

## Randwick Annual Parish Meeting 2018

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 17th 2018 at Randwick Village Hall at 8 pm.

### Present

Approximately eight parishioners were present and nine parish councillors.

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### 2 Minutes

The minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting were read to the meeting, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

**3 Matters Arising:** In response to a parishioner's question Cllr Egan confirmed that the Council can reclaim VAT.

### 4 Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Shaun Egan gave a report on the activities of the Parish Council during the past year. The Council had controlled the budget, requiring only a small increase to the precept.

The overflow parking area at Randwick Playing Field had been finished.

Two red telephone boxes had been bought and were being used by community groups. The Clerk would be asked to contact the Far Westrip Residents Association for a report on progress on the box at Westrip.

The Council had bought a Vehicle Activated Speed sign which now in operation in the 20 mph zone. It had been used 23 times since June 2017 for 14 days at each of the sites approved by GCC Highways around the Parish. More poles were to be installed so that other areas could be covered. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds recorded were 24 mph. There were areas in the Parish where speeds were higher, such as near Cashes Green School, where the Council was working with Police Community Support Officers to reduce speeding. There were also some very high speeds being recorded. Cllr Reed showed a summary of speeds recorded at six of the sites.

The play area at Randwick Playing Field was to be improved whilst keeping existing equipment. The Council had surveyed children at the schools and playgroup in the Parish asking what equipment they would like to have in the play area. The budget was approximately £15000, funded primarily by S.106 developers' contributions collected by SDC. Work to update the play area

would take 2-3 weeks and was due to start around the time of the school summer holiday. The sandpit would be filled in and the south facing fence line moved. Cllr Egan showed illustrations of the new equipment that would include a multi-play unit, play panels and a spring rocker.

The Council had made grants to 1<sup>st</sup> Randwick Brownies, Randwick toddler Group, Randwick Church council and the Great Western Air Ambulance totalling £1200.

#### **5 Presentation of Annual Accounts**

The annual statement of accounts was available to parishioners at the meeting as well as being published on the Council's website.

#### **6 Matters raised by electors**

Mr Stanley thanked the PC for donating the money towards the repairs to the retaining wall of the garden of remembrance in the churchyard.

A parishioner asked about the quality of the new play equipment. The manufacturer, Wicksteed, gave a 25-year guarantee.

A parishioner spoke about communication between parishioners and the Council and suggested that minutes should be more detailed.

A parishioner spoke about the replacement of trees in the hedge at the southern boundary of Randwick Playing Field and asked to see quotations for supplying the trees. Quotations were not yet available. He suggested that Stroud Tree Workshop should be asked to quote for supplying and planting the trees.

The Council would consider forming a working party to plant the trees at the June meeting.

No further issues were raised by parishioners.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed: