

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7.15 pm on Thursday August 17th at Cashes Green School.

Present

Councillors:

Shaun Egan

Mike Woods

Debbi Smith

Marina Fontenla

Chris Smith

Cheryl Byford

Robert Davies

Clerk - B Parsons

1/8/17 **Apologies:** Cllrs Holder and Reed, District Cllr Edmunds, County Cllrs Oosthuysen and Ripington.

2/8/17 **Public Forum:** There were three parishioners present. Mr Michael Cratchley asked whether the Council would permit a group of parishioners to decorate the inside of the bus shelter at the end of The Lane and fix notice boards inside. The Council agreed in principle providing there was no objection from the bus operator and the parishioners would sign a brief agreement and asked Mr Cratchley to submit a plan.

Action: The Clerk to ask the bus operator's view.

Action: The Clerk to draw up an agreement.

3/8/17 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None. Cllrs were reminded that if their or their partners' interests had changed they needed to update their declarations.

4/8/17 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on July 20th were approved and signed.

5/8/17 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk's report.

6/8/17 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk's Report.

7/8/17 **Questions from Councillors:** Cllr Debbi Smith asked about training for using the defibrillator at the Village Hall, links from and to the Council's website and hedges.

Action: The Clerk to write to RVH&PFC with information about a paramedic who had offered training in using defibrillators, suggesting that a training session should be held and that representatives from all VH user groups should be invited.

Action: The Clerk to report that the hedges along Ash Lane need cutting back.

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

9/8/17 **Planning, Traffic and Transport:**

a) **Applications received to date:**

S.17/1613/HHOLD - the Old School House - The Lane - addition of natural stone cladding to extension: alterations to fenestration, removal of chimney, change to fascia board and guttering - support.

S.17/1675/HHOLD - Akenlea Randwick - Attic conversion with dormer - no comment.

S.17/1651/HHOLD - Denvio - Lightwood Lane - Attached garden room - no comment.

Noted:

Permission - S.17/1185/HHOLD erection of white PVCu conservatory - 3 Acre Place Parkend Paganhill.

Permission -S.17/2191/HHOLD - Parklands Randwick - retrospective application for decking.

No objections - S.17/1674/GDPE - GDP Domestic extensions - 10 Elm Rd - Erection of rear extension - projection 3.5m.

b) **SDC Heritage Strategy:** Cllrs considered the SDC proposed Heritage Strategy and decided not to make a submission.

c) **Road maintenance:** Cllr Rippington had asked the Council to notify him of its priorities for maintenance in the Parish. Cllrs discussed the worst areas. Priorities were Red House Lane and Blenheim Pitch.

Action: The Clerk to inform Cllr Rippington.

d) **Playing field update:** Work to repair the parking area had started. The area excavated for treatment with the geotech surface was when measured out by the contractor slightly larger than the Council had specified, by about two metres. Cllrs discussed whether the extra area should be backfilled with soil or laid with the geotech surface.

Proposed: To accept the extra area of geotech.

Recorded vote: In favour - Cllrs Byford, Davies, Smith, Smith, Woods.

Against: Cllr Fontenla.

Resolved: To accept the extra area of geotech.

e) **Proposed new constitution for RVH&PFC:**

RVH&PFC was drafting a new constitution which would include rules about lettings and specifying responsibilities undertaken by the Committee and by the Council. The Council decided that it would not comment until it had seen a draft.

d) **VAS:** Deferred until the September meeting.

10/8/17 **Finance and Personnel:**

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

b) **Open Spaces Society:** Cllrs considered the benefits of membership of the Open Spaces Society which offers professional guidance and support in managing open spaces, paths and village greens.

Resolved: To join the Society.

11/8/17 **Suggestions from parishioners:** At a community get-together parishioners had recorded some suggestions for things they would like to see in the Parish.

Cllrs discussed a number of these: some were matters that the Council was not responsible for and some needed groups of volunteers to plan and carry out. The Council had no objection in principle to any of the suggestions: -

Community café/shop: It was not something the Council wanted to take on but would like to be kept informed if a group were formed to pursue this.

Tennis court: Cllrs discussed whether there was a suitable site. The Council had no information about the cost of groundworks to provide a level site for a surfaced court on the playing field but would ask GCC whether using part of the flatter area leased from GCC would be acceptable in principle.

Traffic mirror: A parishioner had suggested that a mirror be placed by Pool Cottage. The Council was aware that GCC would no longer install these. In the past the Council had argued unsuccessfully for the replacement of a mirror by More Hall.

20 mph sign by the War Memorial: GCC Highways has strict criteria for siting traffic signs of all types including 20 mph repeater signs. Highways had recently surveyed the Parish and agreed sites for installing the portable VAS but had not suggested a site at that point.

Awning on the Village Hall: This was a matter for the VH Committee.

Action: The Council to write to the parishioner who had co-ordinated the suggestions.

Cllrs had previously agreed to consider plans to decorate the inside of the bus shelter.

12/8/17 **Environment:**

a) **Byelaw:** Cllrs discussed a request from RVH&PFC for a regulation banning the playing of golf on the playing field and the procedure for making a bye law. Mr Badham, who was attending the meeting as a member of the public, recalled a byelaw about golf being made in the 1990s.

Action: The Clerk to check whether a byelaw had been made and if it hadn't to start proceedings.

b) **S.106 funding for recreational infrastructure:** Cllrs confirmed that the S.106 developer contributions of £10,242 due from building at The Old Dairy and Blenheim Pitch would be spent on play equipment at Randwick Playing Field.

Action: The Clerk to send the Council's recommendations to RVH&PFC.

Action: Cllr Davies to investigate match-funding offer from a play equipment manufacturer.

13/8/17 **Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:** As minuted.

14/8/17 **Orders for payment:**

Weilburger Coatings paint for telephone kiosks

B Parsons salary to August less PAYE due in 2nd quarter

M Lammas	August monthly contract payment
T W Hawkins	mowing
O2	mobile phone contract
Open Spaces Society	subscription

15/8/17 **Next meeting:** Thursday September 21st at Randwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.