

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 8 January 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT. Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mr J Green, Mrs P Pownall.  
1 Visitors. Mrs L A Bates (Clerk).

10257: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Mrs J Fielder (holiday), Mrs J Harvey (unexpected delay), Mr P Morrison, (holiday). Apologies were also received from Jude Whyte, who had injured her shoulder and was unable to drive.  
The Chairman welcomed all those present.

10258: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Mr Fisher said that he would declare an interest in Beech Lodge.

10259: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

10260: CORRESPONDENCE

Cleaner and Greener. The next meeting would take place on 15 January. The Clerk would give the Chairman's apologies.

Felled Trees Pound Lane. WBC had asked if there was any information about the trees being felled. Mr Fisher had seen the tenant of the property but he did not know who was involved but assumed that his landlord would know. The tenant had also said that WBC would be visiting him later in the week.

Annual Litter Pick. This would take place on 23 and 24 March. Sonning would participate on the 24<sup>th</sup> and Mrs Fielder would be making arrangements. Mrs Fielder had asked if a newsletter with the details could be circulated in the week prior to the event and this was agreed.

Drugs on KGV Field. Mr Green had become aware that some youths were using the pagoda and after investigating had found empty CO2 cartridges and discarded balloons. Mr Green had informed the police. The issues were discussed and it was agreed that a light should be fitted to discourage clandestine activities. The Chairman would investigate.

Camper Van parked in Guarde Road. The Chairman had been contacted about the vehicle as it had been there for some length of time, rats had been seen and rubbish was accumulating. The police had been informed.

10261: PLANNING.

Report – Local Plan Update. The Chairman, Mr Fisher, Mrs Harvey and the Clerk would meet 6.30pm on Thursday 10 January in order to visit the display at Twyford.

**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): Star Court (182612): Land to the Rear of The Lawns, Mustard Lane (182797): The Old School House (183210): The Old School House (183211): Sonning Place (183203): 24 Sonning Meadows (181936): Acre Field (183160

**The following applications had been approved:** Holme Park Sports Ground, Pavilion, Sonning Lane (182856.

**The following applications had been refused.** Sonning Dene (182889).

**The following applications had been withdrawn.** None.

## 10261: PLANNING (Cont'd).

**The following new applications had been received.** Ranmoore (183319). Application for non-material amendment to planning consent 172701 to allow changes to existing roof. NOT CONSULTED: York Cottage (183224). Householder application for the proposed single storey rear extension following demolition of existing kitchen: York Cottage (183227). Listed Building application for consent for the proposed single storey rear extension following demolition: Saxon House (183166). Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension, plus changes to fenestration and internal alterations: Charfield Cottage (183476). Application for submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent 182453 04/12/18. Condition 4. NOT CONSULTED

## 10262: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

In the absence of Cllr. Haines there were no questions.

## 10263: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS.

There were no questions from the public.

## 10264: FINANCE.

- a) Report, Draft Budget and 20019/20 Precept. The Clerk had prepared a report which was noted. This included the updated draft Budget for 2019/20, with the addition of £250 for training and plus £300 for the Clerk's Honorarium, tax and NIC, at Mr Morrison's suggestion. Also at Mr Morrison's suggestion the £2,000 for bus shelters had been moved out of the main budget into the CIL budget. Following discussion the Chairman proposed approving the budget, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved. Following further discussion the Chairman proposed increasing the Precept by 2.5% to £37187, Mr Fisher seconded and this was approved by three votes to one. Mr Green asked that it be recorded that he was against the increase.
- b) Payment of Accounts Jan (1-31 Dec 18). Mr Fisher proposed making the following payments, Mrs Pownall seconded and these were approved unanimously.

### **SPC PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS JAN '19 (1 TO 31 DEC) '18**

Date	Chq	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-committee
21/12/18	552	Henley Land	Main Mowing	252.50	0.00	252.50	RECREATION	Main Mowing
21/12/18	553	Tivoli	Dog Bins	312.00	52.00	260.00	ENVIRONMENT	Dog Bins
21/12/18	554	PHMC	Office Rent	221.00	0.00	221.00	ADMIN	Office Rent
				<b>785.50</b>	<b>52.00</b>	<b>733.50</b>		

- b) CIL Report. The Clerk had circulated an update. The Chairman proposed accepting it, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved.
- c) Request for Contribution from Sonning CIL Allocation. The request from WBC had been circulated and following discussion it was agreed to decline the proposals.

