

Sunningdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2011 at the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane, Sunningdale

65/11 **Attendance:** Christine Gadd (Chairman) Nick Dawson, Robin Booth, Jon Read, David Lupton, Mark Klincewicz, Richard Sefton
Apologies: Rodney Stubblefield, Kate Webb
There were no declarations of interest for items on the Agenda.

66/11 **Approval of the Minutes** of Council meeting on 14 June 2011
These were duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

67/11 **Finance**

The financial report was received. The Internal Auditors report was circulated to all Councillors. RB noted that there are no matters requiring the attention of Council.

Cheques signatories. Council agreed that Robin Booth and David Lupton be added to the signatories to the cheques/ bank accounts.

The Clerk was asked to see if a higher rate of interest could be obtained on the current sums held by Council which are below the £50k threshold for the Money Market, and report back.

Several points of future expenditure had been examined by the Finance Committee meeting earlier on the 12 July and its recommendations put to Council. The decision on the proposal to refurbish the toilet will be delayed until the next meeting.

Regarding the grant to the Village Hall, additional information was awaited on the project and other sources of funding to achieve the project.

Ascot Volunteer Bureau – it was agreed to grant £250 to this local organisation. [LGA 1972 s.133]

Community Action – it was agreed to expenditure of £200 to have circus workshop at Carnival in September, to remind people of Eco Circus. [LGA 1972 s.145]

Action for Market Towns fee for a day of training on Neighbourhood Plans. Council agreed to £250. Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Council will be invited to participate in the training for our joint Neighbourhood Plan.

Equipment for the Recreation Ground. Council agreed to the recommendation of the Recreation Committee to spend £10,328 to extend the trail play, build a new goal, and break out the existing ball wall frame [LGA 1972 s.19] The Clerk was asked to put in a request for S106 money for public open space provision and then place the order.

Copies of the Receipts and Payments Summary and Details were circulated.

Council **approved** the income and expenditure figures for June.

68/11 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Having been to a training course and then subsequently to the CCB conference on this topic with CG and Joiy Chan Meeson, AM took Council through a powerpoint presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan legislation currently before Parliament and its significance for the Parish Council. It is particularly important to note that the Plan

can only be adopted if 50% of the electorate support it and hence community buy-in is necessary along the way. Council had begun the process of engaging with NP in November but since this is a Parish led plan it is important that Council remains closely involved in its workings.

Council noted that a meeting with Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Council was planned for 26th July to deepen our understanding of the processes, evidence requirements, costs and impact on Council.

As noted above under Finance, Council agreed to the sum of £250 to Action for Market Towns to facilitate a day of understanding of this complex topic.

Council expressed its concern about the resource requirements and competence to achieve this plan and more work is required to establish the resources needed.

69/11 **Localism and Big Society**

AM & CG spoke of the wider remit of the Localism Bill, which is a large piece of legislation of fundamental importance to local Councils. There are a number of powers now devolved to parishes, including the right to buy. It was a major opportunity for local councils to develop the place of the common good, to foster "neighbourliness" and to strengthen the intermediate institutions such as a post office which are important to locals. Sunningdale is fortunate in having a Big Society Coordinator who has already made an impact in getting groups moving on clearing their streets and in volunteering for the library. There are several more ideas being worked on. There is not yet the vision on how this could ultimately change what could be achieved in Sunningdale.

70/11 **Carnival 11th September**

Council agreed to engage Tilly Twist to do circus skills workshops - see under Finance above – so that Council is eye catching and engaging. There was a short discussion on what else Council might undertake in the Community Room on Big Society, to promote volunteering and voluntary groups in the area.

71/11 **Reports and Representatives**

- a) **Chairman.** CG spoke of the Gardens in Bloom competition which she and Christine Bateson had judged looking at gardens throughout the village. The presentation for winner and second prize would be made at the September meeting of Council. She reported that the new notice board at the station has arrived and would be erected on 18 July. The annual road assessment had been completed; the annual request for revision of special project (SPD) has been completed.
- b. **Parish Newsletter.** Council noted the content of the latest Parish newsletter and those who had contributed to its distribution throughout the streets were thanked.
- d. **Village Hall.** A meeting of the Trustees with the Vicar and Christine was being arranged, with the possibility of there being an independent mediator to help settle all outstanding matters.
- e. **William Pack Cup** The winner is Fred Parfitt; second prize Lisa Offord; third prize Pat Bond. Highly commended: Helen Knight. Best Mixed Plot: Eileen Ufton. Best Newcomer: Peter Stanaway. The prizes will be presented at Council in August. DL has checked out the allotments and will meet with Brian King shortly.
- f. **Other representatives.** MK will present on policing priorities to the next meeting. Highways- attention required on entrance of Galton Road and Beech Hill Road

The meeting ended at 9.00pm