

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Cashes Green School at 7 pm on Thursday June 17th 2021.

Present

Councillors

Rob Davies (Chairman)

Matt Reed

Alun Davies

Debbi Smith

Mike Woods

Richard Huxford

Clerk: Mr B Parsons.

District Councillor Edmunds from 7.40.

*1/6/21 **Apologies:** All councillors present.*

Before starting the meeting Cllr Rob Davies expressed the council's thanks to the members who had stood down before the May elections for all their hard work and in particular to Shaun Egan for all his work as a councillor and as Chairman.

*2/6/21 **Public Forum:** Three members of the public were present. Mr Michael Cratchley spoke about a request for funding for a social event at Randwick Playing Field, which was to be considered later in the meeting. Due to pandemic restrictions the event had been postponed until September.*

*3/6/21 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.*

*4/6/21 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on May 20th were approved and signed by the Chairman.*

*5/6/21 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk's report.*

Two agenda items that had been deferred during the pandemic would be considered at the July meeting – electric car charging points and planting trees at Finn's way.

***Action:** The Clerk to write to the GCC Local Highways Manager suggesting that the white line across the junction of The Lane and Church Road should be extended downhill.*

*6/6/21 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk's Report, which included the Consultation paper on the Pre-submission Draft of the Stroud District Local Plan. Randwick was still listed in Tier 4b – 'These small and very small settlements provide only basic/minimal local facilities for their communities (although Randwick is stronger in this respect than other Tier 4b settlements), and none has any retail facilities. These settlements are highly car-reliant and poorly connected, generally lacking reasonable foot, cycle or bus access to key services and facilities elsewhere. These village lack any employment role and all function as dormitory settlements. The Cotswolds AONB designation*

covers these villages and surrounding land, and they each face significant environmental constraints.

Development Strategy: ... very limited infill and re-development to meet specific local needs maybe permitted inside the Settlement Development Limit with a view to sustaining or enhancing their role and function as settlements with basic facilities, and boosting community vitality and social sustainability. There are no site allocations at these settlements.'

7/6/21 Questions from councillors:

Cllr Huxford asked the Clerk to report the condition of footpath MRA 43 between Perry Orchard and The Martins. The poor surface and loose material hazardous, especially at night.

Action: *The Clerk to contact GCC.*

Cllr Huxford also reported a meeting between parishioners and an officer from GCC Highways about the worsening problem of water issuing through the road surface at the junction of Redhouse Lane and Far Westrip. GCC was intending to dig up part of the road to find the source of the water. He asked the parish council to support parishioners and urge GCC to solve the problem sooner rather than later.

8/6/21 District and County Councillors' reports: *Cllr Edmunds had sent a written report with information about the District Council's meetings and other issues, including grants received for brownfield housing, and for town centre regeneration through the Zero Carbon Public Estate fund.*

9/6/21 Co-option: *No applications had been received.*

Action: *The Clerk to readvertise for volunteers.*

10/6/21 Representative on RVH&PFC: *Cllr Alun Davies was appointed.*

11/6/21 Planning applications:

a) Applications received to date:

S.21/1293/HHOLD - 2 Penrose Close, Randwick - Erection of rear single storey extension – no comment.

S.21/1185/HHOLD – 20 The Wordens - extension of existing outbuilding – no comment.

Noted:

Permission - S.21/0829/LBC - Acorn Cottage, 7 Far Westrip - Listed Building Application- New front door, new bathroom window, move boiler flue & replacement of existing cement soil pipe.

Permission - Revised details S.21/0757/HHOLD - 1 The Stocks, Randwick - Construction of rear and side single storey extension.

Refusal - S.21/0745/HHOLD -26 Hawthorn Rise – demolition of conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension.

Permission – S.21/0862/FUL - 2 The Bungalows, Church Road, Randwick - Demolition of existing dwelling and creation of new detached dwelling.

Permission – S.21/1037/HHOLD – Woodlands, Ash Lane – erection of single storey extension, replacement garage.

*b) **Randwick Conservation Area Statement appraisal:** Cllrs considered information from two companies and decided to ask for information about costs and time-scales.*

***Action:** The Clerk to send further information to get an estimated cost for an appraisal.*

*12/6/21 **Environment:***

*a) **Defibrillator:** Cllrs decided that they would arrange a training session locally rather than take the training offered by the company.*

***Action:** The Clerk to contact Community Heartbeat and order the defibrillator.*

*b) **Environmental Survey:** Cllrs had not had time to consider a quotation and deferred discussion until the July meeting.*

*c) **Standish Woods:** Cllrs considered parishioners' concerns about the condition of some parts of the National Trust woods. People cycling outside the permitted routes and trails were damaging the woodland habitat. The NT had attempted to mitigate this by installing additional temporary signage, blocking new woodland trails, removing ramps and jumps and erecting fencing. The Trust reported that these temporary measures had frequently been vandalised.*

***Action:** The Clerk to write to the NT suggesting that signs about permitted routes for bikes in the woods should be put at the Ash Lane car parking area.*

*13/6/21 **Finance:***

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

*c) **Bank signatory***

***Resolved:** That Cllr Alun Davies become a cheque signatory for the HSBC account.*

***Resolved** That a bank account or accounts be continued and the Bank is authorised to act on any instructions provided they have been given by those persons named in the Specified Signature section (or authorised by such persons in accordance with the applicable authorisation requirements) as follows:*

Any two listed persons together

That any debt incurred to the Bank under this mandate, shall in the absence of written agreement with the Bank to the contrary, be repayable on demand.

That the Secretary is authorised to supply the Bank, as and when necessary, with lists of all persons who are authorised to give instructions on behalf of the council, and that the Bank may rely upon such lists.

That the council accepts the accounts and banking relationship with the bank will be governed by and subject to the Business Banking Terms and Conditions as amended from time to time, together with any terms and conditions in respect of specific products and services requested by the council.

That these resolutions be communicated to the bank and remain in force until cancelled by notice in writing to the bank, signed by the Chairperson or Secretary from time to time acting or claiming to act on behalf of the council and the Bank shall be entitled to act on such notice whether the resolutions have been validly cancelled or not.

c) Access to online banking accounts:

Resolved: To give Cllr Reed access to the online banking accounts for purposes of internal financial controls.

d) Financial support for a social event: Cllrs considered the request for funding for a social event at Randwick Playing Field. The council had been asked for financial support or underwriting of costs to a maximum of £1000.

Action: The Clerk to write to the group organising the event asking for more information and details of what funding was needed.

e) Noticeboard at Far Westrip

Resolved: To replace the noticeboard at Far Westrip with the same model recently installed at Randwick Scout HQ.

14/6/21 Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda: As above.

15/6/21 Orders for payment:

M Lammas June monthly contract payment

B Parsons June salary less PAYE due in the 1st quarter

HMRC Tax due in the 1st quarter

O2 mobile phone 12 June - 11 July

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.