets etc. Once the equipment was received and the total cost known the Clerk would ask the Council's insurers to add them to the other insured items. There was a total of five volunteers, but TV Police had yet to give their approval on the equipment, which had to be purchased in advance of their approval.

10907: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G

- a) Safety Checks. Tivoli were making regular inspections. Mr Fisher and Mr Halliday had repaired the hedgehog rocker
- b) Playground Quotes - Update. This was ongoing.
- c) Pavilion Plans. Mr Fisher said that Councillors had seen the plans and had given their approval.
- d) ROSPA Report. The inspection had been carried out and the report had been received and circulated.

10908: TECHNICAL SERVICES

Safety Checks. These had been carried out.

Boat Proposal 2022. The boat proprietors had been in touch about progressing the use of the land to the right of the landing stage. It appeared that things were progressing with the EA who needed proof of the Council's ownership of the land, the Clerk would take a copy and email it to the EA. There followed some discussion about rent etc. and it was agreed to suggest an initial fee of £20 per month over 6 months, when this would be reviewed.

10909: CLIMATE CHANGE.

This was ongoing.

10910: QUEEN ELIZABETH 11 JUBILEE 2022 SPC PLANS.

Plans were now in hand and the beacon would be collected on 31 May, the cost would be £100, plus VAT (up to £200 had been agreed). Mr Halliday would obtain wood for the beacon and provide a speaker for the Chairman's speech. It was agreed to meet at the pavilion at 5.00 pm on 2 June to set up.

10911: POLICE & SECURITY.

Mr Fisher said that Karen had supplied him with the details of three incidents. On 18 April some tools had been stolen from Little Glebe, on 2 May a television was stolen from a driveway, on the 12 May an electric bicycle was stolen from Little Glebe. In another incident a car door had been opened but nothing stolen. Mr Fisher said that when he had attended the NAG meetings it was quite clear that other parishes had a lot more problems than Sonning.

10912: ALLOTMENTS.

Fence. The Clerk would check the height of the fencing on order.

10913: ACTION LIST.

This was reviewed and updated.

10914: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tues 14 June 2022 at 7.00 pm in the pavilion.

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