

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7.15 pm on Thursday December 21st at Cashes Green School.

Present

Councillors:

Shaun Egan

James Holder

Debbi Smith

Cheryl Byford

Robert Davies

Mike Woods (from 7.25)

Matt Reed

Clerk - B Parsons

County Cllr Keith Rippington

1/12/17 **Apologies:** Cllrs Fontenla and Chris Smith, District Cllr Edmunds, County Cllr Oosthuysen.

2/12/17 **Public Forum:** There were two parishioners present and Cllr Rippington.

Mr and Mrs Davies spoke about their plans for a new house at Somerdale, Townsend, giving details about landscaping and materials. They showed artist's impressions of the way in which the building was designed to fit into the site and answered cllrs questions about the proposal.

3/12/17 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.

4/12/17 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on November 16th were approved and signed.

5/12/17 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk's report and discussed information available about new legislation, the General Data Protection Regulations.

6/12/17 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk's Report.

Action: The Clerk to nominate a former Chairman of the Council for an invitation to a Buckingham Palace garden party.

7/12/17 **Questions from Councillors:**

Cllr Reed asked about goals for informal football games on Randwick Playing Field: a local resident had generously offered to provide a new set.

Cllr Woods asked again about the position of the double-yellow lines by Cashes Green School. When cars were parked outside the School drivers coming downhill on the wrong side of the road were a hazard to any cars pulling out of Westrip Lane. The Council had written previously to GCC Highways about this and GCC's view was that the lines were correctly sited and that the parked cars acted as a traffic calming measure.

Cllr Davies reported that a handrail opposite the entrance to the Village Hall was damaged and loose.

Action: The Clerk to contact GCC to ascertain which authority was responsible for its installation and maintenance.

Cllr Byford asked for an update on plans to establish book exchanges in the redundant BT phone kiosks: the group working on the kiosk in The Lane had repainted it and were planning to fit shelves.

Cllr Debbi Smith asked about the condition of the grass sown on the repaired parking area on Randwick Playing Field: the Council had been advised that the grass should be left to establish for as long as possible during the winter.

8/12/17 District and County Cllrs reports: Cllr Rippington reported that a retaining wall at Orange Row that was collapsing had become the responsibility of GCC under a 'twenty year rule' and would be listed for repair.

The GCC provisional budget would be set in January and decided at the February meeting. A working group was to report on any impact on air quality from the Javelin Park incinerator. An extensive section of the A46 between Pitchcombe and Edge had been scheduled for resurfacing in 2018.

9/12/17 Planning, Traffic and Transport:

a) S.17/2712/REM - Somerdale Townsend - Approval of the details reserved from S.16/0377/OUT of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of a new dwelling - Land At Somerdale Townsend - support.

b) **VAS report:** Cllr Reed gave an updated report: excessive speeds were being recorded on Blenheim Pitch.

Cllr Reed and the Clerk had met PCSOs outside Cashes Green School to discuss concerns about speeding in the 20 mph zone and careless parking

in the Parish. No action had followed to date but the Police had reported that they needed to find time in a busy operational schedule to review the situation and decide on progress.

c) **Registration of Community Asset:** The Planning Authority's Neighbourhood Planning Officer had informed the Council that the owner of The Vine Tree had objected to its registration and asked whether the Council would discuss the application with the owner. The Council agreed that the LPA should continue with the application in January.

10/12/17 **Finance and Personnel:**

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

b) **Quarterly review:** Cllrs considered the quarterly review.

c) **Works to hedges and trees:**

Resolved: To accept a quotation for work to hedges and trees at Finn's Way.

To request another quotation for cutting back a hedge at Randwick Playing Field.

d) **Draft budget for 2018/19:** Councillors had received a draft budget for consideration before setting the budget and precept. Discussion was deferred until the January meeting.

11/12/17 **Environment:**

a) **Report from RVH&PFC:** Cllr Egan summarised the business and decisions taken at the last committee meeting.

b) **Draft constitution for RVH&PFC:** The Committee had decided that it would not adopt a new constitution.

b) **Play area at Randwick Playing Field:** Cllr Davies was waiting for another quotation.

c) **Access to Randwick Playing Field:** Cllrs discussed the condition of the grass sown on the repaired parking area and agreed to consider when the area could be opened for overspill parking at the January meeting.

Action: The Clerk to reply to an email from the football club asking about access to the playing field by the emergency services: Cllrs considered

that the football club could marshal parking by spectators to ensure that access was kept open for emergencies.

12/12/17 Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda: As minuted.

13/12/17 Orders for payment:

Zurich Municipal	Insurance
SLCC	Subscription
GAPTC	Data Protection regulations training (GDPR)
GCC	Room hire Cashes Green School
B Parsons	November salary
HMRC	PAYE due in the third quarter
M Lammas	December monthly contract payment
The Information Commissioner	Registration
O2	Mobile phone tariff

14/12/17 Next meeting: Thursday January 18th at Randwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.