

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7.15 pm on Thursday September 20th at Randwick Village Hall

Present

Councillors

Shaun Egan (Chairman)

Alex Egan

Matt Reed

Marina Fontenla

Robert Davies

Mike Woods

Debbi Smith

Cheryl Byford

James Holder

County Cllr Keith Rippington, District Cllr Jonathan Edmunds

In the absence of the Clerk the minutes were taken by Cllr Smith.

*1/9/18 **Apologies:** County Cllr Brian Oosthuysen.*

*2/9/18 **Public Forum:** There were 9 parishioners present.*

Jane Cant queried the Council's letter permitting a community group to paint the bus shelter at The Lane and install noticeboards. The letter had included clauses requiring the group to take responsibility for repainting the shelter and removing the noticeboards if requested, at no cost to the Council. The Council decided that these conditions were unnecessary and that it would agree to the group painting the shelter and installing noticeboards but not to a proposed "insect hotel".

Kay Badham suggested that the Council install another Council noticeboard there. She also spoke about SDC's decision about land at "Somerdale".

***Action:** The Clerk to ask SDC why the decision about S.18/1718/VAR Land at Somerdale seemed to have been taken before the date notified to the Council.*

A parishioner stated that the applicant had felled trees on the site contrary to the planning permission.

Vernon Williams asked the Council to invite the local National Trust warden to speak at a council meeting about the Trust's work in Randwick and Standish Woods.

***Action** The Clerk to write inviting the ranger.*

*3/9/18 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.*

*4/9/18 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on August 16th were approved and signed.*

*5/9/18 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk's report.*

*6/9/18 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk's Report.*

Action: The Clerk to invite a representative from Plainview Planning to attend the next meeting to present a proposal for a development at The Carpenter's Arms, described as a "Potential Opportunity for New Community Facility".

7/9/18 Questions from councillors: Cllr Fontenla asked whether the rural cinema group could apply for grant from the Council. Cllrs agreed that the group could do.

Cllr Woods asked about a section of handrail at Chapel Fields, near the Village Hall. The rail had been damaged and GCC would not repair or replace it but had offered in April 2018 to remove it. The Parish Council had agreed to its removal.

8/9/18 District and County Councillors' reports:

County Cllr Rippington spoke about current concerns about leaving the European Union and reported that GCC had voted to adhere to the original referendum result on the grounds that to go back on the original vote would be undemocratic. Shire Hall was being made accessible for all people with disabilities, including sight and hearing. The A46 Stroud Road would be closed for improvements for up to twelve weeks, probably in 2019. Cllr Shaun Egan asked Cllr Rippington about the road surface in Bread Street and was asked to forward his email to GCC AMEY to Cllr Rippington for him to follow up.

District Cllr Edmunds had emailed his monthly report before the meeting. SDC had called for the government to allow the electorate to vote on the government's final plans for withdrawing from the European Union. He reported that there had been discussions about adding additional housing to the current Local Plan. Cllr Edmunds intended to send the Parish Council a copy of the updated consultations on the plan with details of the additional development proposals.

9/9/18 Planning, traffic and transport:

a) S.18/1718/VAR Land At Somerdale, Townsend, Randwick, Stroud. Variation of condition 1 of planning permission S.17/2712/REM - change of material and changes to exterior window and door dimensions. Cllrs had expected to be able to make a comment on the latest version of the variation on September 20th as the latest date for comment but the Council had been informed that the decision had been made on September 17th before the Council had met.

Action: The Clerk to write to the planning officer asking for clarification

b) **VAS report:** Deferred until the October meeting when the latest statistics would have been analysed.

c) **Community speed watch:** Any decision on forming a community speed watch group was deferred until the October meeting.

d) **Parking in The Lane:** Cllr Davies reported that some residents in The Lane had had difficulty exiting and entering their gateways due to inconsiderate parking. Recently a lorry had had great difficulty in delivering materials to the playing field caused by a car parked at the junction of The Lane and Chapel

Fields. He asked whether the Council would consider asking GCC to prevent parking in some areas by marking areas with double yellow lines. Cllr Holder suggested that photographs illustrating the problems caused by bad parking should be posted on the Randwick Gateway website.

Action: The Clerk to write to the Head Teacher of Randwick School asking him to meet Cllr Davies for morning and afternoon meetings to show him the problems and to ask him to write to parents again requesting them to park considerately.

10/9/18 **Finance and Personnel:**

a) External Auditor's report: The external audit, from this year referred to as a limited assurance review, had been concluded by PKF Littlejohn. The Annual Return was now called the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

The External Auditor report said, " On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met."

The notice of conclusion of audit had been posted on the Council's noticeboards and the website. The AGAR was published on the website.

b) Open Spaces Society:

Resolved: To continue paying the annual subscription to the Open Spaces Society.

11/9/18 **Environment:**

a) Powers to deal with dog fouling. Following a request from a parishioner the Clerk had obtained full information from SDC. Three employees of Dursley Town Council had been authorised to serve fixed penalty notices for dog fouling as a trial and SDC was not seeking to delegate this power to employees of other councils. The Council would defer any further discussion until information about the trial was available.

b) Play equipment at Randwick Village Hall: The Council was waiting for the contractors to return to complete parts of the job. The 'windsurfer' was to be installed by the Council. Materials needed, including concrete, were expected to cost approximately £400 and a parishioner was believed to be willing to supply a mechanical digger.

Action: Cllr Davies is to contact Wicksteed to ask whether the Heras panels could now be removed.

c) Fencing for the play area at Randwick Village Hall: The Council had been asked whether wooden fencing that had had to be removed to install new equipment could be replaced with low-maintenance plastic fencing. The Council had been unable to find a supplier in time. However,

the Council decided against replacing the wooden fencing with plastic for various reasons including environmental and aesthetic.

d) Hedge at Randwick Playing Field: Cllr Byford presented the plan drawn up by the working party for planting a total of 140 trees. Stroud Tree Workshop was to make a donation covering the costs for 100 trees.

Resolved: To spend £40 for 40 extra trees behind the goal nets.

e) Environmental Plan: Cllr Smith was still gathering information and would report in October.

f) Green energy: Cllrs considered whether the Design Statement, as supplementary planning advice, could be used to encourage new building in the Parish to use 'green energy' e.g. solar energy / wind power / ground source heating.

Action The Clerk to ask SDC whether the Design Statement could be amended.

f) Management of Randwick Playing Fields: No further information had been received from the working party.

12/9/18 **Randwick Charities:** The Council nominated Franca Giampa to serve as a Trustee of the Randwick Welfare Trust for four years.

Action: The Clerk to write to the secretary of the Trust.

13/9/18 **Community Governance Review:** Deferred until October

14/9/18 **Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:** as above plus: -

Resolved: To accept a quotation from Avon Road Mark Ltd to mark out car parking spaces at Randwick Playing Field.

Action: The Clerk to get details of the timing of the work. Parish Cllrs to manage the closure of the car park and cleaning of the site.

15/9/18 **Orders for payment:**

PKF Littlejohn external audit

Jewson Ltd topsoil

HMRC PAYE due in 2nd quarter

Datacenta Hosting email accounts

M Lammas September monthly contract payment

Open Spaces Society Subscription

O2 mobile phone 12 September – 11 October

16/9/18 **Next meeting:** October 18th at Cashes Green School

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.