

Sunningdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 8th September 2009 at the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane, Sunningdale

71/09 **Present:** Christine Gadd (Chairman), Jamie McCaul, Rose Adams, Kate Webb, Robin Booth, Alison Ellwood, Jon Read and Nick Dawson
Apologies for absence. Rodney Stubblefield

72/09 **Paul Diluce Brown declared his intention to duly serve as a Councillor**, having signed the declaration of interest and Code of Conduct, and was warmly welcomed as a co-opted member of Council.

73/09 **Declaration of interest.** There were none

74/09 **Minutes of Council 11th August 2009** were approved as a true record and signed.

75/09 **Finance**

The Clerk's financial report (paper 75) was received. It was noted also that the £10,000 advance on the October Precept had arrived and interim grant payment of £5,000 received so the finances were now comfortable.

Item 5 Village Hall, Jamie McCaul reminded Council that it had provision of £2000 for the Village Hall in the budget and recommended that it be spent at this time when major works had been undertaken on the roof. **Council agreed to advance £2000.**

Item 6. Two quotations for carpeting of the loft have now been received, for £1093 and £1130 plus VAT. The carpeting of the flat had been agreed previously and conforms to the standard applied by the Housing Association for its tenants. Council agreed to the Clerk proceeding with either company to get the best quality carpet for the job. It was recommended that the lino in the present kitchen should be done at the same time as the holes in the existing were a hazard. Matters of sound insulation between the flat and the office were not pertinent to the Loft extension which had been signed off by the Building Inspectors. This would need careful addressing when Phase 2 work is undertaken.

Council resolved to approve income and expenditure for August 2009.

76/09 **Pavilion Project**

The boiler having now been commissioned, the final step in the Renewable Energy project is the launch with the Mayor on 11th September. The public and press had been invited and Councillors were encouraged to attend. This would also be the official launch of Sustainable Sunningdale.

Phase 2 of the Project – Pavilion Front.

Council considered the points in paper 76. Council was ready to proceed towards a decision at the October meeting, by which time the budget for 2010/11 will have been considered and revised Loftplan quotation received.

The full use of the Community Room through the summer had proved the usefulness of the space for the community. An incomplete proposal for an internet café and computer provision had been received on the 8th September.

77/09 Sunningdale Community Festival

Council took note of the various points in the Community Festival in which Council was leading. After the launch, the PC will be open with a SUSS display at Carnival; The quiet hour at the Cemetery on Wednesday, ahead of the Open evening of Council. Thursday – Games in the Park organised by Graeme with Nick's help. Friday – Third Age tea party – Councillors are encouraged to invite people. Saturday – allotment visit at 10.00am and 11.00am
Sunday – Street party at the CMI where the SUSS would be displayed.

78/09 Bedford Lane Rural Housing site (paper 78/09). Council was in favour of the proposal but wished to ensure that allocation by Windsor Housing should be for key local workers. **Council resolved to support the application for two houses in Bedford Lane, in the context of the greater housing requirements of the Borough.**

79/09 Reports and Representatives

a) Chairman's report.

A happy Summer Gathering had taken place on 30th August at Roughwood. Coworth Park – a pre-opening office will be set up for the Dorchester Group. It is too early for a visit to the new hotel and its renewable energy installations.

b) Village Hall new structure

The legal documents are complete and just awaiting David Uffindel's signature. Jamie McCaul commented that the new administration was working well with the old committee. The hand over from May Heard was taking place and she would receive a community award for long-standing service at the AGM. A centenary Barn dance is planned for Friday 20 November.

c) Sustainable Sunningdale

Circulation of SUSS forms would begin in earnest at the launch on 11th Sept. Council considered it was advantageous to be working with the Royal Borough. Much interest had been expressed in the community and Councillors were asked to help promote SUSS as the Parish Plan for Sunningdale. Everyone would encourage others to sign up to achieve 500 supporters.

d) Planning. Jon Read spoke of the only controversial Planning application at the August meeting, namely the change of use to a nursery at 2 Sunning Avenue. A letter of objection had gone from the Parish and from several residents. Cllr Bateson had agreed to take this to panel if Officers were minded to approve this.

e) Emergency Plan. The Chair acknowledged that further work had not been done. Additional wardens would be sought and she would try to finalise the plan shortly. We would involve Sunningdale Park which is already designated as an Emergency Centre, in conjunction with Silwood Campus Imperial College, in the event of a major incident in the vicinity.

f) Christmas. The event will take place on Friday 4th December, run by Christine as noted in the June 2009 Minutes. Nick Dawson encouraged Christine to

- g) **Tree warden.** Tree planting at the Rec, agreed at the August meeting, will take place on Saturday 5th December with community involvement in the planting – yet to be organised.

Bulb planting – of 5000 bulbs in aid of Marie Curie charity – had been offered by the Borough and Council were pleased to take up this offer.

Jon Read noted that the apple tree stump in Park Crescent still had not been removed, despite promises by the Borough and was a H&S concern.

- k) **Other representatives.**

Police. Robin was in touch with Becky Harries, the PCSO, but had yet to meet.

Vandalism at the Rec. Gangs of youths had damaged the bridge and the two tables/benches. This had been reported to the Police and an insurance claim started. It was noted that one person had been charged by the Transport Police. It was agreed that the repair work on the bridge should be done immediately – for an estimated cost of £200 – as it was a H&S issue when crowds are on the Rec at Carnival.

A letter of complaint had been received about waste bins in Galton Road. Jon Read agreed to investigate and take action.

The Clerk had attained her status as Qualified Clerk, on completion of her SILCA portfolio. She was warmly congratulated by Councillors. Anne is undertaking a training programme with the Royal Borough “How to lead in challenging times” with David Taylor on 9th September.