

Randwick Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday April 16th 2009 at Randwick Village Hall

Present

Councillors: -

Richard Huxford Chairman

Joy Kennard

John Taylor

Jane Godsell

Martin Rendell

Acting Clerk - Julie Shirley

Morton Watkins

There were two parishioners at the meeting

1/4/09 **Apologies** Cllrs Preece (holiday), Williams, Cunningham (holiday).

Reasons for absence were approved.

Cllrs Philip Booth and Karon Cross (SDC).

2/4/09 **Public Forum**

Two parishioners addressed the meeting to show support for adoption for the Westrip telephone box and would be happy to assist with ongoing maintenance. Chairman outlined the history behind the adoption and noted that the matter is being looked into. Chairman then read aloud from the Clerk's report regarding the red telephone boxes.

If the council decide to proceed with the adoption (rescinding the previous council resolution) there are two issues of costs - insurance and electricity. Cllr Rendell noted to the meeting that BT intends to retain the telephone box at Westrip with a working telephone.

The Chairman stated that if the council adopted either of the three boxes it would be unlikely to retain the phone on the grounds of cost.

The parishioners offered to write a letter of support to the parish council so that the council has something on file.

3/4/09 **Declarations of Interest** None.

4/4/09 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on March 19th 2009 were approved and signed.

Actions still outstanding:

4/3/09 - Reply received from Community Safety Officer - request has been forwarded onto the Wordens Estates Officer.

4/3/09 - Cutting back of playing field hedge. Not known if this has been done (Cllr Preece not at this meeting).

7/3/09 - Michelle Oliver invited to speak at APM in May. Michelle has agreed in principle.

Cllrs Huxford & Rendell to draft the Chairman's Report for the APM.

8/3/09 - S.09/0454/TEL - Field Strength analysis - no response received yet from Vodafone consultants. Councillors noted that they have been unable to access this planning application on the SDC website.

Action: Clerk to be asked to follow up (the difficulty in accessing SDC site for mast details) with SDC planning.

10/3/09 - Grit bins: Discussed later in the meeting.

Cllr Cunningham has not heard anything from the dog warden and will follow it up on return from holiday.

Cllr Watkins addressed the meeting concerning the War Memorial.

Information from Clive Watkins that the last time war memorial was repaired, the parish council took responsibility. Discussed later in the meeting.

Cuckolds Brook bridge - Jaci Harris has been in touch to let council know that footbridge has been replaced.

5/4/09 Correspondence

As listed in the Officer's Report.

Action: Cllr Watkins agreed to attend the Funding Event at SDC on 12th May. GAPTC Update newsletter - article on Reclaiming Lost Commons - passed to Cllr Rendell.

6/4/09 Questions from Councillors

Cllr Taylor raised an issue concerning a dry stone walling advert and whether a fence is a suitable place for an advertisement. Cllr Watkins will enquire.

Cllr Taylor asked about a garden wall issue that had been raised at a previous meeting. Chairman stated that this will be discussed with the Community Safety Officer when he attends a site meeting.

Cllr Taylor: Grit bins in Ash Lane were tipped over at the weekend. Large stones were also placed in various locations in the parish. Chairman suggested contacting the police to investigate this spate of minor vandalism.

Action: Clerk to report to the Police.

Cllr Rendell: referred to discussion with County Council last year about buses; the contract is due to be renewed May; originally GCC said it would try to find a company that has a smaller modern bus to negotiate The Lane.

Action: Clerk to find out what is happening regarding the local bus service contract.

Cllr Watkins reported that Randwick Football Club, first team won the Stroud League Division 2 and is being promoted to Division 1.

Action: Clerk to send a letter of congratulations.

7/4/09 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Booth sent an email concerning changes to planning procedures. Cllr Taylor addressed the meeting and outlined the changes to planning. Email also received from Phil Skill (head of planning at SDC) and the Chairman read out the main points. Cllr Taylor suggested contacting SDC to find out if parish councils will be informed when appeals have been raised.

Action: Clerk to send a letter to Phil Skill and ask if parish councils will be notified that an appeal is to take place.

8/4/09 Officers' Report

Councillors noted the contents of the Clerk's Report.

Action: Well Leaze Spout - Chairman suggested as a goodwill gesture to request handyman to rod the pipe.

Action: Clerk to approach the Clerk & Chairman of Governors of the School with a view to the parish council handyman investigating the problem on a one-off basis.

