

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Pound Lane, Sonning, on Tuesday 12 March 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

10291: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. There were no apologies.

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

10292: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations. The Chairman said that unfortunately Mrs Pownall would not be standing for re-election as she had taken on more responsibilities at the School. However Mrs Pownall had agreed to continue her work on the pavilion. The Chairman thanked Mrs Pownall for her contribution over many years and that she would be missed.

10293: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

10294: CORRESPONDENCE

WDALC 25 March 7.30pm Shute End. The Chairman and Mr Fisher would attend.

Elections 2 May & Briefing Session 18 March 7-8pm Shute End. The Chairman and the Clerk would attend the briefing session and it was hoped that Councillors would be standing for re-election.

Borough/Parish Community Conference 1 April 7.00pm. The Chairman and Mr Fisher would attend.

WBC Highway Alliance 18 March 7.00 – 8.00pm. Mr Fisher would attend this.

Food Waste Meeting. 14 March 5 – 6 pm. The Chairman was no longer able to attend this and Mrs Fielder would check her availability.

Reading Flood Alleviation Scheme. A resident had asked if SPC should be objecting to this. However it had transpired that RBC had undertaken a public consultation in 2018 with a September 2018 deadline.

ROSPA Inspection. Play Safety would undertake the ROSPA inspection in April for a fee of £222.60. It was agreed that this was essential and in the Budget.

Request to Sell Ice Cream on Wharf - between Easter and September 2019. It was agreed to permit this.

Sonning Triathlon. This would take place at the RBCS on 13 July.

Thames and Chiltern in Bloom. It was agreed that more preparation time was required.

Parish Council e-mails. Mr Gilmour had offered to assist anyone who was having difficulty setting this up.

10295: PLANNING.

Report. The Chairman said that a planning application had been received for 22 Pound Lane, to replace the existing thatch with slate tiles, following WBC's determination that the proposal required planning permission,

The following applications were on going): The Great House (172697): The Atrium (180770): The Atrium (180857): August Field (181082): The Great House (181058): Home Park Farm House (181161): Sonning Dene (190186): 21 West Drive (190228).

10295: PLANNING (Cont'd).

The following applications had been approved: 2 South Drive (190281): Sonning Place (183203).

The following applications had been refused. Land to the Rear of, The Lawns, Mustard Lane (182797).

The following new applications had been received. Sonning Dene (190186). Householder application for the proposed erection of a single rear extension also a single side extension to form porch with two roof-lights and changes to fenestration following removal of chimney and changes to roof. Additional copper standing to existing dormer re-pitching of roof over existing rear projection. Replacement of existing masonry wall to the front to include timber access gates: 21 West Drive (190228). Application to vary condition 2 of the planning consent 152218 dated 16/11/15 for the erection of 1 no dwelling and demolition of existing. Condition 2 relates to approved drawings and requests approval of revised drawings Nos. 706/04_rev.D, 05 rev.D and 06 rev.D: 22 Pound Lane (183075). Householder application for the proposed conversion of existing loft space to create habitable accommodation including front and rear dormers extension, plus the replacement of thatched roof with slate tiles.

10296: QUESTIONS FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

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

10297: PARISHIONER QUESTIONS.

There were no questions from the public.

10298: FINANCE.

- a) Report. The Clerk had prepared a report which was noted. With expected payments due in March the expenditure for the year was as expected.
- b) Payment of Accounts Feb (1-28 Feb 19). Mr Morrison proposed making the following payments, Mr Fisher seconded and these were approved unanimously.

SPC PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS MARCH '19 (1 TO 28 FEB) '19

Date	Chq	Name	Service item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-committee
14/02/19	DD	Brit. Gas	SLTC Electricity	62.06	2.96	59.10	SPORT	SLTC Electric
20/02/19	564	Scottish & S	Fuse Box Repairs	172.06	0.00	172.06	HIGH & LIGHT	St Light Repairs
06/02/19	DD	Brit. Gas	Pav. Electric	375.57	17.88	357.69	SPORT	Pav. Electricity
				609.69	20.84	588.85		

10299: HIGHWAYS

School Crossing. Mr Fisher said that Sara Allman had said that the legal costs and the TRO would be £5,000 and the changes to the crossing £15,000. To extend the 20mph to the A4 would require more work. There was enthusiasm for a possible expenditure of £20,000 and Mr Fisher would ask for confirmation of this figure.

Speed Indicators (SID). Mr Fisher said that the maximum speed in Pound Lane had been 60mph at 3.25am, which was similar to the previous month. The average speed in February 2018 had been 27.4 but the February 2019 figure had dropped to 24.29 and there were 3.5% fewer vehicles over the speed limit than in 2018. Mr Fisher said that Mr Runnalls was assisting him with changing the battery over in Charvil Lane. The latest figures showed a speed of 55mph at 3.00am in Charvil Lane.

