

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7.15 pm on Thursday November 16th at Randwick Village Hall.

Present

Councillors:

Shaun Egan

Matt Reed

Debbi Smith

James Holder

Robert Davies

Clerk - B Parsons

1/11/17 **Apologies:** Cllrs Byford, Fontenla and Chris Smith, District Cllr Edmunds, County Cllr Oosthuysen.

2/11/17 **Public Forum:** There were two parishioners present. Mr Stewart reported that a car parked in the car park at the Village Hall had not moved for some weeks.

Action: The Clerk was asked start the SDC process for reporting vehicles that might have been abandoned.

3/11/17 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.

4/11/17 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on October 19th were approved and signed.

5/11/17 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk's report.

6/11/17 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk's Report.

7/11/17 Questions from Councillors:

Cllr Davies reported that parents driving children to and from Randwick School were parking irresponsibly in the village.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the Head Teacher asking him to write to parents asking them to park responsibly, and in particular, to not stop on the area marked 'keep clear' at the bend in The Lane by the Old Chapel.

Action: The Clerk to ask GCC Highways to have the zig zag lines and 'keep clear' repainted.

Cllr Reed asked the Council to consider when the repaired area of grass on the playing field should be used again for parking. The Council intended to leave the grass to establish for as long as possible and would consider use of the area for overspill parking for the pantomime after Christmas.

District and County Cllrs reports: No District or County Cllrs were present. Cllr Edmunds had sent a written report.

8/11/17 Planning, Traffic and Transport:

a) No applications notified to the Parish Council since the last meeting.

b) **VAS report:** Cllr Reed gave an updated report: the sign had been used at some more sites.

The police had not responded to the Council's emails asking the police if they would conduct speed checks in the hope of catching people speeding.

Actions: The Clerk to ask the Stroud News and Journal whether it would publish an article about the speeding problems in the Parish.

c) **Work to hedges and trees:** The Council was waiting for more quotations for work to the hedges at Randwick playing field and to trees at Finn's Way.

9/11/17 Finance and Personnel:

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

b) **Annual grants:**

Annual grants: Cllrs discussed the applications and agreed amounts for grants to applicants.

Resolved: that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants, and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure: -

- 1st Randwick Brownies £300 for subscription to Girl Guiding
- Randwick Toddlers (Sticky Fingers) £250 for floor covering and cushions
- Great Western Air Ambulance Charity £150

Resolved: that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 214 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure: -

- Randwick Church Council £500 towards the rebuilding of the garden of remembrance.

Resolved: To keep the remaining allocation in reserve in case of need before the end of the financial year.

Action: The Clerk to write to unsuccessful applicants.

c) **Works to hedges and trees:** To be discussed in December after receiving further quotations.

d) **Waiving financial regulation 11.1.b:** Consideration of this action was not necessary.

10/11/17 **Environment:**

a) **Draft constitution for RVH&PFC:** This had not been received.

b) **Play area at Randwick Playing Field:** Cllr Davies was to have further meetings with contractors to consider possible plans for renovating and improving the play area.

c) **Trees at Finn's Way:** A tree surgeon had visited the site and advised the Council about removing some of the trees and cutting some back. To be discussed in December after receiving further quotations.

11/11/17 **Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:** As minuted.

12/11/17 **Orders for payment:**

Resolved: To make a donation to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath: cost of production plus donation
B Parsons	November salary less PAYE due in 3rd quarter
M Lammas	November monthly contract payment
O2	Mobile phone contract 12 Nov - 11 Dec
SGMS Hawkins	Mowing to 6/11/17

13/11/17 **Next meeting:** Thursday December 21st at Cashes Green School.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.