Action: Cllr Watkins to pass on information about the GPFA to the Village Hall committee.

Action: War Memorial - Cllr Watkins gave information from Clive Watkins - The War Memorial is not on his deeds, and land is shown as part of his garden. Action Cllr Watkins to make further enquiries of Derek Northcote.

Resolved: Cllr Taylor proposed that the contributions made by village organisations for mowing the playing field be increased by 10%. Cllr Watkins seconded, all agreed.

Action: Chairman asked councillors to examine the end of year statement and let the Clerk know if there are any questions.

9/4/09 Planning Traffic and Transport

Cainscross Printing is quoting for "20 is Plenty" signs. Acting Clerk passed on information regarding road signs and the problems WRPC are having with Gloucestershire Highways. It was agreed that WRPC will update RPC with any new information.

S.09/0520/FUL- construction of car hard standing - Greystones - Mrs L Durrans - Support

Changes to planning regulations discussed under District Councillor's Report.
SDC Core Strategy Consultation
Cllr Taylor suggested that RPC should respond on the Core Strategy by 1st May.

The Chairman is attending the presentation at Rodborough Parish Council on Wednesday 22nd April. Cllrs Rendell, Taylor, Watkins & Huxford to meet to compile a response on Tuesday 28th April.

10/4/09 Finance and Personnel

Cllr Godsell proposed that the end of year finance statement is accepted.

BT adopt a phone box scheme:

Action: clarify if Clerk has registered an interest in adopting the phone boxes. Only the box at The Hill was under discussion as the other two are safe. Chairman suggested deferring this matter until Sue Tomlinson & Jane Cant have responded with additional information.

Action: Clerk to contact Sue & Jane and invite to the next full council meeting.

Evaluation form for grant recipients.

Cllr Joy Kennard circulated a draft. Cllr Godsell proposed accepting the draft without amendments. All agreed. Chairman thanked Cllr Kennard for her work on the form.

Action: Clerk to complete the first two boxes on the form before sending out.

Chairman asked about the application form. Cllr Kennard has this to do.

11/4/09 Environment

Grit bins: Cllrs Huxford & Godsell met with Adrian Boyes of Gloucestershire Highways and reviewed the siting of grit bins. Cllr Godsell circulated a list of grit bins in the parish and explained the details.

Action: Clerk to contact GAPTC to establish responsibility for grit bins. Highways claim provision of grit bins is now the responsibility of parish councils. Highways have to approve locations of grit bins and will have responsibility for filling them. Highways have agreed to supply 6-8 grit bins. Cllr Godsell will send the list of grit bins to Highways and accompany with a letter and copy to Cllr Rendell.

Siting dog-waste bins and warning signs. Deferred to next meeting as Cllr Cunningham has not yet met with the dog warden.

12/4/09 Communications

Cllr Watkins circulated a report from the Village Hall Committee. Three

quotes received for the toilet project at the village hall. Money raised so far £27,680. They are continuing to fundraise and have applied for other grants. Cllr Taylor proposed congratulations to the Village Hall Committee, seconded by Cllr Godsell.

Parish Council logo competition - Cllr Cunningham has started to draft details.

13/4/09 **Design Statement Update** - no update

14/4/09 **Parish Plan Update**: The Chairman has been asked to meet with Angela Burlow to go through the parish plan as an annual audit. Angela Burlow has suggested that the parish council present the parish plan to district and county councillors to highlight the issues that parishes face in implementing things.

15/4/09 **Minor Items and items for the next agenda**

Cllr Watkins reported that TW Hawkins had been contacted and visited the site to view the playing field. TW Hawkins is not willing to mow the playing field because of the stones. Cllr Watkins will arrange some more stone-picking parties. TW Hawkins will cut the grass before the Wap which will be paid for by the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Kennard produced a tea and coffee rota.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting: It was agreed that the meetings will be held at the Scout Headquarters, and tea and coffee will be provided after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council before Michelle Oliver gives her talk. Cllr Godsell referred the council to item 7/3/09 of the March minutes that contained details of the AGM.

Cllr Taylor asked if there was an update about the Mayor's Pool. The council confirmed that there had been a verbal update at the last meeting

16/4/09 **Orders for Payment**

Resolved: to pay the following accounts

Accounts due for payment

R Huxford	£12.07	Expenses
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17/4/09 **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7.15 pm on Thursday May 21st at Randwick Scout Headquarters.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.