

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

*Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7.15 pm on Thursday July 19th at
Randwick Village Hall*

Present

Councillors:

Shaun Egan

James Holder

Robert Davies

Marina Fontenla

Alex Egan

Matt Reed

Mike Woods

Debbi Smith

Clerk Mr B Parsons, County Cllr Rippington

1/7/18 **Apologies:** Cllr Byford, District Cllr Edmunds

2/7/18 **Public Forum:** *There were seven parishioners present and County Cllr Rippington.*

Mr Mort Watkins showed cllrs the Football Club's plan for storing their goalposts on brackets attached to the rear of the storage container. The plans had been approved by RVH&PC. Cllrs had no objections to this.

Mrs Sue Morgan spoke about an application for a minor planning amendment to permission for a house on land at Somerdale, Townsend, which was to be discussed later in the meeting.

Mr Roy Badham informed the Council about his correspondence with Wales & the West Utilities about materials left on the roads following work to gas mains.

Mrs Kay Badham asked about painting the bus shelter at the end of The Lane. The Council had previously agreed, in August 2017, to a parish group decorating the inside of the shelter and fixing notice-boards inside. The Council had asked the group to submit a plan and to sign a simple agreement. She also asked whether the Council would consider funding new trophies for the revived Randwick Horticultural Show and asked whether the Council had heard that SDC was discussing delegating powers to parish councils for fining dog owners who allowed their dogs to foul paths and open spaces. Cllr Egan replied that the Council would wait until it heard from SDC before discussing this.

3/7/18 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.

4/7/18 **Minutes:** *The minutes of the meeting held on June 21st were approved and signed.*

9/7/18 *The Chairman took item 9 next to allow County Cllr Rippington to leave the meeting in time to attend another parish council's meeting.*

District and County Cllrs reports: *Cllr Rippington regretted that he had been unable to attend recent meetings, having been seriously ill.*

He spoke about the OFSTED report into GCC Child Services and the subsequent changes to the management structure that GCC had made. The

Chief Fire Officer had resigned and an internal audit had been carried out. He urged cllrs to respond to the Gloucestershire Vision 2020 consultation before the deadline of July 31st.

He had contributed £4000 from his delegated budget towards resurfacing at Blenheim Pitch. The developer of the site at Blenheim Rise had contributed £1000.

He explained that the County Council was anticipating that applications for grants from the “Growing Our Communities Fund” would show that the community was putting funds into any project: GCC was looking to support projects rather than funding them fully.

District Cllr Edmunds had sent a written report giving information about the current SDC consultation on car parking charges, single use plastics and summaries of the reports from SDC’s Environment, Community Services and Licencing and Housing Committees.

5/7/18 Environment Plan: Cllrs Smith and Fontenla agreed to work on producing an environmental plan for the Council. Cllr Smith intended to ask parishioners for their views on what should be included in a plan, through the Randwick Runner, the Randwick Gateway website and the Council’s website.

6/7/18 Report from the Officer of the Council: Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk’s report.

7/7/18 Correspondence: Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk’s Report.

Action: The Clerk to contact “Community Speed watch” for assistance in enforcing the 20mph speed limit in the Parish.

8/7/18 Questions from Councillors: Cllr Davies queried a minute from April 2017 which recorded that that the Council would pay the insurance and maintenance costs for the Randwick Playing Field play area and consider any claims for grants for maintenance and improvements to the VH and field. Cllr Egan explained that this had been in the context of the Council stopping the former payment of £750 p.a for insurance and maintenance of the play area.

Cllr Smith reported that a parishioner had sprayed weedkiller carelessly and damaged plants in a garden. The Council had recently been informed by GCC that there were no regulations preventing parishioners from using weedkillers on public sale on footpaths.

10/7/18 Responsibilities for management of Randwick Playing Field: The Council appointed cllrs Shaun Egan, Rob Davies and James Holder to the working party to meet the Trustees of RVH&PFC to discuss responsibilities for managing Randwick Playing Field.

Action: The Clerk to write to RVH&PFC Trustees to arrange a meeting.

11/7/18 Maintenance of the overspill parking area: It was decided that this should be one of the items for discussion at the meeting with the VH Trustees.

12/7/18 Planning, Traffic and Transport:

S.18/1410/MINAM Minor amendments to approval S.17/2712/REM – land at Somerdale Townsend Randwick – comment – the Council supported the original application where the materials would blend into the landscape but considered that the proposed change in the colour of the bricks would have an impact on the surroundings which would be visually detrimental to that area of the parish. The Parish Council did not regard the change of materials to be a minor amendment and suggested that the whole application be reconsidered.

S.18/1503/HHOLD Morning Rise Westrip Proposed front extension, rear extension, raised decking and parking area – no comment.

13/7/18 Finance and Personnel

Bank reconciliation: Cllrs considered the bank reconciliation for June.

14/7/18 Environment:

a) Working party: Cllr Byford was absent and there was no report. Mr Badham told the Council that he had cleared nettles and brambles from the hedge where trees were to be planted. Cllr Egan asked whether he intended doing anything else before the working party met and Mr Badham explained that he didn't intend to do anything else.

b) Excavated material deposited at Ash Lane: Mr Hammond explained that the material, which was from his development at The Old Bakehouse, was being removed and would be gone by the end of the week.

15/7/18 Randwick Charities: Emma Cunningham was reappointed as a trustee of The Randwick Charities to represent the Council to serve until her resignation or any future decision by the Council.

16/7/18 Campaign to Protect Rural England: Cllr Egan had attended several training courses where CPRE had provided useful information and proposed that the Council join in order to access the Campaigns resources.
Resolved: To join the CPRE.

17/7/18 Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda: As above.

18/7/18 Orders for payment:

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| ALCC | Association of Local Council Clerks membership |
| M Lammas | July monthly contract payment |
| B Parsons | July salary less PAYE due in 2nd quarter |
| O2 | mobile phone 12 July – 11 August |
| Datacenta | Renewal of domain name for two years |
| CPRE | Annual subscription |

19/7/18 Next meeting: August 16th at Cashes Green School

The meeting closed at 8.33 pm.