

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, King George's Field, Sonning, on Tuesday 9 June 2009 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT.

Mr J S Chapman (Chairman), Mr P J Doyle, Mr K Peters, M/S S Robinson, Mr I Runnalls.  
Mrs L A Bates (Clerk). 2 Visitors.

APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS.

Apologies were accepted from Mrs P Byrne (holiday), Mr A Barker (urgent appointment), Mr A E Farnese (recovering from operation). The Chairman welcomed everyone.

7480: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

7481: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

On planning application discussions, since Cllr. Chapman was a member of the Borough Council's Planning Committee, his views were expressed on the limited information before him only. He would reserve judgement and the independence to make up his own mind on each separate proposal as and when it came before the Borough's Planning Committee and heard all the relevant information. He would not in any way commit himself as to how he or others might vote when the committee came to consider a proposal

7482: CORRESPONDENCE.

Councillors Resignation. Mrs Glasspool had submitted her resignation on May 13 and the Casual Vacancy had been advertised. Mrs Glasspool had written to thank Councillors for the kind words they had voiced and written.

ReadiBus AGM. Councillors and the Clerk were invited to attend the AGM on Thursday 2 July at 8.00pm. The Clerk would circulate details.

Donations. Thanks had been received for those who had received donations (except Readibus, where there had been a change of Chairmanship)

Rubbish on Footpaths. A complaint had been received regarding the increase in the number of residents putting their rubbish out during the week not just on Mondays. The Clerk would refer this to WBC.

Offer to Donate New Seat. A gentleman had contacted the Chairman to offer a new seat. He had provided a seat for the Wharf some time ago, as a memorial to his Father, and had requested permission to add a plaque in memory of his Mother, who had recently died. It was agreed that there were no objections to a second plaque and that the Chairman would take matter of the seat forward at the appropriate time.

Beech Lodge. Mrs Glasspool had provided details about the Beech Lodge Licence, which would need to be renewed in 2010. M/S Robinson would look into this.

Planning Appeals. Details of the new Planning Appeals system had been received.

CAB AGM. This would be on 31 July.

Wings 2009. This would take place between 1 – 8 August in Windsor Great Park.

Pat Baxter. The Chairman had written thanking Pat Baxter for her very informative presentation.

Sandford Farm. The public enquiry would begin on 23 June and would take six days.

7482: CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd).

Strategic Development Locations Workshops. These had been set up for those in the areas affected by the WBC housing proposals.

Railway Strategy. A meeting was being held at the Hilton Hotel (off junction 11) on 30 June.

WDALC. The next meeting would be held on 2 July. The Chairman would be attending but others were always welcome.

Village Rounders Match. The annual Rounders match would take place on 3 July.

The Saltex Exhibition This would take place at Windsor Race Course between 8-10 September.

#### 7483: COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Chairman said that there had been no call for an election following Mrs Glasspool's resignation and the Council could now co-opt. The next two years would be important in the lead up to the 2011 elections, when all Councillors would be required to stand down. If more than 9 people put their names forward there would be an election, if not those who stood, would be deemed to have been elected. Statistically one or two more Councillors were likely to resign in the following twelve months or so and it would be important to ensure that those who took their places were public spirited, had time and energy, and would help to form a strong new Council. There had been seven elected Councillors and two co-opted. This would now change to six elected and three co-opted although this would be corrected after the election in 2011. Two people had shown an interest in joining the Council and it was agreed that the Chairman would ask them to supply a short CV for Councillors to consider. Both would be invited to meet Councillors before the meeting of the Council on 14 July. A decision would then be made at the Council meeting.

#### 7484: PLANNING.

##### Planning List.

Old Forge. Mr Doyle said that the building had been completed and had been signed off by WBC.

6 Glebe Lane. This had now gone to appeal. New appeal regulations meant that no additional comments were allowed. However the information provided about the changes to appeals appeared to be contradictory and Mr Doyle would seek clarification.

Berkshire Sports Club. Proposals to allow the erection of a large banner and to allow the floodlighting to remain on until 9.30pm had both been recommended for refusal by Councillors.

101 Pound Lane. The Council had recommended this for approval. Refusal reasons on an earlier application, regarding the effect on the root splay of a tree, were groundless as the tree was too far away.

Model Farm Barn. Unauthorised building work had continued in spite of a visit and a letter from the Enforcement Officer, and the roof was now tiled. The owner had indicated that he would submit a planning application. Mr Doyle said that it was now an offence to build without planning permission.

Barbed Wire At A4 Garden Centre. Mr Doyle had visited the site and understood that the owner had protected his property following 19 break ins. Wargrave PC had written to WBC complaining but no one had spoken to him. The Chairman had had confirmation from WBC that this was allowed under permitted development.

#### 7484: PLANNING (Cont'd).

Sonning Lock. The Environment Agency was cleaning up the Lock area following Mr Doyle's phone call.

Green Cottage. The application to comply with conditions had been refused and a new application had been submitted.

The following new applications had been received.

Sonning House Pearson Road (F/2009/0971 & LB/2009/0972) Erection of single storey rear extension to provide patio store addition of roof light to existing single storey rear TV room and alterations to a window and external doors: 15 South Drive (F/2009/1045) Single storey rear extension to dwelling: 103 Pound Lane C/2009/1050 Submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent F/2008/2319:3. Samples/details of materials.

The following applications were ongoing: 45 Old Bath Road (F/2008/1303), Wimbourne 47 West Drive (F/2008/1544), Unit 4 The Old Forge C/2008/1793, Land adj. 7 South Drive Sonning (C/2008/2365), Bishops Close Sonning Lane (C/2008/2617).

