

Sunningdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 August 2011 at the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane, Sunningdale

72/11 **Attendance:** Christine Gadd (Chairman) Nick Dawson, Robin Booth, Jon Read, David Lupton, Mark Klinecicz, Kate Webb
Apologies: Richard Sefton, Rodney Stubblefield,
There were no declarations of interest for items on the Agenda.

73/11 **Approval of the Minutes** of Council meeting on 12 July 2011
These were duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

74/11 **Finance**
The financial report was received.
Council **approved** the income and expenditure figures for July

75/11 **Governance**
Council considered the effectiveness of the Internal Auditors, their report having been circulated to Council in July. Council **resolved** to reappoint them for the coming year.

Councillors Gadd, Booth and Lupton had considered the more complex and detailed revised Standing Orders received from NALC and recommended that we retain existing Standing Orders which were sufficient for a Council of our size with the addition of two points:

Council **resolved** to amend Standing Orders to include the following points:

4.0 Variation, revocation and suspension of standing orders

- a) Any or every part of the standing order, except those which are mandatory by law, may be suspended by resolution in relation to any specific item of business.
- b) A motion to permanently add to or to vary or to revoke one or more of the Council's standing orders not mandatory by law shall not be carried unless two-thirds of the councillors at a meeting of Council vote in favour of the same.

5.0 Standing orders to be given to councillors

The clerk shall provide a copy of the Council's standing orders to a councillor upon delivery of his declaration of acceptance of office.

The Chairman's decision as to the application of standing orders at meetings shall be final.

A councillor's failure to observe standing orders more than 3 times in one meeting may result in him being excluded from the meeting in accordance with standing orders.

76/11 **Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**

Council revisited the CCB powerpoint presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan legislation in the light of the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which repeatedly emphasised the presumption in favour of sustainable development. The absence of a current Local Plan at Borough level was being addressed by the Borough – as this is critical for knowing the housing numbers and overall policy into which our NP had to fit. The NP is primarily the responsibility of the Parish Council and it is therefore essential we engaged with its Steering Group. Council was updated on the plans for a launch event on 28 September (3pm – 8pm) and the background work to present the key message to the electorate. All Councillors were strongly urged to attend. It was agreed that badges be made for Councillors so as to clearly identify them at the event. **Action: Anne**
The vision of the NP would hopefully emerge after that meeting. Council still has much work to do to collect the evidence on future housing and business needs in

Sunningdale. The planned meeting with Ascot PC on 26 July had not taken place. It was agreed to plan for the Action for Market Towns seminar in October – to be open to the SG, Sunninghill/Ascot PC and others involved – so as to have a third party view on our NP process and to question the resource requirements, competence and power that would devolve to Parishes if/when the NP has completed all stages.

77/11 Big Society

CG spoke of the opportunities that exist under the Localism Bill to have a vision for Sunningdale and achieve something significant for our community. The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in 2012 also offered the opportunity to plan something big. An initial idea was for the extension of the footpath to Sunninghill, overcoming the obstacles that had prevented this being achieved in the past. Council asked for the past story of this project to be brought back to Council for consideration. Other ideas included exercising the Right to Buy the Bedford Lane garages to progress this abandoned project of building 2 affordable houses; to pursue fast broadband extension in this area; and establishing a electric car recharging point. MK suggested a Diamond Jubilee Festival.

78/11 Official Guide to Sunningdale 2012

There was a discussion on the staff resource, content and timing of the 2012 guide, the coordination with publication of the Neighbourhood Plan and possible links with the major sports development at Charters School. It was agreed to delay the next Guide until times of other major items was known. MK suggested that much of the material for the next guide could be brought together on the website and he would advise and make recommendations on how this could be done.

ND agreed to help distribution of remaining copies of the 2010 Official Guide

79/11 Reports and Representatives

- a) **Chairman.** CG reported that the second new notice board at the Village Hall had been erected. Regarding the summer sports programme we were receiving a large number of wonderful commendations from the public who felt the range of activities at the Rec was exceptionally good and people from a wide area were coming here to enjoy the sports, the kiosk and all that the Rec now had to offer, expressing their thanks to the Parish Council for organising all this. It was proposed that a Press Release be done to broadcast this good news to a wider audience. **Action: CG**
CG invited all plus their families to a Summer Gathering – the date yet to be fixed.
- b) **Recreation.** ND reported that there had been one serious accident of girl who broke her leg falling from Twin Fly, and who had to be taken by ambulance. **Action:** Anne was asked to write to the family to express Council's concern. ND commented on the improved mowing and maintenance of the Recreation Ground generally. He was pleased that the kiosk was working well and comments received are that the prices charged are very reasonable.
- c) **Police.** MK would summarise key points from a presentation made by Brian Martin, Community Safety Manager for the Borough, for the next meeting.
- d) **Highways.** JR noted that the entrance of Galton Road and Beech Hill Road had been addressed by the Borough's engineers, and road improvements had been undertaken along Broomhall Lane, Whitmore Lane and other places.
- e) **Allotments.** DL noted that there are no issues, though hedge trimming should be on Graeme's work programme for late summer.
- f) **Cemetery:** Spoil had once again been put in the wrong place and this needs to be addressed again with the grave diggers. There is additional work to be done by GK.

Part 2 confidential agenda followed. The meeting ended at 9.30pm