10299: HIGHWAYS (Cont'd)

Speed Indicator. Mr Fisher said that Mr Runnalls had assisted in the change-over of the SID in Charvil Lane. Mr Fisher had downloaded the information on 24 January. The maximum speed had been 60mph on 21 January at 9pm, and the majority of drivers were travelling at 30mph or lower. In pound lane the average speed had been 23.5, possible due to the queues of standing traffic. Of the 3,800 vehicles, south bound in Pound Lane the average speed had been 21.7.

Speed Lorry Watch. Mr Fisher and his colleague would be able to book the machine after 2 April. There had not been any reports of lorries.

Pound Lane Survey-Speed Hump. Sara Allman had spoken to the Pound Lane resident who wanted the speed hump removed and had informed her that WBC would not pay for it to be removed as there was no support from other residents. Ms Allman had suggested that SPC might pay for it. The resident said that she would be taking the issue up with the government.

Sonning Lane TRO. There was no date for the upgrade to be undertaken.

10300: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

- a) Safety Checks. These had been carried out.
- b) Field maintenance. Henley contracting had quoted £425 to Scarify with a Terrarake: £975 to Fertilise/weed killer whole field £325 to core/spike outfield and ££1100 to seed the outfield with Rigby Taylor R14 or similar rye mixtures to 365 at £110 per bag, (minimum required 10 bags). AS the SPC budget was £2,200 the Clerk had asked SCC to make a contribution and this had been agreed by their Chairman and Treasurer. Following discussion it was agreed to proceed on this basis.
- c) Pavilion Fund Raising. Mrs Pownall had completed and sent the initial application for a grant. It would take four weeks for a decision and if successful the main application could proceed. Ideas for other sources of funding were being explored.
- d) Tree Quotes. Quotes had come in at £4,000 for all the proposed tree work. Following discussion the Chairman proposed spending £2,000, which was in the 2019/10 budget and a further £2,000 in 2020/21, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved.
- e) Recreation Path. The Chairman was following this up but would ask Mr Pownall to adjust the slabs in the meantime.
- f) Pagoda Light. The Chairman was arranging this and had found a suitable LED light with a battery for £40.
- g) Charvil Football Club Property. Mrs Harvey was following this up.
- h) Building Regulations and Engineering Quotes. The Architect had quoted £1,000, plus VAT, for the working drawing (usually a lot more than this), a discounted fee of £1,250, plus VAT, for the Structural Engineer's drawings and calculations (OMK Design Ltd) and the Civil Engineer's drawings and calculations (Infrastruct CS Ltd) would be free of charge. In addition there would be a statutory Building Regulation fee. Following discussion The Chairman proposed accepting the Architect's fee of £1,000 plus VAT, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved. The remaining items would be discussed at the pavilion meeting to be held on 19 March. The Clerk would copy details of the SPC tendering process to Councillors and SCC members.

10301: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

Safety Checks. The Chairman had carried out the safety checks on the Wharf. The Chairman had also met the representative from Thames Water regarding the damage to the Wharf, grass, main

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gate and signs. Thames Water had agreed to pay the costs involved but suggested that, as more work had to be undertaken to fit the new pumps that the work should wait until after this work had been undertaken.

Lighting Upgrade. Mr Fisher said that he was waiting for more information from WBC. They had said that repairs to the lamppost in Liguage Way would have to wait until the weather was warmer.

10302: LITTER PICK/NEWSLETTER.

Mrs Fielder had asked the Church secretary to print off the posters and this had been done, free of charge. Mrs Fielder had purchased some flowers and biscuits as a thank you. Mrs Harvey would assist in putting the posters up and assist in the pavilion on Sunday, 24 March. Other assistance would be welcome on the 24th. Health and Safety notices would be put on display in the pavilion and litter pickers, tabards and sacks would be issued to volunteers. Refreshments would be supplied free of charge by the Coppa Club and the Bull, Waitrose had provided a £10 voucher. The Chairman would meet Mrs Fielder to take the litter pickers etc. out of storage. Mrs Fielder said that the Youth Minister would bring young members of the Church to assist. WBC would collect the rubbish on Monday 25th. A copy of the poster would be put on the website.

10303: POLICE AND SECURITY.

Mrs Fielder said that there was no report from the Police but there had been reports of a bogus meter reader in Sonning but nothing had been taken.

10304: ALLOTMENTS.

Survey Report & Recommendations. Mrs Fielder said that the pile of rubbish had gone thanks to one of the newer allotment holders. Mrs Harvey would ask the new resident in Pound lane to cut his tree branches that were overhanging the allotments. There had been no response to the letter about the untended allotment and it was agreed to offer it to next person on the waiting list.

10305: WEB SITE.

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

10306: ACTION LIST.

This was reviewed and updated. The Chairman said that there were no leaflets telephone kiosk.

10307: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 9 April 2019 at 7.00pm.
The Annual Parish meeting would be held on 14 May immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Council.

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