

Sunningdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 10th November 2009 at the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane, Sunningdale

86/09 **Present:** Christine Gadd (Chair), Robin Booth, Jon Read, Nick Dawson, Paul Diluce Brown, Rodney Stubblefield, Rose Adams, Kate Webb

Apologies for absence. Jamie McCaul, Alison Ellwood

87/09 **Declaration of interest.** There were none

88/09 **Minutes of Council 13th October 2009** were approved as a true record and signed.

Matters arising:

82/09 Bedford Lane housing. Contact has been made with a planning consultant, Cadsquare, and reasonable quotes have been received. RS questioned paying a consultant for this work which we could do ourselves. Conversations with Graham Stallwood, Planning Officer, have indicated that it would get approval if it had the backing of Parish Council and Councillors. CCB is talking to Radian to take this forward.

85/09f Planning – electronic viewing of planning applications
Paper 88 was received laying out the intention of the Borough to proceed to introduce electronic system in February and the quotation received for new equipment. PDB questioned whether we can see more than one drawing at one time. It is suggested that we learn from the experience at Old Windsor and talk to Colin Worley regarding the size of plans and the adequacy of the equipment for the task in hand. CG, PDB and Anne to work on this, including the specification on the cabling.

Council **agreed** to proceed with the site survey, cabling and upgrade of the office PC. More work will be done on the new computer and projector specifications. There is £1500 in current year budget and £500 would be put into 2010/11 budget to complete the £2000 of anticipated costs.

85/09k Waitrose Community Support programme. An application to support matting for the cricket nets had been submitted.

89/09 **Pavilion Project**

Revised drawings from LoftPlan were brought to Council. Council considered the need for two meeting rooms separated by a folding door. It was agreed that there would be one meeting room. There will be a ramp for disabled users.

Council approved the plans with small changes (reference to front elevation not rear, and removal of partition between meeting room 1 & 2).

90/09 **Finance**

Council received the Financial report and appreciated the income from teas served through the summer.

Council resolved to approve income and expenditure for October 2009.

Robin Booth asked to receive the receipts and payments sheets in advance.

Future projects

- a) IT requirements noted above.
- b) Nick Dawson is working with the Clerk to get quotes. Prices will also be obtained for use of a contractor to mow the grass during peak growing times, rather than buy a tractor and maintenance costs of a gang mower. The intention must be to raise the standard of grass care at the Recreation ground. Prices to be brought to the next meeting.
- c) Logo - estimate for £400. Chairman made a strong plea for a refreshment of the Parish image. PDB suggested this was a very moderate quotation for this kind of work. KW questioned whether this was the right time for this. It was agreed that £400 should go into the budget.
- d) Landscaping – Discussions had taken place with the Borough and we await their response on whether there is money in their budget. It will not be entered into the Parish budget. An alternative idea is planting beds in the grass verge near the railway crossing, which BMW have agreed to sponsor. PB felt there are further opportunities to develop the landscape or indeed the notice boards which could attract sponsorship and selling advertising.
- e) Upgrading of notice boards. PDB wished to draw up a master plan of what could be done over time to refresh the image of Sunningdale. He has several ideas including partnership proposals which could be developed in the coming year.
- f) Tarmac of Path behind the station to Cedar Drive. Borough officers had come to see the full length of this path and would be bringing up to a higher standard.
- g) Spreading the soil. While the grave digger had agreed to spread the spoil when he was next working at Kiln Lane, there may be additional costs to moving the concrete poles and fencing. Nick agreed to chase up a possible contractor.
- h) Bins – KW suggested that new bins could be incorporated into the larger plan of improving the image and signage in Sunningdale. She would suggest the positioning of new bins in the coming months.
- i) War Memorial. This requires attention and good cleaning and scrubbing. ND would provide the name of a grant-making organisation which improves war memorials if the state of the memorial warrants it. No cost to the 2010 budget
- j) RS raised again the question of tennis court fees. Anne to explore other courts in the area and this will return to the next meeting.

91/09 **Cessation of Recycling Facilities in Surrey and Bracknell**

Paper 91/09 was received with background to the problem and three possible local solutions. RS suggested that this is an issue far wider than just Sunningdale and the MP should be informed. He would help to draft the letter. The clerk would continue to press for a response from the Borough.

92/09 Reports and Representatives

- a) Chairman's report. CG suggested a Council Christmas party on 13th December at Northcote House but this date was not possible for all Councillors. Another date would be proposed.
Christmas Celebration on 4th December, the celebrity had been found: Chip Hawkes, lead singer of the Tremeloes, had agreed to come with his acoustic guitar. Congratulations to the Chairman on finding a celebrity. Councillors were asked to help steward and other tasks for the event.
- b) Parish newsletter. CG drew Council's attention to the November Parish newsletter which had just been printed and distributed. It focused on the success of Sustainable Sunningdale so far and contained a letter from the Chief Executive. Council noted the various events which were advertised in the newsletter.
- c) Planning and Stakeholders meeting. RS had attended with PDB and CG. He reported that the core strategy is currently on hold and neither the Characterisation report nor changes to the green belt has been made public. He noted that more stringent requirements are in place for the building of new homes and also that the Planners are taking more executive powers to themselves. The Parishes will be the main topic on the next Stakeholders meeting in early 2010 and SPC has been asked to raise points for that meeting.
- d) Village Hall AGM takes place on 23rd November at which point the formal transfer of trusteeship will happen and a new lease be granted to the new structure to manage the VH. Those definitely attending the AGM are Jon, Rodney, Rose, Paul, Christine, Kate and Anne, while others will endeavour to attend.
- e) Sustainable Sunningdale. CG ran through the achievements recorded in the Parish newsletter; Anne had spent a half day engaging with Charters School children; she was speaking to the Sustainability panel and at the Parish Conference in February. Resolving the access to the dump (see 91/09 above) is the critical issue for SUSS at the present time. Future ideas include film showing, more work on insulation and recycling and possibly an event in 2010.
- f) Emergency Plan - CG has met with key people at Sunningdale Park which has its own emergency plan linked to Silwood Park. Currently those who have agreed to be marshals are being asked to give their mobile number for the contact tree. The emergency plan could then be completed.
- g) Police liaison. Robin will meet with Becky. Issues to be raised include the collection of youths round the back of Broomhall Buildings. There are currently no problems at the Recreation Ground.

The Council meeting was ended. Part 2 Confidential followed.