***Randwick and Westrip Parish Council***
*Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Randwick Village Hall at 7.15 pm on Thursday March 20th 2025*

***Present:***

***Councillors***

*Alun Davies*
*Rob Davies*
*Elisabeth Newman*
*Jo Boldero*
*Nick Lythgoe*
*Barry Chapman*
*Petronella Tyson*
*Mike Woods*

*B Parsons Clerk*

*1/3/25* ***Apologies:*** *All councillors present.*

*2/3/25* ***Public Forum:*** *There were three parishioners present and County Councillor Bloxsom. No issues were raised.*

*3/3/25* ***Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:*** *Cllr Newman declared an interest in item 12c.*

*4/3/25* ***Minutes:*** *The minutes of the meeting held on February 20th were amended at item 12/2/25a to read 'Cllr Newman gave an update on plans for creating the trail and the video production', then approved and signed by the chairman of the meeting.*

*5/3/25* ***Report from the officer of the council:*** *Cllrs noted the contents of the clerk's report.*
*The gate to Finn's Way had deteriorated. The handyman had obtained a quotation for a replacement and could fit it.*
***Resolved:*** *To order a new gate and have it fitted.*

*6/3/25* ***Correspondence:*** *Cllrs noted the correspondence in the clerk's report.*

*7/3/25* ***Questions from councillors:***
*Cllr Newman spoke about parking on the main road by the war memorial. Parked vehicles obstructed the visibility of drivers turning out from The Stocks.*
***Action:*** *The clerk to ask GCC Highways to paint a white line on the Stocks side of the road.*

*Cllr Chapman explained that a Tesco delivery van had mistakenly driven along The Stocks. The van driver's satnav had shown her vehicle as being in The Lane.*
***Action:*** *The clerk to contact Tesco and ask them to change their satnavs to avoid any future errors.*

*Cllr Woods reported that vehicles were still speeding along Red House Lane.*

*Cllr Alun Davies reported a van parked in a layby along the road to Ruscombe and asked whether GCC could install a sign saying 'passing place only – please do not park here'.*
***Action:*** *The clerk to contact GCC Highways?*

*Cllr Alun Davies asked the clerk to get quotations for making safety signs from the pictures drawn by children at Cashes Green and Randwick schools.*

*8/3/25* ***District and County Cllrs reports:*** *County Councillors Williams and Bloxsom had sent written reports before the meeting.*
*County Cllr Bloxsom gave some more information about local government reorganisation and plans for unitary councils and gave the council a map showing changes to the Rodborough County Division. He reported that the former Stroud library site would be sold.*
*Cllr Bloxsom was thanked for regularly keeping the parish council informed.*

*9/3/25* ***Approval of a councillor's absence:*** *The clerk reminded councillors about the regulation that meant a cllr would cease to be a member if they were absent throughout a period of six consecutive months unless the failure to attend was due to some reason approved by the authority.*

*10/3/25* ***Planning:***
*a)* ***Planning Applications:***
*S.25/0272/HHOLD Woodlands , Ash Lane - Erection of a replacement garage and timber cladding to existing house – No comment*

*S.25/0103/FUL -Far Westrip Farm – construction of roof over existing agricultural building – No comment.*

*S.25/0424/AGR - Land Parcel To West Of Humphreys End Ruscombe Road - Erection of an agricultural storage barn - No comment.*

*S.25/0469/TCA -1 Yew Tree Cottages – 1. Norway Spruce – Fell – 2 Cherry - Contain it and reduce all over – No comment.*

*b)* ***Footpath:*** *Cllrs considered a quotation to lay gravel on the footpath behind The Rylands between Ash Lane and The Old Vicarage. GCC could contribute towards the cost of this work but the council decided that the cost would still be too high to justify the work*

*11/3/25* ***GRCC Housing Needs Survey:*** *Cllrs had considered the report given at the previous meeting and discussed its findings. The parish council hadn't identified any suitable land for building in the parish. The survey report would be kept on file.*

*12/3/25* ***Finance:***
***a) Bank reconciliation:*** *Cllrs considered the bank reconciliation for February.*

***b) Payments made by direct debit:*** *The council authorised the monthly payments by direct debit for the mobile phone service and an annual payment to The Information Commissioner.*

***c) Grant application for a Heritage Trail:*** *Cllr Newman showed the council a draft leaflet for the heritage trail. She was getting quotations from printers. She had discussed it with local schools and the proposed video would be welcomed in connection with History teaching for children*

*Cllrs discussed the application for a grant for producing the trail and video. Grants had been applied for from other bodies and cllrs wanted to be updated about these before committing funds.*
***Resolved:*** *To consider funding production of the leaflets after quotations had been received.*

*13/3/25* ***Environment:***
***a) Well leaze spring:*** *The clerk had contacted the school for permission to work on the spring and the Head Teacher had given permission.*
***Action:*** *The clerk to arrange for the work proposed by Cllr Badham at the February meeting to be carried out.*

***b) Duty to promote biodiversity:*** *Cllrs discussed its duty to promote biodiversity and Cllr Boldero's note describing how the council met its obligations.*

*14/3/25* ***Defibrillator at The Vine Tree:*** *Cllr Lythgoe reported that the cabinet would be installed on the wall of the Vine Tree. Quiz nights were going to be held to raise money towards its costs.*
***Resolved:*** *To pay the balance of the costs after fundraising was finished.*
***Action:*** *The clerk to find out whether the council could order the same model as at The Carpenters Arms or a defibrillator with pads compatible with that model.*

*15/3/25* ***Items delegated to the clerk and items for the next agenda:*** *As above.*

*16/3/25* ***Orders for payment:***

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| *HSBC* | *Bank charges to February* |
| *RVH&PFC* | *Room hire* |
| *Gardiners Tree Surgery* | *Work at Finns Way* |
| *Community Heartbeat* | *Defibrillator pads* |
| *Cashes Green School* | *Room Hire* |
| *C Curtis* | *March monthly contract payment* |
| *B Parsons* | *March salary less tax due in the 4th quarter* |
| *HMRC* | *Tax due in the 4th quarter* |
| *O2* | *Mobile phone 12 March – 11 April* |

*17/2/25* ***Next meeting:*** *Thursday April 17th at Cashes Green School*

*The meeting closed at 20.30*