

# Sunningdale Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11 October 2011 at the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane, Sunningdale

89/11 **Attendance:** Christine Gadd (Chairman), Nick Dawson, Robin Booth, Richard Sefton, Mark Klincewicz, Jon Read, Kate Webb, Rodney Stubblefield, David Lupton

**Apologies:** None. Linda Yong, RBWM Councillor, and Jeff Yong, Chairman of Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Council, attended the meeting.

**Declaration of interest:** there were none.

90/11 **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 13 September.**

Amendments were agreed to the wording of the Finance section. With those changes the Minutes were approved and would be signed by the Chairman.

91/11 **Finance.** The Finance Report was received.

The second half of the Precept had been received £42,834.

Council agreed to the spending of £80 on 3 recycle bins and a bench at the Rec, this being the sum in excess of the £1,500 made available through the Participatory Budget process of RBWM, allocated at the discretion of Ward Councillors. The additional street furniture should be added to the insurance schedule.

Meetings will be scheduled of the Cemetery sub group, the Notice Board group and the Finance Committee in order to prepare the 2011-12 budget.

92/11 **Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**

The Clerk presented the updated presentation on the SHLAA sites as potential for future houses and the need also to envisage the future, holding in balance the need for development and the views of those seeking to minimise development.

Peter Hitchen, Senior Planning Policy Manager, spoke about NP and the guidelines in the Localism Bill for communities to set their own plans for their localities. All the parished areas in RBWM are now embarking on NPs and the Borough is working to update the Local Plan which will set the ambitions for the Borough and the requirements for growth in housing development. The Local Plan sets the overall priorities but the NP can set the housing provision within this area and can provide *more* housing than the LP but not less. Local Plan and NP need to be consistent and work in tandem for the best results. The NP can decide if it wants greater density or allow green sites to be included. The NP will put the Parishes in good position to influence major developments. Issues of the SPA still need to be addressed and Allens Field is proposed as a SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace).

With regard to the number of dwellings, the Borough is adopting a different approach based on household spaces. It should mean that the care home at Stone Court could be calculated as 60 units (less the original dwelling demolished). The numbers of dwellings is based on population forecasting for housing need to give total numbers within the Borough and then numbers will be allocated to the Parishes during next 6 months. Unplanned "windfall" sites could not be included in the numbers of household spaces to be built. The SHLAA list, which is updated every year, is the place to start in looking for possible sites.

RBWM is proceeding with all possible speed to produce a Local Plan to avoid the presumption in favour of sustainable development in the absence of a current plan.

He hopes the draft plan will be ready in Spring 2012 and ready for submission to the Inspectorate in the summer.

PH confirmed that routine applications would be treated in the normal way; that RBWM would conduct the main negotiations with owners and developers, including the negotiations on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), setting the formula and implementing CIL. He emphasised the lead role taken by the Parish Councils in guiding the SG and being involved with the progress but it is community led plan. The draft NP has to meet with PC approval. The NP is not an Integrated Area Plan. Parish Councillors were encouraged to get involved with the Topic groups.

In the discussion (Standing Orders were suspended to permit Jeff and Linda Yong to speak and question the speaker), RS was not keen for sites to be promoted. Linda Yong wished the NP to address the real problem of affordable houses. Questions were raised on the infrastructure (water, sewage) requirement and paying for these. Infrastructure requirements have to be embodied in the Plan and Topic groups researching these issues to be aware of the knock on effect of any development.

The Chairman thanked Peter Hitchen for taking the time to talk through the important work being done on the NP and its relation to the Borough's Local Plan. Any further questions can be addressed to Peter Hitchen.

Peter Hitchen and Mr and Mrs Yong left the meeting.

#### 93/11 **Big Society**

Council considered the initial ideas from Diamond Jubilee working group, that a Music Festival should be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June (Bank Holiday) from 2-8pm, with a theme of 6 decades of music, involving local musicians. A grant application for £7k had been submitted to RBWM's Big Society fund. Initial work had been undertaken on stage, PA, marquee and hiring local bands. A budget would be drawn up as plans emerged and a sum proposed for inclusion in the 2012-13 budget. The suggestion is that a charge would be made for tickets £5 a person, £10 per family.

A full programme would be prepared for the event with advertisements. It is suggested that the next Official Guide be postponed till late 2012 or early 2013 when there is something big to announce, including the Neighbourhood Plan, and not to conflict with advertising in the Diamond Jubilee Programme.

We were putting forward the idea that Sunningdale should be a Beacon site, one of the official sites being planned around the country.

The Volunteers Tea had taken place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. About 30 people had attended and it had been a very enjoyable occasion and most convivial atmosphere. It had been good to put people in touch with one another and thank them for what they do for the community. Thanks to Joji for her initiative on this event.

94/11 **Christmas Celebration on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.** Christine's plans are well in hand and the logistics and volunteers in place. She is involving the Quince Players plus a celebrity.

#### 95/11 **Reports and Representatives**

##### a) **Chairman's Report**

The next Planning Stakeholders meeting takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Climate Week 12-18 March 2012, it is suggested we run a campaign to banish plastic bags in the community for a week.

CG had undertaken an in-depth look at areas in the village which could benefit from decluttering or cleaning up, with Christine Bateson. She would report back on this when it is decided what actions are recommended.

Summer gathering had been an excellent party, much enjoyed by all the Councillors and thanks were expressed to Christine for organising it and to Sunningdale Park for hosting and laying on staff.

- b) **Recreation.** ND reported that new equipment is now complete. Our special thanks to Kate who initiated the Teen Scene area some years ago and also Graeme for his work. Regarding tennis – one letter of complaint about access had been received from a tennis coach and would be addressed in a meeting with Simon Grassi. The agreement with the kiosk was until end of September. Monika will open during half term but thereafter needs to consider whether it is viable to remain open during the winter months and talk it through with CG and AM.
- c) **Community Room** – the Ceramics Café is no longer using the Community Room. A keep fit (boot camp) class now uses the room for an hour 3 days a week.
- d) **Village Hall**  
Following discussion amongst the Trustees of the Village Hall, agreement had been reached on the terms of settlement and on the wording of the clarification of the Minutes. Council expressed its thanks to Jamie McCaul who has done a great deal of work to achieve this settlement and to Rodney Stubblefield for his support to Jamie.

**Council unanimously agreed to clarify comments made at Council meetings in February, March and June 2010** as brought forward by the Trustees.

**Council unanimously resolved to accept the 7 points in the terms of agreement for conflicting issues between the Sponsor parties.**

**Council agreed that it expected to receive a formal withdrawal of all allegations of defamation and all other contentions made against Council.**

- d) AOB. Council approved the annual payment to the British Legion of £100

The meeting ended at 9.45pm