The following applications had been Refused: The Green Cottage Pearson Road (C/2009/0596), 25 Old Bath Road (F/2009/0659), 24 Ridgeway Lodge West Drive (F/2009/0825),

The following applications had been approved: Manor Gate Charvil Lane (F/2009/0665 & CA/2009/0667).

#### 7485: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

There were no questions for the Borough Councillor.

#### 7486: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

There were no questions from the public.

#### 7487: FINANCE.

- a) Report. A report was circulated and noted.
- b) Payment of Accounts. Mr Runnalls proposed making the following payments, Mr Doyle seconded and this was approved with one abstention (Mr Chapman).

#### MAY

WBC Rates	6.60
WBC SLTC Rates	6.60
WBC Pavilion Rates	19.80
Southern Electric – St. Light Energy	439.25
Mr K Trimmings – Litter	133.00
Mr R M Hulley – Gas meter Door	70.00
Mr S Chapman – Vandal Proof Paint	33.45
Mr S Chapman – pavilion cleaning	30.00
Mr T Pascall – Rec. Ladder	73.49
Playsafety – ROSPA Inspection	82.80
SEC – new Light Little Glebe	593.45
Sonning Landscapes – Mowing Wharf & Playground	102.00
Mrs L A Bates – APM Refreshments	44.58
ZEN Internet – SPC Website	55.06
Allianz Insurance annual premium	3201.69
Inland Revenue TAX	101.40
Inland Revenue NIC's	<u>257.76</u>
	5260.93

#### 7487: FINANCE (Cont'd).

- c) 2008/09 Annual Return. Copies of the Annual Return had been circulated. Mr Peters proposed accepting them, Mr Doyle seconded and this was unanimously approved (see also Minute 7496).
- d) New Signatory. A new signatory for the Yorkshire bank was required following Mrs Glasspool's resignation. The Chairman proposed Mr Peters, M/S Robinson seconded and this was approved.
- e) Annual Parish Meeting Expenses. M/S Robinson proposed retrospective approval of £60 for two bouquets of flowers. Mr Peters seconded and this was approved with Mr Chapman abstaining.
- f) Investments. The Chairman had details of the interest that could be expected from CCLA, who would be prepared to do a presentation. The Chairman would arrange an evening meeting and Mr Williams invited to attend. The Clerk would check if parish council funds could be transferred into a charity account.

#### 7488: HIGHWAYS.

Report. Mr Peters had circulated a report, which was noted.

7.5t Environmental Limit. The next HGV Survey was planned for 15 June, 6.00am to 5.00pm. The format would be the same and there were seven volunteers but unfortunately the PCSO's, nor PC Niblett, were on duty that day. It was hoped that high spots could be identified. A draft letter to offenders was being drafted and a Traffic Identity card for volunteers was requested. Councillors fully supported this and the Clerk would sign the finished card. It was agreed to look into providing Councillors with identity cards. The press would be alerted to the exercise to gain as much publicity as possible. Mr Peters said that no lorry reports had been received via the website and the system would be tested. Mr Doyle said that he had been working in his garden in Thames Street and hadn't seen any police patrols. Mr Peters said that PC Terry Niblett had visited Thames Street and had pulled one offender over.

Sonning Lane Parking Outside RBCS. Mr Peters had received a copy of the proposed parking restrictions outside the School, which would be sent out for consultation. Once agreed it was likely to be implemented in October.

WBC Offer of Speed Indicator. WBC had indicated that there were one or two other Council's interested in sharing a devise.

SID. The Speed Indicator Devise (SID) had been booked for Thursday 11 June for Pound Lane (looking towards the Pearson Road direction) and the following Thursday for Thames Street (facing the Sonning Bridge direction), both between 10 and 11.00am.

Top 3 Highway Priorities – Wish List. Mr Peters said that it would be expensive to install the missing pavement between Glebe Lane and Little Glebe. The gardens were higher than the road so more land would be required to grade between the two and several large trees ..involved. The wish list would therefore be:

A4/Sonning Lane Junction.

Thames Street Pavement Pinch Point.

A third priority mould be considered following further investigation.

Sheppard's House Bridge. A diversions would operate while work took place. If the road were closed in both direction a convoluted diversion had been proposed and Mr Peters had agreed to advise on this. The work could take up to 40 weeks. The road west of Reading would be resurfaced in October with the remainder being done in January 2010

#### 7489: S106 REQUEST – UPDATE.

The Chairman said that Mr Christo had said that he was awaiting the formal approval (due on 9 June). Mr Christo had supported all the Sonning requests, which amounted to

£6591.20. The only proviso was the sports hall allocation of £966.58. The money could only be released if the sports hall were open to the general public. The Chairman would check this out with Sonning School.

7490: RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT W. G.

Report. Mr Pascall had sent an e-mail but this had not been received in time. The Chairman said that a Recreation Working Group meeting would be called in the immediate future. Mr Pascall had been asked to discuss possibilities to resolve the problem of water from the drain outside the Great House flooding the Wharf. Other outstanding issues were Dog Measures, SLTC grant application, Playground checks (the Chairman would do this on a one off basis). Mr Doyle offered to put new stickers on the dog bins, free of charge, now WBC were not involved in the collections and this was readily agreed.

7491: POLICE AND SECURITY

In the absence of Mrs Byrne there was no report.

7492: WEB SITE.

M/S Robinson said that Dr Robinson was also putting a web site together for the Sonning and Sonning Eye Society.

7493: ACTION LIST.

The list was reviewed and updated. The chairman asked for draft articles for inclusion to be with him by 7 July so that the newsletter could be approved at the July meeting. The Chairman said that there was a need to review the Parish Plan to assist the new Council in 2011 and beyond. This could include a business plan.

7494: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The Next Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14 July.

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