

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7.15 pm on Thursday February 15th at Cashes Green School.

Present

Councillors:

Matt Reed

Cheryl Byford

Debbi Smith

Marina Fontenla

Robert Davies

Clerk - B Parsons

District Cllr Jonathan Edmunds

Vice- Chairman Cllr Matt Reed chaired the meeting.

1/2/18 **Apologies:** Cllr Egan, Cllr Holder and County Cllr Keith Rippington.

2/2/18 **Public Forum:** There were eight parishioners present and Cllr Edmunds.

Mr Humphryson offered to supply shrubs to finish off the parking area if the contractor was unable to and suggested that the Council put an article in The Randwick Runner asking parishioners not to park in the Village Hall parking area on a long-term basis.

Mr Stewart reported that there were two cars parked in the Village Hall parking area that had not moved for two weeks.

Action: The Clerk to follow the procedure for reporting apparently abandoned cars to SDC and the DVLA.

3/2/18 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.

4/2/18 **Co-option:** Three parishioners had applied to be considered for co-option to the Council, Marianne Demmer, Alexander Egan and David Tyler. Each candidate spoke briefly about their interest in joining the Council and what they could contribute to it.

5/2/18 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on January 18th were approved and signed.

6/2/18 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk's report.

7/2/18 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk's Report.

8/2/18 **Questions from Councillors:** Cllr Byford asked if the telephone kiosk in The Lane was available yet as a book exchange. The Clerk reported that shelves had been fitted and painted and that the Council had bought and installed a new fluorescent light tube.

9/2/18 **District and County Cllrs reports:** Cllr Edmunds commented on his written report, which had been sent to Cllrs before the meeting.

10/2/18 **Co-option to fill the casual vacancy:** Cllrs voted by a show of hands and co-opted Alexander Egan.

11/2/18 **Planning, Traffic and Transport:**

a) S.18/0138/HHOLD - 5 Far Westrip - bedroom extension to rear - no comment.

S.18/0159/HHOLD Cosmos - Church Rd - Full conversion of garage to create a studio - no comment.

S.18/0174/TCA - Highclere- Fell 1 tree of heaven - no comment.

Noted

Approval; Somerdale - Approval of the details reserved from S.16/0377/OUT of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of a new dwelling.

b) **VAS report:** Cllr Reed gave a brief update. The sign had recently been deployed at The Rylands. Cllr Byford reported that a parishioner had asked her to thank the Council for siting it there.

Action: The Clerk to contact the PCSOs and GCC/AMEY about outstanding matters (no response to date from the police since a cancelled meeting and no response from GCC about posts for siting the VAS elsewhere in the Parish).

c) **GCC Councillor Led Grant Scheme:** County councilors had devolved funds for work on highways and for 'Growing Our Communities'. Discussion of suitable community initiatives deferred until the March meeting.

Action: The Clerk to contact Cllr Rippington to check he received the

Parish Council's priority list for road maintenance.

d) **Stroud District Local Plan Review:** As Cllr Egan was absent this item was deferred until the March meeting.

e) **Sale of Community Asset - The Vine Tree Inn:** Cllrs discussed the notice of the owner's intention to dispose of the property and whether the Council should trigger the moratorium period. The Council was not intending to bid itself but 'triggering' would give a community interest group time to bid for the asset. The moratorium period would end on July 23rd 2019.

Resolved: The clerk to write to The Neighbourhood Planning Officer at SDC requesting that the Council be treated as a potential bidder.

12/2/18 **Finance and Personnel:**

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

b) **Mowing contract:** Cllrs discussed a quotation from SGMS for 2018. Under Financial Regulation: 11.1 c Councillors decided to waive financial regulations relating to contracts to enable a price to be negotiated without competition.

Resolved: To accept the quotation for mowing Randwick Playing Field and Finn's Way and for cutting hedges at Finn's Way. A decision about an annual cut of the hedges at the playing field was deferred until later in the year.

13/2/18 **Environment:**

a) **Damaged handrail opposite the Village Hall:** Cllrs discussed a report from the Local Highway Manager recommending that the rail should be removed. Cllrs decided it was not repairable.

Action: The Clerk to ask GCC/AMEY to remove the handrail.

b) **Report from RVH&PFC:** As Cllr Egan was absent this item was deferred until the March meeting.

c) **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. A parishioner reported that the level of soil in the plastic grids had fallen slightly.

Action: Cllr Reed would check the manufacturer's specification and the strength of exposed edges of grids.

Cllrs were waiting to see RVH&PFC's plan for maintenance and use of the area.

d) **Play area at Randwick Playing Field:** Cllr Davies had been informed that the last of the possible plans and prices he had requested had been posted to the Council on the day of the meeting.

e) **Wild Flower Meadow:** Cllrs discussed Mr Humphryson's plans for planting a wild flower meadow in the lower south west corner of Randwick Playing Field. Mr Humphryson had volunteers ready to help create and maintain the area. Cllrs discussed the value of the suggestion and whether there were any drawbacks to consider.

The Council approved the plan.

14/2/18 **Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:** As minuted.

15/2/18 **Orders for payment:**

B Parsons	February salary
M Lammas	February monthly contract payment
O2	Mobile phone tariff
X2Connect Ltd	Fluorescent tubes for ex BT phone kiosks.

16/2/18 **Next meeting:** Thursday March 15th at Randwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.