

Sunningdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 11th August 2009 at the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane, Sunningdale

The Chair of the Parish council announced the prizes of the **William Pack Cup**. First prize was awarded to Janet and Brian King, Second prize to Fred Parfitt, third to Eileen Ufton. All attended to receive their prizes. Eve Chilton was awarded the best mixed plot.

65/09 **Present:** Christine Gadd (Chairman), Rodney Stubblefield, Jamie McCaul, Rose Adams, Kate Webb, Robin Booth, Alison Ellwood
Apologies for absence. Jon Read, Nick Dawson

66/09 **Declaration of interest.** There were none

67/09 **Minutes of Council 14th July 2009** were approved as a true record and signed.

68/09 **Cooption of New Councillor.** Christine proposed that Paul Diluce Brown be coopted as a Councillor. Standing orders were suspended as Mr Diluce Brown introduced himself and his background in architecture and urban renewal, his interests in community work and his extensive experience in urban regeneration, transport, planning and community participation. Standing orders were re-introduced and Mr Diluce Brown left the room. Rodney Stubblefield, who had interviewed him with Christine, proposed that Mr Diluce Brown be co-opted, and this was **resolved unanimously**. He will start officially next meeting when he had signed the declaration of interest and code of conduct.

69/09 **Finance**

Council discussed a number of issues from the Clerk's financial report and the latest cash flow projections. It was noted that with careful planning Council's finances will remain in credit at the end of August, but the Clerk was encouraged to take up the overdraft facility of £5,000 if need be to tide over until grants or the early payment of £10,000 from the Precept had been received.

Council were informed that further investigation from CCB had suggested that a DDA Assessment – costing £306 was not necessary though in any future work disability access would be part of the design and build as now required by law.

Consideration was given to the finishing costs for the loft extension and Council fixed fittings including carpets as part of the project for which Council is responsible. The Grounds Manager's contract of employment includes his accommodation. Removal items such as curtains are not down to Council. It was agreed that Graeme should proceed to paint the loft room to a maximum of £60 and arrange to put lino on the bathroom floor. Other major items such as carpets and other fittings like curtain poles should be costed and quotations brought back to Council in September. Anne was asked to work on the details of completion with Graeme and seek a good quality completion to the job.

Council resolved to approve income and expenditure for July 2009.

70/09 **Pavilion Project**

Acknowledged the completion of loft extension on time and on budget. Councillors had visited the new rooms and were satisfied with the outcome. Acknowledged the completion of Renewable energy installations – though the final commissioning takes place on 26th August. GK is already benefiting from free hot water from the solar panels and is able to switch off the electric emersion

Rendezvous@Rec had made a profit of £29 in June and £250 during July, of which half is due to Council. So far August had been profitable, especially when it is sunny. Much had been learnt by all involved. It will continue until the end of September. Council was satisfied with the progress. The Chairman spoke of the need to be proactive in getting customers to use the Community room in the autumn/winter. The idea of an internet café and computer provision was still not tied down as a proposition though discussions continue with Julie Mallinson.

71/09 **Reports and Representatives**

a) **Chairman's report.**

CG has contacted Thames Valley Police Headquarters asking for a contribution for their use of the room. She has found the person responsible and had received a response that they are likely to come up with a formal tenancy document. RS and Chair to discuss this further.

CG had judged the children's fancy dress competition at the Cancer shop and this was picked up in the press.

Summer Gathering will take place on 30th August 12.30 at Roughwood – please bring a dish.

b) **Village Hall new structure**

All the documents have been prepared and issues raised by the Charity Commission now resolved. The documents now need to go to Revd David Uffindel to sign.

Roof repair will start on 12/08 as the leaks are bad

c) **Sustainable Sunningdale**

Council was informed of the reasons why Greening Sunningdale had been abandoned in favour of SUSS - Sustainable Sunningdale. There are many advantages to working with the Borough and the initiative that is being piloted across the country with Recycle Bank. Council supported the initiative but asked the Clerk to check out the Data Protection Act with regard to use of email addresses. The SUSS form to be amended to ask for consent to use email.

d) **Parish Newsletter.** Council approved the wording and style of the next Parish newsletter, with minor amendments

e) **11th September launch and Sunningdale Community Festival**

The Chairman took Council through all Council activities planned and asked Councillors to put these dates in their diaries to attend, particularly the 11th September launch of the renewable energy installations with the Mayor of Windsor and the Open Day of Council for the hour ahead of the Planning Committee on the 16th September.

- f) **Planning.** Planning permission has been granted for the loft extension. Regarding the Chobham Road junction, it was not being put forward to Development control as the information required has been obtained (including no beeping noise at crossings) and the DERA development is not going ahead imminently.
 - g) **Allotments.** The William Pack Cup prizes had been awarded at the start of Council. The allotments continue to flourish at this time.
 - h) **Emergency Plan.** Rodney had read the draft. Work now needed to tidy and complete the plan and put it before Council.
 - i) **Speed camera on London Road.** In response to the consultation on whether to retain or remove the speed camera, Council on balance believes they should be retained as they slow down traffic through Sunningdale but this might be reassessed when the Chobham Road junction proceeds
 - j) **Tree warden** - CG reported on the suggestion by Trevor Smith from Braywick to plant 100-300 Alder whips in the corner of the Recreation ground. The idea is to replace the ancient alder wood over the long term and the trees would be provided by RBWM. A day of community planting would be organised. Questions were raised on clearing and replanting in the woodland as Council had been a master of inactivity on the woodland. **Council agreed to this proposal**
- Christine has visited various tree sites with the Tree Officer, including the removed apple tree in Park Crescent. Replanting will take place and trees will also be planted on The Rise to replace trees recently taken down there.
- k) **Other representatives.** As Police representative, Robin asked to be put in touch with Becky Harries, the PCSO. Kate would return to the topic of bins in the autumn.

Part II

Council was to have had a part II confidential item to discuss but the Chairman reported that this was premature and the Borough would be sending out consultation papers in September regarding the removal of land from Greenbelt. At this moment there was nothing to discuss.