

Minutes of the Virtual Monthly Meeting of Sonning Parish Council held via Skype from various location., on Tuesday 9 June 2020 at 6.00pm.

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

10533: APOLOGIES/WELCOME TO VISITORS. Apologies were received from Mrs J Harvey and Mr J Hay.

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

10534: DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest.

10535: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

10536: CORRESPONDENCE.

Quotes for Field Repairs. Mr Travers (SCC) had pointed out some problems on part of the field and obtained a provisional quote for repairs amounting to £4500 (inc VAT). It was noted that the budget for repairs to the whole field for the year was £2,800. Following discussion, it was agreed to ask for additional quotes.

Covid 19 WBC Update. The number of confirmed cases across Berks and Wokingham remained, very low. Less than 10 per day across Berks and a maximum of 1 per day in Wokingham. For the period up to 7 June the total across Berks had been 2438 confirmed cases with 452 in Wokingham. Deaths and cases in care homes were now minimal.

Hours of Work Added to Planning Permission. Clare Lawrence had replied to the Clerk's question about this not being applied to all planning permissions. Clare had explained that Government Guidelines said that no condition should be applied automatically and there were tests to ensure this. Hours of work were rarely applied to householder applications as a certain level of noise was to be expected on any building work. This condition was usually only applied to larger development, and in close proximity, to existing houses.

SCC Using Practice nets. SCC had started to use the practice nets using a booking system, but they would not be using the pavilion. Mr Fisher had an update in which SCC asked for the car park to be open. Given the traveller activity in the area this was not viewed favourably.

Yoga in KGV Field. A group of ladies had asked if they could do a small Yoga class (6 people) on the field and this had been agreed. The first class had gone well, and they would be meeting regularly (weather permitting) at 10.00 am on a Wednesday.

Travellers in the Area. Travellers had been moved off by bailiffs from a car park in, Twyford and they had moved to Asda in Earley and, having been moved on again they were in the Sainsburys car park in Winnersh. WBC had been told that the travellers intended to stay in the area for some time.

Review of Speed Limits in Borough. WBC were seeking resident's views on speed limits throughout the Borough. Mr Fisher said that a request to extend the 20 mph zone in Pound Lane was under consideration and suggested that the 20 mph zone in Sonning Lane could begin the other side of, Inglewood. It might be prudent to include the Pound Lane proposal as well. The Clerk would circulate details.

## 10537: PLANNING.

Report. The Chairman said that Land to the West of The Range, Old Bath Road (200354), had been withdrawn. 14 South Drive (200162, and 11 South Drive (200757), had been approved.

The following applications were on going). Star Court, Thames Street, (200747): Thatched Cottage, Sonning Lane (200904).

The following applications had been approved. Chyreen (200775).

The following applications had been refused. No refusals.

The following applications had been withdrawn. Land to the West of The Range, Old Bath Road (200354)

The following new applications had been received. Sonning Golf Club (200951). Application for the approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning consent 161529 for the erection of 13 dwellings with associated highway works, public open space and landscaping. Details of Layout, Appearance, Landscaping and Scale to be determined: The Atrium (201262). Householder application for the proposed erection of a greenhouse: Bishops Close Sonning Lane (201280. Householder application for the proposed erection of a first floor extension, conversion of carport to create habitable accommodation

Neighbourhood Plan. This was on hold.

The following application was discussed, in order to agree comments.

The Atrium (201262). The Chairman said that this was for a greenhouse to the side of the property. Following discussion, it was agreed to say no reason to object but to ask for conditions to protect the adjoining trees.

## 10538: PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS.

There were no questions.

## 10539: FINANCE.

- a) Report. The Clerk had circulated a report, which was noted.
- b) Payment of Accounts. Mr Morrison proposed, and Mr Fisher seconded making the following payments and this was unanimously approved.