## 10265: HIGHWAYS

School Crossing Patrol. Mr Fisher said that he and Mrs Harvey were progressing this.

## 10265: HIGHWAYS (Cont'd)

Speed Indicator. Mr Fisher said that he hoped to be able to carry out a speed watch with Peter Wheat in the near future. The Chairman offered to assist if required.

Mr Fisher said that the latest read out from the Pound Lane SID was similar to the previous one. The maximum speed of one vehicle was 65 mph at 1.30am. The average speed was 25 mph and a lot of vehicles were travelling at 45 mph. The volume remained similar with 4000 vehicles travelling from the Pearson Road direction and 15% of these were travelling at 26 ½ mph. The Charvil Lane SID showed the average speed to be 38 mph west bound. The maximum speed had been 60mph in the afternoon.

Speed Lorry Watch. No heavy lorries had been observed.

Pound Lane Survey. There had been nothing from Sara Altman.

TRO Sonning Lane. There had been no further update from WBC. Mr Green said that there was a huge improvement for traffic since the RBCS boys had started parking in the Berkshire Sports car park.

## 10266: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Safety Checks. Mrs Pownall would check these. Mr Green said that the netball post needed to be repaired and part of the net on the safety fence had come loose. The Chairman, Mr Green and Mr Fisher agreed to meet on 22 January to clean the children's play equipment. The Chairman would hire a pressure hose from HSS.
- b) Pavilion Fund Raising. Mrs Pownall said there had been a meeting of the Fundraising group. Options for a grant included the Lottery Fund. Mr Murphy was making arrangements for a triathlon on 13 July at RBCS and a fundraising account was important. David Gower (Taverners) would host the evening supper in the marque. The Berks, Bucks Blind Cricketers were interested in playing at Sonning, which would help any grant application. Some application asked for a child protection policy and the Clerk agreed to write one up. The Fire Brigade Trust had said that they were fully supportive of the project but there were legal issues concerning their scheme as agreed with the Charity Commission. The Chairman suggested that SCC should apply to them for funding.
- c) SCC Licence. It had been agreed that, until the new pavilion was in use, the old 1 year Licence would remain in place.
- d) Beech Lodge Licence. This had been previously agreed but Beech Lodge needed to agree the revisions. Once this was done then the Licence could be signed.
- e) ROSPA Report. Ongoing.
- f) Recreation Path. The Chairman would discuss this with Mr Pownall.

## 10267: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

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

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that he was now in touch with Ray Smith (WBC) regarding the lighting. Volker would repair the scratches on the Liguge Way lamp and would supply the shields as agreed. Mr Fisher would discuss the possibility of changing additional lights with Mr Smith and would check the defibrillator light.

Allotments. Mrs Fielder would be undertaking the allotment survey.

## 10268: POLICE AND SECURITY.

There was no update.

10268: POLICE AND SECURITY (Cont'd).

Bus Shelters. The Clerk had sourced two wooden bus shelters but the cost was £5,000 to £7,000 depending on the specification. It was agreed that metal shelters would be acceptable on the A4.

10269: ALLOTMENTS.

Survey Report & Recommendations. Mrs Fielder had carried out an inspection together with Mr Driver. The Chairman said the report was excellent. One allotment had been identified as not been maintained for two years, one that had not been maintained recently and two had derelict sheds on them. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would give notice to the unmaintained one, ask that the recently unmaintained one be brought up to standard and the two sheds be removed. Matting and plastic was being used on one or two allotments and the Clerk would ask that this was removed and not used again as it was non-biodegradable.

10270: WEB SITE.

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

10271: ACTION LIST.

This was reviewed and updated.

10272: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 12 February 2019 at 7.00pm.

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