

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7.15 pm on Thursday July 20th at Randwick Village Hall

Present

Councillors:

Shaun Egan

Robert Davies

Matt Reed

Mike Woods

Debbi Smith

Marina Fontenla (from 7.40)

Chris Smith

Cheryl Byford (from 8.25)

James Holder

Clerk - B Parsons

County Cllrs Oosthuysen and Rippington.

1/7/17 **Apologies:** District Cllr Edmunds

2/7/17 **Public Forum:** There were eleven parishioners present and the County Cllrs.

Mr Humphreyson stated that the spoil from the ground works for the repairs to the parking area, which the contractor intended to spread on Pontin's Patch, had to be analysed for contaminants and Environment Agency approval obtained. Cllrs agreed to check this.

Parishioners asked about a proposal that had gone before RVH&PFC to construct a full size football pitch on Pontin's Patch and raised concerns about the amount of soil that would need importing and the gradient around the edges of a pitch if it were to be built in to the slope and made level.

A parishioner questioned RVH&PFC's right to rent out any part of the Village Green.

Mr Stewart noted that wedding and other celebrations had been held on the field in the past but thought that the situation was getting out of hand.

Cllr Egan believed that a compromise was required that worked for everybody. A VH subcommittee had been tasked with drafting a policy for letting.

Cllr Fontenla joined the meeting at 7.40.

3/7/17 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.

4/7/17 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on June 15th were approved and signed.

5/7/17 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk's report.

Action: The Clerk to ask for a contribution of £215 from organisations that use the playing field towards the cost of mowing.

6/7/17 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk's Report.

Actions: The Clerk to respond to surveys from GCC Highways and GAPTC. The Clerk to investigate whether a by-law could be enacted in response to a request from RVH&PFC about forbidding golf practice on the playing field.

7/7/17 **Questions from Councillors:** None.

8/7/17 **District and County Cllrs reports:** Cllr Edmunds had sent a written report.

County Cllr Keith Rippington reported on the first full GCC meeting following the elections. GCC had decided to continue work on the incinerator at Javelin Park and responded to an OFSTED report on Children in Care. He asked parish councils to report local priorities for road maintenance for inclusion in the 2018/19 programme.

Cllr Oosthuysen commented on the impact of cuts on areas such as children's services.

9/7/17 **Planning, Traffic and Transport:**

a) **Applications received to date:**

S.17/2191/HHOLD - Parklands Randwick - retrospective application for decking - The date for responding to this application had passed. Cllrs discussed the application. They decided that in principle all retrospective applications should be considered.

S.17/1556/FUL 1 Humphreys End, Ruscombe Road, Randwick, Stroud. Full Planning Permission - Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of new single storey extension and associated work - no comment

Noted:

Consent - S.17/1186/TCA Fell two copper beeches - replace with two copper beeches approx 2.5m tall - Randwick Playing Field

S.17/1415/DISCON - Newlands -Discharge of conditions 3 (materials), 5 (landscaping/sections) and 7 (access improvements) from permission S.16/2897/FUL.

b) **Playing field update:** After considering the contractor's offer to build up the area known as Pontin's Patch by using imported soil RVH&PFC had wanted the area made flatter and more usable. In principle, the PC would support the extension of the area. However there would need to be a properly drawn up scope document, and then some clear plans. The Council would then seek the contractor's view as to the way to achieve the plan and finally consult with the community.

The Council would consider another full sized pitch to be a step too far. There were doubts about the quantity of material that would have to be brought in to make a large pitch.

Spreading the excavated material from the repairs to the field would save money and extend Pontin's Patch.

Action: The Clerk to write to RVH&PFC and inform the contractor.

c) **Parking on the field during ground works:**

The Council had been asked about parking during the repair work: there would not be any access for cars on to the field until the repairs were completed and the grass had recovered.

d) **VAS:** The vehicle activated speed sign had been used in a number of locations and some patterns in data about numbers of vehicles going through the parish and speeds were emerging. Cllr Reed would report at the next meeting.

10/7/17 **Finance and Personnel:**

Bank reconciliation and quarterly review: Cllrs considered the bank reconciliation for June and the quarterly review. The Council was still waiting for the Police and Crime Commissioner's contribution towards the VAS.

11/7/17 **Phone kiosks:** The Council agreed to the plans for the kiosks to be used as book exchanges.

Action: The Clerk to send each of the two groups an agreement for use.

12/7/17 **Youth Councils:** Cllr Fontenla had had discussions with SDC's senior youth worker and suggested that when the Council wanted to consult on matters involving young people it could invite one of the local, established youth forums to comment. There was an existing Youth Forum in Cainscross. Success required involvement of the youth workers and early involvement in planning.

Cllr Byford joined the meeting at 8.25

13/7/17 **Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:**

As minuted; also to discuss some suggestions from a 'get together' for parishioners.

14/7/17 **Orders for payment:**

S Merret Services aerating football pitch

Westcotec brackets for VAS

Zurich Insurance extra premium for insuring phone boxes

M Lammas July monthly contract payment

O2 mobile phone monthly payment

15/7/17 **Next meeting:** Thursday August 17th at Cashes Green School

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.