### SPC PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS JUNE (1 to 31 May '20)

Date	Chq	Name	Service Item	Gross	VAT	Net	Committee	Sub-committee
18/05/20	698	Playsafety	ROSPA Inspection	231.60	38.60	193.00	REC	ROSPA
18/05/20	699	Castle Water	Pavilion	171.64	0.00	171.64	SPORTS	Pav. Utilities
18/05/20	700	Castle Water	Square	211.97	0.00	211.97	SPORTS	Other -SCC
18/05/20	701	Castle Water	Allotment	108.77	0.00	108.77	ENVIRON	Allot. Water
26/05/20	702	Dixon Wilson	Part payment – pav. VAT	1800.00	360.00	1440.00	SPORT	New Pavilion
26/05/20	703	Henley Land	Mow main field	250.00	0.00	250.00	REC	Main Mowing
26/05/20	704	Sonning Land	Mow playground x 2	64.00	0.00	64.00	REC	Mow Playground
26/05/20	704	Sonning Land	Mow Wharf x 2	56.00	0.00	56.00	ENVIRON	Mow Wharf
			TOTAL	2893.98	398.60	2495.38		

#### 10539: FINANCE (Cont'd).

- c) CIL Request. There had been confirmation of a request from WBC for a contribution towards a Flood Relief Scheme on the River Loddon which would reduce flooding in the Charvil/Twyford area, where it met the Thames. All northern parishes were being asked to contribute. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask for more information.

#### 10540: HIGHWAYS

Speed Indicators (SID). Mr Fisher said he had sent a report, which he referred to. The volume of traffic in Pound Lane, having reduced to 33% of previous figures following lockdown had now increased to 55% of the previous volume. There was a small reduction in speed of 1.5 mph, down from the pre-lockdown peak. The peak traffic time was now between 11.00 am and 12 noon whereas it had previously been 8.00 am to 9.00 am.

#### 10541: RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT W.G.

Safety Checks. The Chairman the playground was locked but the outdoor exercise machines were difficult to lock. Mrs Fielder would check to see if the Red and White tape were being removed and the Chairman would source replacement tape.

Litter. This had become a major problem in the parish since the population had been allowed more freedom to move around. Mrs Fielder said there were 5 more residents on litter alert and the main areas of concern were Sonning Lane near RBCS, and Pound Lane, where a carpet had been left. A resident was collecting litter in KGV Field, but the village was covered in litter. A clean up on Sunday had produced enough rubbish to fill 3 green bags. WBC would take these bags along with household collections. Mrs Fielder also said that household rubbish was being put in the litter bins, which was illegal and amounted to fly-tipping. It had been suggested that more bins should be installed but WBC were under pressure due to the problem being Borough wide and services were seriously over stretched. Mr Morrison said that the small bins on the Wharf were overflowing and he would look after litter in Charvil Lane next to the A4. Once the crisis was over it would be worth looking at employing a contractor. The Chairman said it was difficult to visit the local tip as a booking system was in place.

Quotes for Play equipment repairs. Wicksteed and Playdale had quoted for the work identified during the annual inspection. Wicksteed had quoted £603, including installation but plus VAT, to replace the net bridge on the junior multi-play and Playdale had quoted £315 including installation but plus VAT for the aerial slide seat. Following discussion. the Chairman proposed accepting the quotes, Mr Fisher seconded and this was unanimously approved.

#### 10542: TECHNICAL SERVICES.

Safety Checks. The Chairman had been unable to carry out the safety checks, but his wife had been observing it. Mr Morrison said that he would look in on his daily walk.

#### 10543: POLICE & SECURITY.

Mrs Fielder said there was only one thing to report. A trailer had been hired from a company in Sonning Lane and this had not been returned within the 2 day hire agreement and the hirer was not responding.

10544: ALLOTMENTS.

Mrs Fielder said that the allotments were looking good but felt that replacing the fence at the far end should be considered. The Chairman said this was likely to cost £2,500 and the exact boundary needed to be established as there was another fence the other side. Mr Fisher said the tap had been repaired but there was a problem with the stop cock, which he had reported. Mr Fisher said that he understood that waste was being thrown in the hedge between the allotments and the bungalows and the Clerk would write to allotment holders.

Mrs Fielder said that a van selling cocktails had parked at the entrance of Liguge Way. This had been very popular but had generated a lot of extra litter and she now understood that a resident had invited the vendor along and would endeavour to obtain details.

10545: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be a virtual one and held on Tuesday 14 July 2020, via Skype, at 6.00pm. The next planning meeting would be held via Skype on 17 June at 6.00pm

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