

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 11 December 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT. Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mrs J Harvey. Cllr M Haines (part time).  
1 Visitors. Mrs L A Bates (Clerk).

10242: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Mrs J Fielder, Mr J Green (unforeseen clash), Mr P Morrison, (event), Mrs P Pownall (unforeseen clash)  
The Chairman welcomed all those present.

10243: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations.

10244: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

10245: CORRESPONDENCE

Co-option Request. Mr Firmager had been appointed as the Conservative Party candidate for Sonning and it was agreed that being a member of SPC could result in a clash of interest on occasions. The Clerk would inform Mr Firmager.

Request for new A4 Crossing. WBC had responded to say that no funding was available.

Readingensians festival. The organisers could use the SPC car park on the same terms as in 2018.

Request from Jude Whyte. Ms Whyte (WBC Assistant Director, Customer and Loyalties) had asked the Chairman for a meeting to explore his views on a series of topics. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should invite Ms Whyte to the January meeting in order to better understand the situation.

WBC Highways – Facebook Page. This had been launched.

Henley Arts Trail Posters 2019. The organisers wished to put posters on the noticeboards. Following discussion it was agreed to allow this and to include the information on the website.

Slippery Car Park Surface. The Chairman said that this was a problem every autumn and included the footways. He would discuss with WBC.

Trees Pound Lane. Several large trees in Pound Lane had been felled without permission. WBC needed to trace to contractors responsible and had asked for any information that might assist.

Recreation Trees. The Chairman was unable to meet the contractor on 12 December but would make an alternative arrangement.

School Parking Problems. Parents were parking in the area between Pound Lane and Liguge Way, which was hazardous. The school had suggested some no parking posters. The Chairman said that he needed to review the whole area. Mrs Harvey said that drivers were being very selfish, with no consideration for pedestrians and suggested a meeting with the Governors and the Head teacher. Cllr Haines said that only two school in the District had sufficient onsite parking and similar problems existed at other schools. Preventing the parking near the school would only move it to surrounding roads. The police would deal with illegal parking. Cllr Haines offered to support any action where possible but any parking restrictions would need a consensus from the whole village.

10246: PLANNING.

Report – Local Plan Update. The Chairman said that 200 sites were under consideration including 6 from Sonning. This was concerning as it had been understood that they would be withdrawn, one site now had planning permission and another was under an enforcement notice following

#### 10246: PLANNING (Cont'd).

refusal of planning permission. It would be important to urge residents to become involved by attending one of the WBC meetings and to respond to the questionnaire. The Clerk had drafted a poster and it was agreed that this should be circulated to residents and to be added to the website. Some Councillors would be attending the WBC Local Plan meeting in Twyford to see if any more information was available. A resident said that the travellers were now tipping rubbish on the A4 site and it was agreed to send photographs to Enforcement who were currently pursuing the occupants through the courts.

The Chairman said that the following applications had been approved: Holme Park Sports Ground, Pavilion, Sonning Lane (182856) and 50 Little Glebe (183355). The Acre Field Appeal (3207467), had been dismissed. 21 West Drive (182734) had been withdrawn.

**The following applications were on going:** The Great House (172697): The Atrium (180770): The Atrium (180857): August Field (181082): The Great House (181058): Cedar Cottage Thames Street (181196): Home Park Farm House (181161): The Conifers, 48 Old Bath Road (182821). Star Court (182612): 21 West Drive (182734): Sonning Dene (182889).

**The following applications had been approved:** Charfield Cottage, Charvil Lane (182453):

**The following applications had been refused.** York Cottage Pearson Road (181800).

**The following applications had been withdrawn.** 21 West Drive (182734).

**The following new applications had been received.** Land to the Rear of The Lawns, Mustard Lane (182797). Full planning application for the proposed erection of a 1no. dwelling including landscaping. 25/12/18: The Old School House (183210). Proposed removal of fence, raised flower bed & tree to facilitate a new hard-standing of granite setts with relocated willow fence to form new parking area. 26/10/18: The Old School House (183211). Application for Listed Building consent for the proposed removal of fence, raised flower bed & tree to facilitate a new hard-standing of granite setts with relocated willow fence to form new parking area. NOT CONSULTED: Sonning Place (183203). Householder application for proposed part single storey, part two storey rear extension to existing dwelling and single storey front infill extension. 28/12/18: 24 Sonning Meadows (181936). Application for certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection 2.2m wall, erection of detached shed plus changes to fenestration. NOT CONSULTED: Acre Field (183160). Full application for the proposed erection of 2no dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling. 31/12/18 extension to 3 Jan 19

#### 10247: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Mr Fisher said that the light on the Belisha crossing had finally been replaced. The capping on the Butts Hill Bridge had been badly done.

