

Sunningdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Council
held on Tuesday 12 May 2009
at the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane, Sunningdale

35/09 Appointment of Chairman for 2009/2010.

Jon Read proposed Christine Gadd, which was seconded and unanimously supported. Christine thanked her fellow Councillors and accepted office, duly signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

36/09 Apologies for absence.

Alison Ellwood had sent her apologies. There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

37/09 Appointment of Vice-Chairman for 2009/2010.

Nick Dawson was proposed and seconded. He accepted the office.

38/09 To appoint Chairmen and members of the Council's Committees

A revised list was circulated showing agreed representation on the Finance, Planning, Recreation Committees and Pavilion Project. Council resolved to appoint Rodney Stubblefield and Jamie McCaul as Trustees of the new Village Hall structure.

Representatives:

Christmas – Nick proposed that Christine should continue to organise the Christmas event with the assistance of Nick Dawson and Kate Webb.

Robin Booth has agreed to take on Police Liaison.

Alison Ellwood has agreed to take on Highways

40/09 Dates of Council's meetings 2009/2010 were agreed

41/09 Council approved the Minutes of Council on 14th April as a true record of the meeting

Matters arising:

Dog and rubbish bins. Kate Webb listed 5 places where it might be advantageous to place dog bins and two places where rubbish bins were required.¹ Anne would work on costings for the bins plus the emptying and bring this back to Council.

Christmas. It was agreed to convene a meeting with CG, ND and KW to discuss the organisation of Christmas this year.

¹ Charters Road (near seat and near Lady Margaret Road); Sunning Avenue / Devenish Road (on green); outside Charters school; The Rise near the seat; seat along the A30. Rubbish bins: the A30 and outside Charters

42/09 **Finance**

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were received. **Council recorded the receipt of £45750, this being the first half year Precept.**

RS raised the question of reserves and how the figure for reserve is arrived at. General reserves should not fall below 3 months of normal monthly expenditure.

Council received the Clerk's Financial Report and Cash flow. It was noted that the £10k of precept will be paid in September. Though major works will be undertaken during this year, the overall cashflow gave no cause for concern.

Following queries on two items of expenditure, Council **resolved to approve** the income and expenditure for April. Rodney suggested that tennis fees should be relooked at as being low by comparison to other tennis courts.

43/09 **Pavilion Project**

The report with the recommendation of the PP group was received. Regarding the use of the Community Room for refreshments with the CMI "Rendezvous at the Rec", questions were asked on the likely profitability and risk of the joint venture if it did not succeed. It was noted that there were few upfront expenses and all equipment would be paid for from proceeds of sale. Jamie felt that Karen Sawers' experience in administration and marketing gave him confidence to believe that this would be successful. Christine believed the experience of Friday Teas in 2008 and the number of people who visited the Recreation ground made her predict that it would be successful.

Council agreed that this venture should proceed.

44/09 **Village Hall New Structure**

Christine spoke of the progress on preparing the Charity scheme amendments, the lease and Heads of Terms. The lease will be for 15 year, fully repairing, with two sets of Trustees (the PC and PCC) in a joint venture to maintain the Village Hall as a community facility.

RS added that the leak in the roof had been looked into and addressed.

45/09 **Reports and representatives**

- a) Chairman. Christine spoke of the **Parish Walk** planned for 7th June - an interesting new walk.

The **ROSPA inspection of the playground** had been completed. A few things of low risk were noted which will be attended to by Graeme.

The **Annual Parish meeting on 30th April** had attracted a good turnout and had been well received in the community. It reached the front page of the Ascot News with the title "Let Council sue me" as a quote from John Peel regarding the rise in Precept. Council felt that a response to this article would not be helpful. Council discussed S106. Jamie felt that John Peel's intervention offered an opportunity to challenge the Borough to find ways to support rural parishes. He referred to the letter in preparation from the PC to David Oram asking for clarification on monies available and for special consideration for rural areas.

Allotments tea party had taken place. It had been a successful gathering of several of the allotment holders for cakes and juice laid on by Christine and Anne.

- b) **Planning** - RS noted there was nothing major to report.
- c) **Recreation**. Nick spoke to the report on the activities planned at the Rec, including an Open cricket day, an Open Tennis Day planned for 24th May, Mini Olympics in the summer holidays, sensory plants and the refurbishment of the goal. **Council approved** the recommendation that items 1 - 5 should proceed. Further work and information was required before proceeding with items 6 –10.
- d) **Allotments** - RS reported the considerable improvement at the allotments. The allotment assessment has taken place and only one person had failed, and a letter seeking termination will be sent.
- e) **Sunningdale in Bloom** Rose reported that approx £1900 had been raised to date from the traders. Nick had visited all the retailers who had not contributed (but had last year) and several are not able to support this year. While the PC had paid for 55 baskets on lampposts last year (£2000), she and Nick proposed that Council reduced its contribution to £1500 for 34 lamppost baskets this year. **Council agreed** to the sum of £1500. Christine would advise which lampposts. CG to ask for the contractor to water the planted beds.
- f) **Footpaths**. CG reported that maintenance work has been planned for the public rights of way. The private road between Lewis' and Hamiltons is not a PC matter.

46/09 **AOB.**

Council heard the report of the “party” which had taken place at the Recreation Ground on 7th May when some 70 students from Year 11 at Charters had gathered. Much alcohol was involved, rowdy behaviour and a great deal of mess created. The police were called, and an ambulance had to take one girl who was injured falling from the equipment. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the Headmistress to object to the behaviour of the young people. RS offered to help draft the letter.

There is also a problem of scooters assembling at the Rec, and also drug taking.