

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, King George's Field, Sonning, on Tuesday 10 June 2008 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT.

Mr J S Chapman (Chairman), Mrs P Byrne (Vice Chairman), Mrs S V Auld, Mr A Barker, Mr P J Doyle, Mrs P Glasspool, Mr K Peters. Mrs L A Bates (Clerk).

APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS.

Apologies were accepted from Mr A E Farnese (in hospital), M/s S Robinson.

7298: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The date was amended to 13 May. Min. 7287 c was amended to £3043.24. Min. 7288, last sentence, should read 'obstructing the view of traffic'. The Minutes, having been amended and circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

7299 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

None were received. The following was noted. On planning application discussions, since Cllr. Chapman is a member of the Borough Council's Planning Committee, his views are expressed on the limited information before him only. He will reserve judgement and the independence to make up his own mind on each separate proposal as and when it comes before Borough's Planning Committee and hears all the relevant information. He will not in any way commit himself as to how he or others may vote when the committee comes to consider a proposal

7300: CORRESPONDENCE.

CAB AGM 25 July. CAB had issued an invitation to their AGM, lunch would be included.  
Thank You Letter. Mr Seward had written thanking the Clerk and Mrs Glasspool for their assistance regarding vehicular access to the towpath.

WBC Parish/Town Charter. All comments on the Charter to the Clerk by 21 July.

A4 Tree Planting. Sunrise would like to sponsor the David Penny Tree Planting project. The Clerk would provide details for their consideration.

Partial Review of RPG9 and the Draft S.E. Plan. Details could be found on [www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/aggregates](http://www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/aggregates). All comments to the Clerk by 1 July, ready to approve on 8 July.

Letter Regarding Planning Conditions Bishops Close. The Chairman would write to the agent, copy to WBC, regarding the neighbours concerns.

30mph Roundels. The Clerk would reply to WBC's answer to the Council's concerns about the 30mph trial. A request for 30mph signs at the A4/Sonning Lane would be made junction and an interest shown in the decision on the alternative to speed activated signs.

7301: COUNCIL'S WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS.

The Chairman outlined the procedure for written submissions. Key points should be agreed at meetings and drafted by the Clerk. Important submissions would be circulated to Councillors for their observations, which the Clerk might include at her discretion.

7302: PLANNING

- a) Planning List.

The following applications had been approved: 600 T V Park (TP/2008/0440),

The following applications were ongoing: Hobbs House (F/2007/1082), 1 Old Bath Road (F/2008/0339), RC&HC (F/2008/0749).

The following applications had been refused: 24 Ridgeway Lodge (F/2008/0696).

Appeals: 24 West Drive (F/2006/9444)

The following applications had been withdrawn: Winslade (F/2008/0780).

b) Updates

24 West Drive Appeal. The Clerk would check the status of this appeal.

RC&HC. This was scheduled for the WBC planning meeting on 25 June. Mr Peters would speak on behalf of the Council.

New Applications. Plans for 3 Sonning Meadows and 43, Shelton West Drive had been received and would be considered at the SPC Planning meeting to be held on 16 June.

7303 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR.

In reply to Mr Doyle the Chairman said that WBC had asked for comments on the proposed 7.5tonne scheme. The Clerk would indicate SPC's support for the scheme and refer to the agreement that the Chairman and Mr McDonnell would agree precise signs and locations. The Chairman said that he and the Police would meet Mr Woodward, Chairman Eye and Dunsden PC, to discuss their process for prosecuting offending lorry drivers. DoT were considering a sign showing 'no lorry' sign.

7304: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

There were no questions.

7305 FINANCE.

- a) Report. A report had been circulated and was noted.
- b) Payment of Accounts. Mrs Glasspool proposed making the following payments, Mrs Byrne seconded and this was unanimously approved.

MAY

WBC Rates	7.18
WBC Rates SLTC	7.18
Rates Pavilion	21.51
Sonning Landscapes – Railway sleepers	105.00
Mr K Trimmings	133.00
Sonning Landscapes – Mow Playground	26.00
Sonning Landscapes – Mow SLTC area	40.00
WBC – Dog Bin Emptying	799.15
Mrs P Glasspool – New Wharf Lock	24.99
Mrs L A Bates – Refund T V Licence	139.50
Mr S Chapman – Materials Pavilion & Fence	150.84
Inland Revenue L B Tax	160.80
Inland Revenue – NIC's	<u>243.84</u>
	<u>1854.12</u>

7305 FINANCE (Cont'd).

- c) Membership of BALC. The Chairman proposed a one-year membership of BALC, cost £221.18, to be reviewed at the end of the year. Mr Barker seconded and this was unanimously approved.

