

Sunningdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 10th February 2009

At the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane

Members of the public from the pre-school attended the meeting. Aileen Boaler from the Pre-school informed the meeting that she had emailed a response to Council's letter this afternoon but it had not yet been read by any Councillors.

09/09 **Present:** Christine Gadd (Chairman), Jon Read, Rose Adams, Nick Dawson, Jamie McCaul, Kate Webb

Council noted that Viki Chapman had resigned as Councillor since the last meeting and a letter had gone to thank her for her contributions to the work of Council.

Council welcomed Robin Booth and Alison Ellwood who both signed and declared their intention to duly serve as Councillors, completed the Register of Members' interest.

Apologies: Rodney Stubblefield (another engagement)

10/09 There were no declarations of interest. Robin Booth later informed Council that an application currently before the Planning Committee was his former home, and while he had an interest he had no financial interest.

11/09 The Minutes of the Council Meeting on 13th January 2009 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

12/09 **Finance report.**

1. Council agreed that the Clerk should find if there were any options to place the money in the short-term within HSBC and again look for options for late March when the first tranche of Precept would be paid. Anne would consult with a Councillor before making any move. It was suggested she contact Robin Booth.

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2. It was agreed that Graeme should be paid back the over-payment of tax taken over a period of years and which is held in the account.

3. It was agreed to pay Bio Energy the 30% advance payment when we were ready to proceed with the installation of the wood boiler.

4. It was agreed that the Accounts system should change to an Income and Expenditure base and Anne to make the necessary moves.

5 & 6 were noted

Council approved the receipts and payments for January 2009.

Finance Committee: Robin Booth and Alison Ellwood were asked to join the Finance Committee. JMcC will stand down, but KW and RA continue

13/09 Reports and representatives

a) **Chairman's report.**

- i) Land at Charters – A meeting is scheduled for 11.02.09 with RS, CG and Trevor Smith (ranger) at Charters to see the possibilities for open space use and discuss access. This will be reported back to Council.
- ii) Trevor Smith has suggested a nature activity for children at the Recreation Ground arranged by Braywick. This was agreed.
- iii) Another woodland nature walk will be arranged in conjunction with Braywick.
- iv) APM. Council agreed to invite Harvey Stephens, Head gardener of Savill Gardens, to talk at the APM and agreed to his charge of £100.

b) **Planning.**

It was noted that a letter of objection had been sent regarding the 3 dwelling development at Larkshill Court, and the public enquiry on the Tesco development in Sunninghill was currently taking place. No action had been taken to appeal against the Inspectors decision on the kiosk.

c) **Cemetery**

Council discussed the implications of felling the conifers on the right of the entrance now that quotations had been received for this work. It was agreed to get the guidance of the Borough tree officer regarding the root system and replacement planting (and also to look at the dead tree and state of young trees down the avenue). A plan is required on what would replace the trees, plus costings, to ensure that we could proceed to the next stage. A date will be obtained from the Tree officer and Councillors informed so they could join that consultation. This will be reviewed at Council in March.

d) **Recreation.** Nothing to report.

e) **Village Hall.** JMcC reported from the last VH meeting. The finances are in shape, with income and expenditure balancing. Waitrose has made it one of the local charity and a grant had been obtained to pay for the fire curtains. Things are being planned for the 2009 centenary of the VH.

f) **Allotments.** Nothing to report

g) **Clerk's report.** The changes to the website are currently being implemented.

h) **Tree Warden.** CG reported her meeting with Trevor Smith, from Braywick who had suggested new planting to the edges of the Recreation Ground. Council wished to see a long-term plan brought to Council with details of what is proposed. Proper upkeep of the woodland and path should be included in that plan.

Other representatives – none

14/09 **Pavilion Project**

The main points in paper for Agenda item 14 were noted. A further meeting with Chris Arden is planned for 12.02.09. Progress was being made.

15/09 **Village Hall Future Structure**

Jamie McCaul spoke to the paper for agenda item 15. Council noted that considerable background work is taking place.

16/09 **Christmas Celebration**

A paper for Agenda item 16 had been circulated. JMcC noted the huge time and effort required to run an event of this kind and applauded Christine for all her work. This is a good time to look at it again, noting that the income was falling. There were many good features of the event but there were also some weakness, including the staged performance and use of celebrity. Council agreed to consult with the business people with a carefully worded questionnaire so as to get their views and creative suggestions for change. Similarly other community-minded people (perhaps via the pre-school or through personal contacts) should be asked their views to rejuvenate the event. Nick Dawson agreed to draft the questionnaire and this would be circulated to councillors for comment. The questionnaire should go out shortly so that Council could progress to reshape the event in the next month or two.