

## **Randwick and Westrip Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7.15 pm on Thursday March 15th at Randwick Village Hall.

### **Present**

#### **Councillors:**

Shaun Egan

Robert Davies

James Holder

Alex Egan

Matt Reed

Marina Fontenla (from 7.25)

Debbi Smith

Clerk - B Parsons

District Cllr Jonathan Edmunds, County Cllr Brian Oosthuysen

1/3/18 **Apologies:** Cllrs Byford, and Woods, and County Cllr Keith Rippington.

2/3/18 **Public Forum:** There were approximately nine parishioners present and Cllrs Edmunds and Oosthuysen.

Mr Badham asked about trees intended to replace beeches that had been felled.

Cllr Egan explained that parishioners had volunteered to plant replacements and that the matter was in hand.

Mr Badham had written to the Council complaining about work the Council had carried out to hedges at Randwick playing field which involved cutting down some trees which Mr Badham had planted as a wildlife area in 2003. Cllr Egan explained that the Council had had no knowledge of this when it ordered the work and had subsequently not been able to find any minutes around 2003 referring to this. To date the Council had not had any communication from the SDC Arboriculturalist about the hedge.

(Cllr Fontenla joined the meeting.)

Cllr Egan agreed to consider an offer from Mr Badham to replant trees at the April meeting after the Council had heard from the Arboriculturalist.

Mr Stewart reported that there was a car parked in the Village Hall parking area that had not moved for two weeks and asked the Council to check whether it had been abandoned. The car was identified as one belonging to a parishioner.

**Action:** The Clerk to check whether the car was taxed and had a current MOT.

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

4/3/18 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on February 15th were approved and signed.

5/3/18 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk's report.

6/3/18 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk's Report.

7/3/18 **Questions from Councillors:** Cllr Davies reported that Randwick School's warning lights on Church Road weren't working properly.

**Action:** Cllr Davies and the Clerk to refer this to the Head Teacher.

Cllr Reed asked whether the Council was aware of calls for air-quality monitoring in the Parish prior to the commissioning of the GCC Javelin Park Incinerator. An environmental consultant had suggested to Cllr Reed that, due to other environmental factors, an isolated monitor in Randwick and Westrip would not give an accurate record showing any impact from the incinerator. Cllr Edmunds reported that there would be a monitor at Moreton Hill.

8/3/18 **District and County Cllrs reports:** Cllr Edmunds commented on his written report, which had been sent to Cllrs before the meeting. Cllr Oosthuysen commented that GCC had lost 40% of its budget in recent years due to central government austerity measures and consequently GCC did not have sufficient funding for protecting vulnerable older people. He reminded the council that county cllrs held devolved funds for local highways projects and community initiatives.

9/3/18 **Planning, Traffic and Transport:**

a) S.18/0352/MINAM Plots A And B, Land To The Rear Of The Old Bakehouse, Townsend, Randwick. Minor Amendment Amendments following permission S.15/2915/FUL (change to windows, roof coverings, repositioning of flues and internal amendments.) - support change of roof material from zinc to concrete tiles.

S.18/0586/FUL Torridge, Randwick, Stroud, Gloucestershire. Full

Planning Application Single storey extension - comment - the application had made no reference to the supplementary planning advice contained in the Village Design Statement nor used the Pre-application Community Involvement Protocol.

b) **VAS report:** Cllr Reed gave a brief update. The sign had recently been deployed in other locations. The maximum speed recorded was 75mph downhill at 1 pm on a day in January.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact the PCSOs and GCC/AMEY again 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) and to ask Cllr Rippington and the Police and Crime Commissioner for their assistance in getting these matters resolved.

Cllr Edmunds offered to ask Cllr Birt at Whiteshill and Ruscombe PC to contact RWPC with details of the ANPR VAS used there.

c) **GCC Councillor Led Grant Scheme:** 'Growing Our Communities'. Cllrs discussed potential community initiatives including a grant for the "rural cinema" held in Randwick VH, planting trees and a flower meadow and benches at Finn's Way.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact Cllr Rippington to ask whether he could authorise any of these.

d) **Stroud District Local Plan Review:** Cllr Egan reported on the Parish and Town Council Briefing he had attended at SDC in January. The main issue was finance: SDC was required to send central government £542,000 as part of an agreement about funding which included retaining business rates.

10/3/18 **Finance and Personnel:**

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

b) **Quarterly review:** Cllrs reviewed expenditure and income for the fourth quarter.

**c) Internal auditor:**

**Resolved:** To appoint Mr G Lavis.

**11/3/18 Environment:**

a) **Report from RVH&PFC:** Cllrs discussed the revised booking form and letting rules for Randwick Village Hall, which included a section on managing car parking by user groups.

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

Cllr Reed reported that the grid manufacturer's specification did not require the area of geotech grids to be filled completely with soil in order to maintain its strength.

**Resolved:** To buy top-dressing to fill grids where the level had dropped.

Cllrs agreed to have the fence taken down and to open the area for use by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact the contractor about finishing the works.

c) **Play area at Randwick Playing Field:** The working party (Cllrs Davies and Reed) had considered three quotations for refurbishing the play area. They recommended a design from Wicksteed which could be brought into the budget of approximately £15,000 by removing some of the items proposed. A revised plan would provide a climbing structure on the site of the sandpit. The fence would need extending by two metres to form a level area for the structure. The Council would have to have the sandpit filled before contractors began work.

There had been concerns about the safety of the roundabout but Wicksteed had not advised that any alterations were necessary.

**Action:** Cllr Davies to ask Wicksteed for a revised plan for the Council to consider in April.

**12/3/18 Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:** As minuted.

**13/3/18 Orders for payment:**

14/3/18 T Lusty cutting back hedge at bottom of playing fields

15/3/18 GAPTC subscription

16/3/18 B Parsons March salary less PAYE due in 4th quarter  
17/3/18 HMRC PAYE due in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter  
18/3/18 M Lammas March monthly contract payment  
19/3/18 GCC Cashes Green School - meeting room hire  
20/3/18 O2 mobile phone tariff

21/3/18 **Next meeting:** Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at Cashes Green School.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.