#### 10248: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS.

Mr Runnalls asked if 'cat's eyes' were appropriate in the 20 mph zone in Charvil Lane and that they were noisy. Mr Runnalls also asked about the proposed two new houses on the Acre Field site. These were identical to the detached house on the August Field site that had now been divided into two and there were concerns that the developer would do the same on Acre Field as he owned both sites. Mr Runnalls said that the light by the Pearson Road bus shelter was out as was the one on the mini roundabout corner. Both were new lights and Mr Fisher would discuss with WBC.

#### 10249: FINANCE.

- a) Payment of Accounts Dec. Mr Fisher proposed making the following payments, the Chairman seconded and these were approved unanimously.

10249: FINANCE (Cont'd).

**SPC PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS DEC (1 TO 30 NOV) '18**

Date	Chq	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-committee
05/11/18	543	C. Water	Allot Water	27.64	0.00	27.64	ENVIRON	Allot Water
05/11/18	543	C. Water	Pav. Water	25.05	0.00	25.05	SPORT	Pav. Water
05/11/18	544	Henley Land	Main Mowing	757.50	0.00	757.50	REC	Main Mowing
05/11/18	545	RES	Extinguisher Service	99.50	16.60	82.90	SPORT	Pav. Misc.
05/11/18	546	Mr Farnese	WW1 Supplies	440.07	0.00	440.07	ADMIN	Misc.
13/11/18	547	Mr Fisher	Beech Lodge Light	166.26	0.00	166.26	REC	Misc.
13/11/18	548	Purco Print	Newsletters	65.00	0.00	65.00	ADMIN	Photocopying
13/11/18	549	Sonning Land	Mow Playground	60.00	0.00	60.00	REC	Mow Play
13/11/18	549	Son. Land	Mow Wharf	60.00	0.00	60.00	ENVIRON	Wharf Mowing
13/11/18	549	Son. Land	Cut hedges SLTC 160+Rec20+ Pav20	200.00	0.00	200.00	REC	Hedges
13/11/18	550	J Fielder	WW1 Thank you	8.00	0.00	8.00	ADMIN	Misc.
12/11/18	551	Pest UK	Rat Care	182.40	30.40	152.00	ENVIRON	½ annual fee
				<b>2091.42</b>	<b>47.00</b>	<b>2044.42</b>		

- b) Report and Draft Budget. The Clerk had prepared a report which was noted. This included a draft Budget for 2019/20. The Chairman proposed including £250 for training and this was agreed, the Clerk would bring the final budget for approval to the January meeting ready to agree the 2019/2020 Precept.
- c) SSL Certificate. Mr Gilmore had said that there was an existing facility, which provided cover. It was agreed to monitor and update if necessary.
- d) WW1 Donation. The income and expenditure account showed a profit of £350.21 and it was agreed that this should all go to the Royal British Legion.

10250: HIGHWAYS

School Crossing Patrol. Mr Fisher said that he and Mrs Harvey were keen to undertake a petition, details would be discussed at the January meeting.

Speed Indicator. Mr Fisher now had the results from the Pound Lane monitor ready to assess. The old monitor was now in Charvil Lane but the position was not altogether satisfactory, the advantage was that it could be moved to other locations. The Pound Lane results did show that traffic had slowed down since its introduction.

Speed/Lorry Watch. Mr Fisher said this was ongoing. He had written to two companies whose lorries had been seen in the village.

TRO Sonning Lane. Mr Fisher was waiting for a reply from Sara Altman. Mr Fisher had written to the RBCS Head Teacher Jessie Ezra, thanking him for organising parking at Berkshire Sports.

10251: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Safety Checks. Mrs Pownall had said that the exercise machines had been checked.
- b) Pavilion Fund Raising. The Chairman had been at the Fire Brigade Trust where the SPC request for funding had been discussed. While fully supporting the project in principle they had legal

10251: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G (Cont'd).

issues concerning their scheme as agreed with the Charity Commission. The Chairman suggested that SCC might make the application.

- c) SCC Licence. This would need to be looked at carefully as there would be many changes during the 10 year tenure. It was agreed that this should be looked at by a sub-committee.
- d) Beech Lodge Licence. The draft was not available and would be brought to the January meeting.
- e) ROSPA Report. The Chairman hoped to clean the play equipment with Mr Green in the near future.
- f) Recreation Path. The Chairman would discuss this with Mr Pownall.

10252: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

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

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that he would need to check that all the new lights were working during the evening.

Allotments. Mrs Fielder would be undertaking the allotment survey.

10253: POLICE AND SECURITY.

Mrs Fielder had sent a report. There had been another violent robbery, this time in West Drive and the burglars had carried guns and knives.

Bus Shelters. The Clerk had sourced two metal bus shelters but it was agreed that wooden shelters would be more appropriate.

10254: WEB SITE.

This continued to work well and Mr Morrison was making the necessary changes to the Councillors information.

10255: ACTION LIST.

This was reviewed and updated.

10256: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 8 January 2019 at 7.00pm.

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