

**Randwick and Westrip Parish Council**

*Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday March 17th 2021.*

*As permitted by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392 this meeting was conducted by video conference "online".*

**Present**

**Councillors**

Matt Reed

Debbi Smith

Rob Davies

Cheryl Byford

Alun Davies

Clerk: Mr B Parsons.

District Councillor Jonathan Edmunds

*1/3/21 **Apologies:** Cllrs Shaun Egan, Alex Egan and Mike Woods. Reasons for absence were approved. The Chairman was absent so Cllr Reed chaired the meeting.*

*2/3/21 **Public Forum:** District Councillor Edmunds was present. One other member of the public joined the meeting after it had started. No issues were raised.*

*3/3/21 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.*

*4/3/21 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on February 17th were approved and were to be signed by the chairman of the meeting.*

*5/3/21 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk's report. Stroud MP Siobhan Baillie had expressed interest in attending a parish council meeting.*

***Action:** The Clerk to send a list of dates.*

*6/3/21 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk's Report. Messages had been received from parishioners about the poor condition of the road surface in Hawthorn Rise and about dog-mess on Randwick Playing Field and irresponsible dog-owners failing to control their dogs.*

***Actions:** The Clerk to contact GCC Highways and the SDC dog warden.*

**7/3/21 Questions from councillors:**

*Cllr Davies reported that since Randwick School had re-opened parking at the Village Hall car park and along The Lane had been chaotic. The overflow parking was closed and asked the Clerk to ask RVH&PFC when the area would be opened.*

*Cllr Smith reported that there was a bin, similar to the ones installed by SDC at bus stops, at The Carpenters' Arms which the owner would like removed. District Cllr Edmunds would investigate.*

Cllr Smith also asked whether the parish council could have the bench outside Cashes Green School repainted.

**Action:** The Clerk to check who owned the bench.

Cllr Byford asked about repairs to the fence at the SDC car park by The Vine Tree.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact SDC again.

**8/3/21 District and County Councillors' reports:** Cllr Edmunds had sent a written report and spoke briefly about several matters including; a proposal to locate a nuclear fusion plant at the site of the Oldbury and Berkeley power station, progress towards carbon neutrality, the well-being review and building council housing.

**9/3/21 Defibrillator:** Cllr Smith had spoken to the owners of The Carpenters' Arms who would be willing to have a defibrillator cabinet sited at the pub. Cllrs discussed likely costs for the equipment, a cabinet and maintenance, and agreed that it would be a suitable site.

**Action:** The Clerk to investigate costs, grants and maintenance requirements.

**10/3/21 Planning applications:**

**a) Applications received to date:**

S.21/0508/LBC - Farm Lodge, Redhouse Lane, Westrip - Listed Building Application - Replacement door, window and walling (Retrospective) - no comment.

**Noted:**

Acceptance S.21/0260/MINAM Planning Decision Notice – Land adjacent to Fort View

Permission: S.20/2249/HHOLD – Laurel Cottage, the Lane – two story extension.

Consent: S.21/0270/TCA - Myrtle Cottage, The Lane - Trees in a Conservation Area - T1 Horse Chestnut - Fell. T2 Beech - Fell. T3 Beech - Reduce height by 3m, shape in sides by 1.5m

**b) Asset of Community Value:** Cllr Smith had spoken to the owners of the Carpenters' Arms about possible registration of the pub as a community asset. The owners had said it would be unlikely to be sold without the community knowing and had some concerns about the effects registration would have on a potential sale.

**Resolved:** The Council would not proceed with registration. It would reconsider it again in a year's time.

**c) Randwick Conservation Area:** The Randwick Conservation Area Statement, designated in 1990, had not been adopted by the planning authority so, as with the Village Design Statement, it was 'Supplementary Planning Advice', which carried, less weight than an adopted Statement would as 'Supplementary Planning Guidance'. The current 'Supplementary Planning Documents' replaced Supplementary Planning Guidance and become part of the Development Plan for Stroud District, along with the Local Plan and NDPs.

**Action:** The Clerk to investigate the procedure for carrying out an appraisal of the conservation area and producing a Supplementary Planning Document and the use of planning consultants.

d) **Parking:** Cllrs discussed locations in Westrip where parking obstructed other drivers.

**Action:** The Clerk to get information about installing double yellow lines or other suitable measures.

e) **Unrecorded rights of way:** Routes which existed before 1949 and which were not recorded on the Definitive Map by January 1st 2026 might be extinguished. GCC Public Rights of Way team had asked parish councils to assist in recording any unrecorded rights of way.

**Action:** The Clerk to put the information on the council's website. Cllr Smith to publicise the information on 'Randwick Gateway'.

11/3/21 **Finance:**

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

b) **Quarterly review:** Cllrs considered the quarterly review. Expenditure during the pandemic year had been lower than planned.

c) **Internal Auditor:**

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

d) **Deposit account:** Although interest rates were very low the Internal Auditor had recommended moving funds from the current account to the deposit account.

**Resolved:** To transfer £10,000.

12/3/21 **Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:** As above

13/3/21 **Orders for payment:**

GAPTC	Annual subscription
Open Spaces Society	Annual subscription
M Lammas	March monthly contract payment
B Parsons	March salary less PAYE due in the 4th quarter
HMRC	Tax due in the 4th quarter
O2	mobile phone 12 Mar – Apr March

14/3/21 **Dates of meetings:** Until May 7th 2021 parish council meetings could be held online. To date central government hadn't extended that regulation and it was likely that meetings would have to be held 'face to face' from May.

**Resolved:** From May 2021 to hold meetings on the third Thursday of each month.

**Action:** The Clerk to book meetings when venues were available again.

*Under the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392 until May 7th 2021 parish council meetings may be held at such an hour and day as the council may determine without requirement for further notice. Parish councils can alter the frequency, move or cancel such meetings without requirement for further notice. The initial obligation to provide three clear days' notice of pc meetings will continue.*

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.