Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Randwick Village Hall at 7.15 pm on Thursday July 17th 2025.

Present

Councillors

Rob Davies
Elisabeth Newman
Jo Boldero
Nick Lythgoe
Barry Chapman
Alun Davies

1/7/25 ***Apologies:*** *Cllr Mike Woods: reasons approved by the council. Also District Cllr Edmunds.*

2/7/25 ***Public forum:*** *There were two parishioners present and County Cllr John Patients. No matters were raised.*

11/7/25 ***Bleed kits:*** *The chairman brought forward item 11d to consider an offer to buy bleed kits for the defibrillators in the parish. A member of the Randwick Women's Institute explained that their members had raised enough money to afford to buy four bleed kits. The parish council was asked whether it would commit to replacing the bleed kits when they were used or expired.*
Resolved: *To pay for replacement bleed kits in the defibrillators at The Carpenters Arms, Randwick Village Hall, Randwick School and the one to be installed at The Vine Tree.*
Action: *The clerk to contact the people who checked the defibrillators and confirm that the bleed kits would be put in the defibrillator cabinets.*

3/7/25 ***Declarations of interest in items on this agenda****: None.*

4/7/25 ***Minutes:*** *The minutes of the parish council meeting held on June the 19th were approved and signed by the chairman.*

5/7/25 ***Co-option:*** *Nobody had put themselves forward for co-option.*
Action: *The Clerk to keep the vacancy advertised on the notice boards and the council's website.*

6/7/25 ***Report from the Officer of the Council:*** *Cllrs noted the contents of the clerk's report.*
Action: *The clerk to pay the Handyman for the costs of recharging the VAS batteries.*
Action; *The clerk to renew the contract for hosting and maintaining the council's website.*
Action: *The clerk to invest a maturing investment for one year with one of two banks offering the better interest rate.*

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

8/7/25 ***Questions from councillors:***

Cllr Lythgoe reported that there was a wasp's nest in the bus shelter at The Lane.
Action: *The clerk to contact SDC Environmental Health Department to get the wasps removed.*

Cllr Alun Davies reported that a barbecue had been left by the boules pitch on Randwick Playing Field.
Action: *The clerk to arrange for it to be removed and to put a notice in the Randwick Runner telling people not to use barbecues on the playing fields.*

A 'Passing Place' sign had been put in a layby on the lane to Ruscombe: Cllr Alun Davies asked the clerk to ask GCC Highways to set it lower on the post for better visibility.

Cllr Barry Chapman reported that large lorries, 32 tonnes, had been passing up through Randwick, contrary to traffic regulations.
Action: *The clerk to contact the company whose lorries had been identified and ask them to ensure their drivers did not cut through the 7.5 tonne weight restriction area.*

9/7/25 ***District and County Councillors' reports****: County Cllrs Patient and District Cllr Edmunds had sent written reports.*
Cllr Patient spoke about current plans for local government re-organisation and GCC's consultation with residents and briefly about regional mayors.
He offered help with setting up 20 mph zones in the county. Most of Randwick and Westrip and Whiteshill and Ruscombe parishes became a 20 mph zone in August 2013, under a Traffic Regulation Order.

10/7/25 ***Planning:***
a) Planning applications:

S.25/0836/HHOLD - Rose Cottage , Far Westrip - Erection of single storey extension, new cladding and external alterations. Change material to stone on approved garden room – no comment.

S.25/0837/LBC - Rose Cottage , Far Westrip - Erection of single storey extension, cladding existing rear extension, replacement windows and facia board erection of cycle storage, workshop, decking and garden steps. Change external material from Larch cladding to natural Cotswold stone on approved replacement garden room (24/1695/HHOLD) – no comment.

Noted:
Dismissed - Appeal- APP/C1625/W/25/3364414 -Farm Lodge Westrip – condition of a planning permission.

b) Community Speedwatch: *There were enough volunteers to undertake training to form a group. Cllrs briefly discussed the possibility of purchasing a hand-held speed camera. The council would need to pay for the cost of letters to drivers.*
Action: *Cllr Alun Davies to co-ordinate the group and contact GCC to arrange training.*

11/7/25 ***Finance:***
a) Bank reconciliation: *Cllrs considered the bank reconciliation for June. Closing balance including reserves was £46759.*

b) Quarterly review: *Cllrs reviewed the budget to June 30th. Expenditure was as planned, except for the addition of costs for traffic calming signs.*

c) Defibrillator: *Cllr Lythgoe recommended buying a Mindray C1A Automatic Defibrillator and Cabinet.*
Resolved: *To purchase this model from 'London Hearts'.*

d) Bleed kits: *Considered after item 2.*

12/7/25 ***Environment:***
a) Overflow parking area at Randwick Playing Field:
Action: *The clerk to continue to try to get the suppliers to send someone to report on its condition and a timescale for replacement.*
Also to arrange for the contractor who had installed the surface to deliver the spare grids he had stored.

13/7/25 ***IT policy:*** *NALC had advised that parish councils were required to have an IT policy.*
Action: *The clerk to write a policy using the NALC model.*

14/7/25 ***Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:*** *As above and also to check the policy and protocols for recording and filming of meetings.*

15/7/25 ***Orders for payment:***

HSBC	*Bank charges to June 29th*
T W Hawkins	*Mowing*
GAPTC	*Internal Audit*
GAPTC	*Training course*
C Curtis	*July monthly contract payment*
B Parsons	*July salary less tax due in 2nd quarter*
O2 estimate	*Mobile phone 12 July – 11 August*

16/7/25 Next meeting: Thursday 21st at Cashes Green School..

The meeting closed at 8 pm.