

## Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7.15 pm on Thursday  
October 19th at Cashes Green School.

### Present

#### **Councillors:**

Shaun Egan

Matt Reed

Debbi Smith

Cheryl Byford

Chris Smith

Mike Woods

Robert Davies

Clerk - B Parsons

County Cllr Rippington

1/10/17 **Apologies:** Cllrs Fontenla and Holder, District Cllr Edmunds,  
County Cllr Oosthuysen.

2/10/17 **Public Forum:** There was one parishioner present at the  
beginning of the meeting and County Cllr Rippington. A second parishioner  
joined the meeting at 8.15.

Mr Wadley asked the Council to ask GCC/AMEY to return to finish  
cleaning the gully from the War Memorial along the Stocks.

He also asked the Council to contact GCC about the disintegrating wall  
above his property which supports The Stocks. He was also concerned  
that large vehicles are entering The Stocks despite the notice on the  
uphill side and wondered whether it could be duplicated or repositioned so  
that it was visible from both directions.

Cllr Rippington agreed to raise these matters with GCC.

3/10/17 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.

4/10/17 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on September 21st  
were approved and signed.

5/10/17 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the  
contents of the Clerk's report.

Cllrs decided to revise and amend the application form for grants, for use  
in 2018.

6/10/17 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the  
Clerk's Report. Cllrs decided that the Council should subscribe to the

community messaging facility offered by Gloucestershire Constabulary and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**7/10/17 Questions from Councillors:**

Cllr Byford asked whether signs should be painted on the parking spaces intended for users of the Village Hall. Cllrs considered that there would be difficulties in policing their use. The suggestion that cones should be placed on some spaces for a wedding booked at the VH in October was a temporary measure until the overspill parking area was ready for use.

Cllr Reed asked whether the grass sown in the geotech grid was growing satisfactorily.

**Action:** The Clerk to ask the contractor whether he would be cutting the grass imminently and reseeding some areas.

Cllr Reed reported that he had been asked by a fibre-optic cable company to grant a way leave across his property and asked whether Cllrs knew of any plans to install fibre-optic cables in the Parish. The Council had not been informed of any plans.

**8/10/17 District and County Cllrs reports:** Cllr Rippington reported on GCC matters: -

The County Council's main focus at the current time was budget preparation for next year.

He had responded to the Parish Council's list of priorities for road maintenance and arranged for work to be carried out to resurface Red House Lane. The overall estimated cost was £25,100: Cllr Rippington would allocate £13,700 from his devolved funding and GCC Highways would provide the balance of £11,400.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Rippington for his regular attendance and commitment to the Parish.

**9/10/17 Planning, Traffic and Transport:**

a) S.17/2155/TCA Brinsmoor, The Stocks, Randwick - 1) 2 Lawson Cypress fell to near ground level. (2) Whitebeam. Remove the low limb over the lane. (3) Blue Lawson Cypress, reduce its height by approximately 3.5m. (4) Sycamores remove the lowest 3 branches over the fence line - Cllrs would approve of any decision made by the SDC Arboriculturalist, particularly if the trees were unsound.

S.17/2056/HHOLD - 2 The Hill - Single storey extension, enlargement of dormer window and new dormer, new decking - no comment.

**Noted:**

Permission - 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

Withdrawn - S.17/1675/HHOLD - Akenlea Randwick - Attic conversion with dormer

b) **SDC Local Plan Review:** Cllrs considered the 'Issues and Options' paper.

**Action:** The Clerk to respond to the consultation approving the settlement boundaries and the designation of Randwick and Westrip as a 'category 4' settlement with 'limited scope for development to meet specific needs.'

c) **VAS report:** Cllr Reed gave an updated report using statistics provided by the sign's software.

Speeds recorded showed that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds recorded continued to be just over 24mph at five sites but over 29mph by Cashes Green School. The maximum speed recorded along the road passing the School was 60 mph.

**Actions:** Cllr Reed to write an article for the local newspapers.

The Clerk to inform the Head of Cashes Green School and ask the police if they will conduct speed checks in the hope of catching people speeding.

d) **Registration of a Community Asset:** Cllrs discussed a parishioner's suggestion that The Vine Tree be registered as a community asset and the limited protection registration would offer in securing the future of the building as a pub: -

"Once a community asset has been successfully nominated as an asset of community value, the next stage of the Right to Bid process is triggered when and if the owner wishes to dispose of the freehold, or leasehold of at least 25 years.

The owner who wants to sell an asset of community value which appears on the local authority's list must notify the local authority of their intention to do so. The land is registered as a Local Land Charge. Community interest groups will then have six weeks to lodge a non-binding

expression of interest, in which case a window of opportunity of six months, will come into effect to delay the sale.

The full moratorium period exists to afford community interest groups sufficient time to prepare and raise money to bid for the property, potentially in competition with other interested parties.

During the moratorium period, the owner may market and pursue discussions about the sale with whomever they choose, but may not exchange contracts other than with a community interest group.

However, it is important to understand that there is **no right of first refusal** for a community interest group. At the end of the moratorium period the owner will be free to sell to whomever they wish, at the price they wish to accept. If a bid is not made by a community interest group, the owner will not be subject to a further moratorium for a protected period of 18 months."

**Resolved:** To register The Vine Tree as a community asset.

**Action:** The Clerk to inform the tenant of The Vine Tree and complete the registration.

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

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

b) **Quarterly review:** Cllrs considered the income and expenditure to September, which was as planned.

c) **Emptying dog waste bins:** Cllrs considered the request from SDC for the Parish Council to contribute towards the cost of emptying the four dog waste bins owned by the Parish Council, £191 per year. The Council decided that it would not contribute.

**Action:** The Clerk to reply to SDC.

#### 11/10/17 **Environment:**

a) **Draft constitution for RVH&PFC:** This had not been received. Cllr Egan reported on the discussions at the last RVH&PFC meeting

b) **Play area:** The Council considered suggestions for renovating and improving the play area on the playing field. A working party had considered the views of children at Randwick and Cashes Green Schools and at Randwick Playgroup and had sent RVH&PFC a list of equipment that could be provided from S.106 developer contributions. The VH Committee

hadn't acted to date and a working party was asked to meet contractors on site to consider possible plans.

c) **Trees at Finn's Way:** The SDC arboriculturalist had agreed to meet the Clerk on site and advise about removing some of the trees and cutting some back.

**Action:** The Clerk to get costs for any work recommended.

**12/10/17 Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:** As minuted, also to get quotations for cutting back the hedge at the southern boundary of the field which was encroaching on the grass.

**13/10/17 Orders for payment:**

B Parsons	expenses - stamps 7 office supplies
B Parsons	October salary less PAYE due in 3rd quarter
M Lammas	October monthly contract payment
O2	mobile phone 12 Oct - 11 Nov

**14/10/17 Next meeting:** Thursday November 16th at Randwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.