7306: HIGHWAYS.

School Crossing Patroller. A crossing patroller had been appointed subject to checks. The Chairman had followed up the issue of painting the white lines on the crossing with Julia Treadwell. The Clerk would inform WBC that the illuminated post bulb was out again.

Narrow Footpath opposite Shelvingstone. WBC could not widen the footpath without narrowing the road. Mr Baker had felt that six inches would make a difference but here was a large backlog of highway issues. The Chairman was reminding Mr Baker of the issue on a regular basis.

Sonning Lane/A4 Junction. WBC had indicated that there was only £4,000 available for Sonning projects. The Clerk would write to Vikki Roberts with a request for a left filter at the junction. It would be stressed that this was a temporary measure and was not intended to address the increased hazards that approval of the RC&HC plans would present. More substantial improvements would be required if this happened. Mr Peters would liaise over his comments at the WBC planning meeting.

High Street Posts. This was in hand.

Yellow Lines – Pearson Road. The Chairman had delivered letters informing the residents of the proposals.

Meeting at WBC. The Chairman would take Mr Peters to WBC in order for him to meet the highways officers.

#### 7307: RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT W. G.

- a) Report. Mrs Glasspool said that notes of the last meeting had been circulated. Mr Matthews had apologised for the delay in inspecting the proposed site for the A4 tree-planting scheme. The Chairman had spoken to him but nothing had transpired. Mrs Glasspool had requested an emergency TPO on the trees at Birchley because some trees were being removed. Sunrise had planted a new hedge with Yew and Holly and this looked very good. The deadline for SCC to remove the items that had failed the PAT test had passed and Mrs Glasspool would make arrangement to remove the fridge/freezer. The Clerk would inform SCC and stress the urgency of having the cooler tested. Mrs Glasspool said that a wave test should be carried out on the microwave ovens. Mr Barker was to inspect the electrics in the loft. The Chairman had finished painting the home changing room floor and was in the process of completing the away changing room floor. The Chairman would follow up the offer from Mr Pownall to refit the car park gate. Wicksteeds had carried out the repairs and redone the turf where necessary. Mrs Glasspool would make arrangements for watering the turf. There had been complaints from the SLTC about the intimidating behaviour, aimed at lady tennis players, of youths in the skatepark area. A meeting had been held with SLTC and it was agreed that some fencing and planting would offer more separation between the two areas. The Recreation Group were recommending the following for approval, Mrs Glasspool proposed and the Chairman seconded: Payment for new mower, strimmer and hosepipe, up to £800. This was approved with five to two votes against. Mrs Glasspool proposed and the Chairman

#### 7307: RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT W. G. (Cont'd)

seconded spending up to £50 for new fence in the SLTC area, making the payment for PAT testing - £90 SCC, £ 20 SPC and that the charge for lettings should be set at £8 per hour. This was unanimously approved. Following the discovery of golf balls on the field it was agreed to purchase new signs for all the entrances and to include 'no fires'. Mr Pascal had agreed to lock the main gates while Mr Farnese was indisposed.

7308: POLICE AND SECURITY.

Mrs Byrne would circulate the figures once she had received them. There was to be a NAG meeting on 12 June, when a new Chairman would be elected.

7309: SPRING CLEAN

In the absence of Mr Farnese the Chairman asked if there were any lessons to be learnt. It was agreed that the 2008 Spring Clean was too late and should be held around the beginning of April in 2009.

7310: STREET LIGHTING REVIEW.

The Clerk had just received a quote for a new light outside Fairlawn. The Clerk would copy it to Councillors ready for discussion at the July meeting.

7311: WEB SITE.

A .gov address would take longer than other web sites but should be available in the near future.

7312: SUMMER NEWSLETTER.

Councillors would send draft items to the Chairman by 27 June ready to approve at the July meeting.

7313: ACTION LIST.

This was reviewed and updated.

7314: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 July 2008.

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