Randwick and Westrip Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Cashes Green School at 7.15 pm on Thursday February 20th 2025

Present:

Councillors

Alun Davies
Rob Davies
Elisabeth Newman
Roy Badham
Jo Boldero
Nick Lythgoe
Barry Chapman
Petronella Tyson

The minutes were taken by Cllr Boldero

1/2/25 ***Apologies:*** *Cllr Mike Woods, whose absence had been authorised by the council, and County Cllr Bloxsom.*

2/2/25 ***Public Forum:*** *There was one parishioner present, District Cllr Edmunds, and also a member of the Green Party who intended to stand for the County Council. No issues were raised.*

3/2/25 ***Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:*** *None.*

4/2/25 ***GRCC Housing Needs Survey:*** *Frances Evans from GRCC gave an overview of the outcome of the Housing Needs Survey carried out in the parish in October 2024 by the Rural Housing Enabler, Tim Gwilliam. She clarified local connections and that land had not already been identified for housing.*
Action: Cllrs were asked *to think about how the council would like to use the survey.*

5/2/25 ***Minutes:*** *The minutes of the meeting held on January 16th were approved and signed by the chairman of the meeting.*

6/2/25 ***Report from the officer of the council:*** *Cllrs noted the contents of the clerk's report.*

7/2/25 ***Correspondence:*** *Cllrs noted the correspondence in the clerk's report.*

8/2/25 ***Questions from councillors:***
Cllr Newman asked the clerk to find out the current status of the conservation area document. Cllr Edmunds would also chase this up at SDC.

Cllr Badham asked the clerk to get an update on the footway sign agreed by GCC Highways at Ash Lane.

Cllrs discussed damaged dog fouling notices at Randwick Playing Fields. The treasurer of RVH&PFC had said he would get quotations for new signs for the council to pay for. Cllrs agreed that the signs were important and need to be robust and to await quotations and then consider whether to pay for the signs.

Cllr Badham raised the issue of the condition of the parking area at Randwick Village Hall. Councillors remarked that they had agreed not to keep discussing this issue and

repeating old ground. The clerk was asked to check past minutes to confirm this was case.

Action: *The clerk to ask the treasurer of RVH&PFC for an update on progress with the planned Social Circle.*

9/2/25 ***District and County Cllrs reports:*** *County Councillors Williams and Bloxsom had sent written reports before the meeting.*
District Cllr Edmund spoke about some items in his written report.

10/2/25 ***Planning:***
a) ***Planning Applications:***
S.25/0091/FUL - Land At Blenheim Cottage Townsend - Erection of a dwelling -no comment.

Noted
Refusal *- S.24/2077/DISCON - Farm Lodge Redhouse Lane Westrip*
Discharge of condition 2 (landscaping) from S.23/2328/HHOLD (appeal: APP/C1625/D/24/3339093)

Permission *- S.24/2120/HHOLD – Denvio – Lightwood Lane - Erection of a replacement single storey rear extension and loft conversion with dormer windows. Alterations to fenestration and erection of a glazed link. Landscaping works, extended terrace with glazed balustrade and erection of a replacement outbuilding and pergola.*

b) ***Footpath:*** *Cllrs considered a quotation to lay gravel on the footpath behind The Rylands between Ash Lane and The Old Vicarage*
Action: *The clerk to ask whether any grants were available from SDC or GCC for this work and whether the parish council would qualify.*
Cllrs agreed to rediscuss the matter if grants were available.

11/2/25 ***Finance:***
a) Bank reconciliation: *Cllrs considered the bank reconciliation for January.*

b) Financial regulations:
Resolved: *Under Financial Regulation: 5.11 Councillors decided to waive financial regulation 5.8 relating to contracts to enable a price to be negotiated without competition.*

c) Contract for grounds maintenance:
Resolved: *To accept the quotation from SGMS (T W Hawkins & Sons).*
Action: *The clerk to contact SGMS.*

d) Defibrillator at Randwick School: *Randwick School intended to put its defibrillator in a cabinet outside the school so that it could be accessed by the public in emergencies. The school administrator had asked whether the parish council would contribute to the cost of purchasing and installing it.*

Resolved: *In accordance with the council's powers in the 1936 Public Health Act to grant £500 to Randwick School to provide a cabinet for public access to the school's defibrillator.*

12/2/25 ***Environment:***
a) Heritage trail: *Cllr Newman gave an update on plans for creating the trail. A group had met. Estimated costs would be £2000. There had been no response to date to three enquiries about applications for funding and Cllr Newman asked whether the parish council could provide funding.*
She had been in contact with a resident who had experience of BBC documentary film productions, who was willing to work with HND students from Stroud College, and would provide equipment free of charge and be directly involved with the video production. The Dean of the Creative Arts School at the University of Gloucestershire had expressed interest in the Heritage video as a potential project for students.
Advice had been obtained from a solicitor regarding legal issues related to video production and making the film available on loan. A 40-minute walking trail had been mapped out and a brochure was being considered.

b) Well leaze spring: *Cllr Badham had proposed that the council pay to tidy the area around the spring on school land. He had contacted someone who would carry out the work at a one-off cost of £100 and suggested it could be funded from part of a legacy to be used 'to enhance the landscape'.*
Action: *The clerk to contact the school for permission to work on the spring.*

c) Duty to promote biodiversity *At the previous meeting Cllr Badham had explained that there were some parishioners who would join a working party but he suggested that the group would not be a parish council working party but would be shared with Whiteshill and Ruscombe. He had sent councillors a draft biodiversity policy and plans for promoting biodiversity in the parish.*
Cllr Badham requested that the council adopt the documents. Cllrs resolved to not adopt them and Cllr Badham stated that he would leave the council.

13/2/25 ***Defibrillator at The Vine Tree:*** *Cllr Lythgoe would confirm the location of the cabinet and inform the clerk.*

14/2/25 ***Items delegated to the clerk and items for the next agenda:*** *As above.*
Also discussion of the Rural Housing Needs Survey report.

15/2/25 ***Orders for payment:***
HSBC Bank charges to December
Roy Badham Expenses – Xmas tree disposal
Parish Online Annual mapping software subscription
CPRE membership
C Curtis February monthly contract payment
Community Heartbeat Trust x3 defibrillator pads and battery
B Parsons February salary less tax due in the 4th quarter
O2 Mobile phone 12 Feb – 11 March

16/2/25 ***Next meeting:*** *Thursday March 20th at Randwick Village Hall*

The meeting closed at 20.57