

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.15 pm on Thursday February 16th at Cashes Green School.

Present

Councillors:

Matt Reed

Debbi Smith

Robert Davies

James Holder

Cheryl Byford

Clerk - B Parsons

Cllr Reed chaired the meeting.

1/2/17 **Apologies:** Cllrs Shaun Egan, Chris Smith, Mike Woods and Marina Fontenla

2/2/17 **Public Forum:** There were four parishioners present and another member of the public.

Mr Badham presented some figures he had compiled showing the numbers of people using the Village Hall and field on a number of dates and the corresponding numbers of cars parked on the tarmac and on the grass. He noted the effect of recent requests by VH user groups for users to reduce the number of cars parking by sharing cars etc. He made a number of suggestions for managing parking.

Mr Tyler spoke about the recently formed Chapel Fields Residents' Association.

Mr Stewart commented on the recently repaired tarmac area in Chapel Fields. Cllr Reed explained that he wanted the Council to discuss whether repairs to the grass area used for parking could be reinforced with geotech material to prevent it degrading.

3/2/17 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.

4/2/17 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on January 19th were approved and signed.

5/2/17 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk's report.

6/2/17 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk's Report.

7/2/17 **Questions from Councillors:** Cllr Holder reported that large delivery vans were following their sat-navs up Ocker Hill and having difficulty turning round and asked whether a 'no through road sign' could be installed.

Action: The Clerk to contact GCC Highways.

Cllr Debbi Smith asked about the relevance of the Parish Design Statement to planning applications and the timing of the newly installed LED street lights.

Actions: The Clerk to add discussion of the effectiveness of the Design Statement to the next agenda and to contact GCC about the street light timing.

8/2/17 **District and County Cllrs reports:** No Cllrs present. Cllr Edmunds had sent his apologies.

9/2/17 **Planning, Traffic and Transport:**

a) **Planning applications:**

S.17/0124/FUL - Land at 1 Coxgate - erection of dwelling - object: Traffic and parking - another dwelling in an already congested area would add to traffic and generate visitor parking which would put further strain on the adjacent parking spaces

Density of buildings - the new dwelling would result in over development and alter the character and appearance of the area. Supplementary Planning Guidance (Randwick Village Design Statement) states - Gardens in Randwick Parish - The applicant or developer shall recognise the contribution which local gardens and generous plot sizes make to the local character of the Parish and minimise the loss of existing garden areas wherever possible. Overdevelopment by 'cramming' of sites shall be avoided.

The Parish Council would like the Planning Authority to consider the neighbouring householders concerns about the stability of the ground that the dwelling would be built on.

S.17/0121/TCA - The Old School House - willow - reduce crown and lateral spread - fell holly - no comment

S.16/2897/FUL - revised plans - land at Newlands Church Road - erection of new dwelling and garage - comment: The application makes no reference to the Randwick Village Design Statement adopted by the Planning Randwick and Westrip Parish Council Minutes February 16th 2017

Authority as supplementary guidance The applicant did not follow the Pre Application Community Involvement Protocol.

Noted:

Consent: S.16/2826/TCA - The Old Chapel The Lane Beech Trees: T1 & T2 - prune. T3 - fell.

10/2/17 **Finance:**

a) **Bank reconciliation:** Cllrs considered the bank reconciliation for January.

b) **Mowing contract 2017:** Cllrs considered the contractor's quotation. The Clerk had recommended accepting the quotation since the current contractor was the only local firm and that comparable quotations in past years from other firms in the County and nationwide had been much higher, partly due to travel costs.

Resolved: to waive financial regulations relating to contracts to enable a price to be negotiated without competition.

Resolved: To accept the quotation for 2017.

c) **Funding for pitch improvements:** Cllrs considered an application to extend the agreement for match-funding with Randwick Cricket and Football Clubs.

Resolved: To commit up to £600 (exclusive of VAT) in the financial year 2017/18 to match funding for 50% of the costs of improvements to the sports pitches if the Clubs will contribute 50% of the costs. The Parish Council will engage contractors after the appropriate contribution is paid to the Council by the clubs.

11/2/17 **Environment:**

a) **Report from RVH&PFC:** Mr Watkins, Chairman of RVH&PFC, reported that action on the condition of the grass by the Hall was on hold due to the illness of a member of the contractor's family. The Committee would keep the Council informed.

Action: Cllr Egan to raise this matter and the question about landscaping at the next RVH&PFC meeting.

12/2/17 **Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next**

agenda: Cllr Reed asked for an item to be discussed in March: He asked the Council to consider whether repairs to the grass area used for parking should be reinforced with a geotech material.

Action: The Clerk to seek information about reinforcement with a material such as Bodpave.

13/2/17 Orders for payment:

NetRent Ltd	Replacement for lost cheque
B Parsons	February salary
M Lammas	February monthly contract payment
O2	Phone contract

14/2/17 Next meeting: Thursday March 16th at 7.15 pm at Randwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm.