

Sunningdale Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 8th November 2011 At the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane, Sunningdale

- 96/11 **Attendance:** Christine Gadd (chairman), Robin Booth, David Lupton, Nick Dawson
Apologies: Jon Read, Kate Webb, Mark Klinecicz, Rodney Stubblefield, Richard Sefton

Declarations of interest for items on the agenda: There were none

- 97/11 **Approval the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 11 October.** These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: 87/11 Coworth Road graveyard. Council were informed that the questions are still being asked under Freedom of Information and other contentions raised.

- 98/11 **Finance Report**

The Clerk's financial report (paper 98/11) was received.
Receipts and Payments for October were approved

- 99/11 **Budget 2012/13**

Paper 98/11 presented the projects for consideration in the 2012 budget, which accompanied the draft budget, having been looked at by the Finance Committee. Council was asked to resolve the projects to be included, namely a discretionary grant £1500, Notice boards £3500, cemetery £1000, Diamond Jubilee Music Festival £3000 and rainwater harvesting £4000. Council agreed to include these items with the exception of rainwater harvesting for which additional information is required.

The Finance Committee had looked at the Unity Bank which did not charge for accounts and paid interest on all deposits. RB had examined the roots of this Bank in the Cooperative Bank and trade unions. It was too small to be considered by the major rating agencies and it was therefore not recommended.

While the Finance Committee were seeking to keep the Precept at the 2011/12 level, CG noted that the expectation is that Precept levels will rise to cover extension of broadband in the area.

- 100/11 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Anne presented a Powerpoint by Alice Lester, Planning Advisory Service, which explained the major changes in the planning system and the decentralisation of power under the Localism Bill. The enormity of the changes should be recognised by Council. Councillors were asked to engage fully with the Neighbourhood Plan process for which the Parish Council had ultimate authority.

The NP Steering Group was proceeding with the setting up of Topic Groups involving a good number of volunteers, while the Consultation findings will be reported shortly.

- 101/11 **Parish Newsletter.** Council was shown the November Parish newsletter which had returned from the printer today. It focused on the Christmas Celebration, Neighbourhood Plan and Big Society as well as other matters, revealing the wide range of activities undertaken by the Parish Council.

102/11 **Official Guide website.**

Mark Klinecicz had looked in to the Parish Council website hits and was no longer wishing to promote the setting up of a website to host the Official Guide 2010.

103/11 **Christmas Celebration 2nd December.** The Chairman reported that Russ Abbot will switch on the lights and be accompanied by the Quince Players. Additional stewards are required – David offered assistance on Thursday (if possible) and Friday. Council noted that some other Parish Councils were cancelling their Christmas events. It is commendable that Christine is working so hard to organise the Sunningdale event.

104/11 **Village Hall** Following on from the points Minuted in the October Minutes, Council was informed that a response is expected from the Vicar after the 15th November.

105/11 **Reports and Representatives**

a) Chairman.

CG has spoken to St John's regarding the unkempt land adjoining the free car park owned by them and it is hoped they would progress the clearing up of this area.

CG noted that Charters development has triggered the S106 agreement for £900k for affordable housing.

b) Allotments. DL reported that all is looking neat and tidy. There is concern at the ongoing damage done to one allotment holder. The Police are involved.

c) Recreation. The new bench at the Rec displays a plaque with the words "To John and Kate Webb for long-service to the community". Kate (in absentia) wishes to express deep gratitude on behalf of herself and John for the kind thought in providing a named bench in recognition of their hard work, still continuing, on behalf of the Council and the village.

The kiosk is now closed for the winter. ND suggested that the kiosk should be open from March till October. This was supported.

Council ended at 9.0pm