

## Sunningdale Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 March 2011 at the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane, Sunningdale

- 17/11 **Attendance:** Christine Gadd (Chair), Nick Dawson, Jamie McCaul, Neil Collin, Jon Read, Rose Adams, Rodney Stubblefield, Paul Diluce Brown, Kate Webb  
Apologies for absence: Robin Booth
- 18/11 **Declaration of interest** for items on the agenda; There were none
- 19/11 **Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011** were approved as a true meeting and signed
- 20/11 **Chairman's statement.**  
The Chairman noted the large agenda currently before or coming to the Parish Council, namely Big Society, Neighbourhood Planning and Localism, requiring more policy decisions and consultations to be taken up by Council. RBWM Chief Executive had indicated that Parish Councils may have to increase the Precept to add resource to cope with the increased responsibility.  
For Council to be effective in handling a significantly larger agenda and matters arising from the Village Hall, it will need to be united in its purpose and use the Sub Committees more effectively and only bring matter to Council when discussed, costed and ready for endorsement, to reduce the time spent by full Council.  
  
CG was questioned on whether Council had sufficient resources to meet the enlarged agenda. This topic was to be raised further on the Agenda.
- 21/11 **Finance**  
The Finance Report was tabled. The final figures on the Christmas event and VAT on Official Guide will be presented to Council next month  
  
The receipts and payments for the month of February were approved. Regarding the summary and detailed receipts and payments pages, it was agreed that these will be on the agenda in April reflecting the figures for the full year, but thereafter these monthly figures to be sent to members of the Finance Committee for their information.
- 22/11 **Big Society Focus Group**  
Papers 22/11a by the Clerk and 22/11b by NC were tabled, following the Focus Group meeting on 17 February. The opportunity to ask the public their opinion is now over. Council has a platform on which to move forward. The question posed is whether Council should employ a Big Society coordinator if money can be found for such a post. Council should look at current staff resource and whether this is adequate to meet the growing demand. It was agreed that there needs to be someone with commitment, drive and acumen in order to enable Sunningdale PC to engage with the opportunities opening up.  
The Big Society needs a longer discussion, with fuller understanding of the connections with Neighbourhood Planning (see 23/11), Community

Infrastructure Levy (CIL – formerly S106) and Council's own vision. This discussion would be a major item at a future Council meeting.

- 23/11     **Neighbourhood Planning**  
Paper 23/11 was tabled. This complex issue is linked to the Localism Bill. More information is needed on the role of the steering group envisaged after the meeting on 10 March and greater clarity on the policy making function and parameters of the Steering Group. See 22/11 above, it was agreed to discuss Neighbourhood Planning in greater detail, and link this to the PC's own vision.
- 24/11     **Programme and Activities**
- a) Charters Tennis – the agreement has been signed, the courts cleaned, the booking system ready for implementation, locks for the gate being organised, a holiday programme arranged – to be in place by 1<sup>st</sup> April
  - b) Climate Week 21-27 March. The flier of the bike-powered smoothie making was circulated. This is being distributed to parents through the school. There will be a public talk on "Climate Change - the scientific evidence" by senior Climate Scientist, Manoj Joshi in the Village Hall on 26th March. NC had arranged with Honda that they put their three hybrid car models on display in a public place as part of Climate Week
  - c) Annual Parish Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the WI. CG reminded Councillors of the APM when Sarah Ball, Team Manager of the Planning and Development Unit, RBWM will speak on "Neighbourhood Planning"
  - d) Spring Holidays teas - ND presented the idea of a kiosk which could then be open as required but especially in the school holidays, to serve refreshments, snacks and ice creams. The wooden hut/kiosk would cost in the order of £800. There is a possibility that this could be paid for by S106 money. It was agreed to support this in principle to be discussed in detail by the Recreation Committee.
  - e) Notice Board. The sub Committee on notice boards had met on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Full details of the proposals for a notice board at the Village Hall and at the station will come to Council once the costs are known. PDB is negotiating with the company on prices. Paul was thanked for his work on this.
  - f) Clerk's report. AM reported on the issues raised at the Parish Conference which included an hour on Big Society, on Children's services and Anne presented on Sunningdale's Eco Circus and engagements with the Community. Councillors were encouraged to attend a future Parish Conference.
  - g) Other representatives: Planning meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Council was informed that this would include a presentation by the Director of BEN on the proposed Lynwood development, and another on Morley Court by Radian, the Housing Association, in addition to a number of planning applications.
  - h) Carnival 11 September 2011. The permission of Council was sought to hold the Carnival at the Recreation Ground, and to run the beer tent. Council agreed to this proposal. Council will have a presence at Carnival as usual. The theme for this year is Circus.

This part of the Agenda ended at 8.45, followed by Part 2