

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7.15 pm on Thursday
January 18th at Cashes Green School.

Present

Councillors:

Shaun Egan

James Holder

Debbi Smith

Cheryl Byford

Robert Davies

Marina Fontenla

Matt Reed

Clerk - B Parsons

District Cllr Jonathan Edmunds

County Cllr Brian Oosthuysen

1/1/18 **Apologies:** County Cllr Keith Rippington

2/1/18 **Public Forum:** There were three parishioners present and Cllrs Edmunds and Oosthuysen.

Mrs Badham spoke about the deteriorating road surface at Blenheim Pitch where building contractors had been working for a number of years.

Actions: The Clerk to ask SDC whether restoration of road surfaces is a planning condition.

The Clerk to ask GCC whether costs of resurfacing are recovered from developers.

Mrs Badham noted that the Council minuted details of successful grant applications and asked why it did not minute details of unsuccessful applications. Cllrs considered that giving details about unsuccessful applications might lead to disclosure of privileged information about applicants' finances.

Action: The Clerk was asked to look at other councils' practice.

Mr Badham explained that he had been unable to find a company, which would use a camera to investigate water flow through the pipe that feeds the Mayor's Pool. He also asked when a hedge near The Change would be cut.

Action: The Clerk to ask the landowner again.

Mr Badham reported that he had seen empty tarmac parking spaces during football matches and assumed that players and spectators were

parking elsewhere and was concerned that when the overspill area was in use it would encourage cars back to park at the playing field. The Chairman explained that the Football Club was co-operating by asking players to park at The Vine Tree for senior matches in the afternoons and marshalling parking for the juniors on Saturday mornings. Councillors also reported that many cars were parking on verges and in lay-bys in other parts of the village. The Chairman anticipated that when the overspill area was back in use the Football Club would continue to organise parking.

3/1/18 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.

4/1/18 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on December 21st were approved and signed.

5/1/18 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk's report.

6/1/18 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk's Report. A proposal to plant a wild flower meadow was to be considered at the February meeting.

7/1/18 **Questions from Councillors:**

Cllr Byford asked, on behalf of a parishioner, about GCC policy for supplying salt.

Action: The Clerk to send cllrs copies of GCC's arrangements.

8/1/18 **District and County Cllrs reports:** Cllr Oosthuysen reported that funds devolved to County Cllrs for the coming year were £10,000 for roads, including the lengthsman scheme, and £30,000 over 3 years for community use.

Cllr Edmunds commented on his written report, which had been sent before the meeting and answered questions about suggested plans for Stroud Subscription Rooms.

9/1/18 **Casual vacancy:** The notice of a casual vacancy had been published and the Returning Officer informed: if there was no call for an election by January 26th the vacancy would be filled by the Council co-opting a member. Cllrs discussed an advertisement that would be used if the Council needed to co-opt.

Resolved: If the Returning Officer notifies the Clerk that there will be no election the Clerk to advertise for volunteers to be considered for co-option and arrange for leaflets to be printed for distribution to parishioners.

10/1/18 Planning, Traffic and Transport:

a) S.18/009/FUL Far Westrip Farm - extension to stock and straw barn - no comment.

b) **VAS report:** Cllr Reed gave a brief update. The sign had been deployed again with similar speeds being recorded at those sites. PCSOs had had to defer a planned meeting outside Cashes Green School to discuss the action they would take.

Action: The Clerk to ask Whiteshill and Ruscombe Council for information about the sign in Whiteshill.

11/1/18 Finance and Personnel:

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

b) **Works to hedges:**

Resolved: To accept a quotation for cutting back a hedge at Randwick Playing Field.

c) **Budget for 2018/19:** Cllrs discussed a draft budget and agreed the planned expenditure.

Resolved: To set the budget for 2018/19 at £17844.

d) **Precept for 2018/19:** Cllrs considered the agreed budget, the past year's expenditure, the tax base for 2018/19 and the level of reserves, and agreed to increase the Council Tax band D by 1% from £33.61 to £33.95.

Resolved: To set the precept for 2018/19 at £19087

12/1/18 Environment:

a) **Report from RVH&PFC:** Cllr Egan summarised the discussions and decisions taken at the last committee meeting. The management and maintenance of the overspill parking area were discussed, including a plan for user groups.

b) **Parking area at Randwick Playing Field:** Cllrs discussed the condition of the repaired area of grass and when the area could be opened for parking.

Resolved: Cllr Reed to agree a management and maintenance plan with RVH&PFC, to be finalised by March 7th. The area was to be opened after that date.

Action: The Clerk to ask the contractor to complete the works, including repainting the lines marking out parking spaces on the tarmac.

c) **Play area at Randwick Playing Field:** Cllr Davies hoped to have possible plans and prices in time for the February council meeting.

13/1/18 **Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:** As minuted.

14/1/18 **Orders for payment:**

B Parsons January salary

M Lammas January monthly contract payment

The Information Commissioner Registration

O2 Mobile phone tariff

15/1/18 **Next meeting:** Thursday February 15th at Cashes Green School.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.