

# Sunningdale Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 10th March 2009

At 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane

- 17/09 **Present:** Christine Gadd (Chairman), Jon Read, Nick Dawson, Kate Webb, Alison Ellwood, Robin Booth, Rodney Stubblefield  
Apologies: Jamie McCaul, Rose Adams (other engagements)
- 18/09 There were no **declarations of interest**
- 19/09 The **Minutes of the Council Meeting on 10th February 2009** were signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 20/09 Sayanora Luxton, RBWM Councillor for Sunningdale, raised the following points:
- i) Parking in Sunningdale - Waitrose presented a petition of 150 names objecting to the double yellow lines in Ridgemount Road. As a result the contractors have been withdrawn pending consideration of the petition. Ridgemount Road residents are fighting back. RS suggested that RBWM should reject the petition on the basis that the petitioners were not identified as S residents. The Borough are currently trying to establish the legal position on this matter.
  - ii) SW Trains signal mast at the station is going ahead.
  - iii) Bollards outside Majestic has created a lot of problems for customers and there is growing calls for the removal of the bollards. Christine Bateson is the key Councillor.
  - iv) SANG at Meridian Court, Bagshot Road, is coming to Development Control with many objectors. Our Parish had not been kept informed. The Clerk was asked to follow up.
- 21/09 **Finance report.**  
The Finance report was noted. The Clerk was asked to include an opening and closing balance on the finance report. The clerk should report on income and expenditure against budget. In future the budget function in the Alpha system would enable us to track expenditure against budget. AM  
Regarding interest rates for the reserve and Precept due, it was agreed to remain with HSBC Money market on 3 months fixed deposit at 0.6%.
- Robin Booth commented that the Government Loan Board is a dependable source and its rates are currently highly favourable. Council needs to decide the amount to be borrowed and look at its ability to service and repay it.
- Council approved** the receipts and payments for February 2009.

22/09 **Reports and representatives**

- a) Chairman. A visit had been made to Charters with RS and Trevor Smith from Braywick to the Charters public open space. Part is cleared and part is wild and scrub. They are only obliged to pass the land over when 20 flats have been sold (currently 9 out of 34 flats sold) but they are proposing to make the land available now (access on foot only). RS encouraged the parish to pursue this. He suggested that the land be used as a community orchard. If others have ideas they should pass them to the Clerk. A future visit will be planned for all Councillors to view the land
- b) Clerk's report (paper 22b)  
CG noted that Parish Plan was currently in abeyance but should be re-enacted. There are several benefits to the community of undertaking a Parish Plan.
- c) Planning. RS reported from the Stakeholders meeting that news is awaited on planning consent for TESCO Express in Sunninghill. The Townscape assessment will go on line shortly and Anne is encouraged to download it. LDF questionnaire – RS and JR will meet to examine the questions and answer on behalf of the Parish. RBWM will present the Core strategy as one document which will be produced in 2010/2011.
- d) Recreation. ND circulated a brochure of cricket nets (approx £1000). Council encouraged this and asked to pursue S106 money for this. It was agreed that a Recreation Committee meeting should be planned.
- e) Cemetery (paper 22b). It was agreed that the conifers should be felled, using John Trundley at a cost not exceeding £500. The subsequent hedge planting will be decided by the representatives.
- f) Village Hall  
RS noted that the roof is leaking and he is chasing the roofer to undertake the work.
- g) Allotments  
Work continues to be done, including further deer fencing. The rents are currently coming in. The waiting list stands at approximately 14.
- h) Sunningdale in Bloom  
The 162 (approx) hanging baskets for businesses and lamp posts need to be organised with contributions from the retailers and the PC. Nick proposed to work with Rose Adams to organise Bloom, with Anne's help.
- i) Other representatives  
KW raised the issue of too few rubbish and dog bins in S'dale particularly in the area of Charters and towards the station. Kate was asked to suggest where these should be located and report back to Council. The Clerk would make contact with the Borough on this.

- j) Carnival - Sunday 13th September on the recreation ground. Council agreed this including camping the night before and consented to a beer tent. The PC will have a community stand.

23/09 **Pavilion Project**

The PP group had met and were pleased to see the plans for the ground floor extension and roof extension. Ball park costings are awaited. Council discussed the implications of the wood boiler and photovoltaic cell as a total renewable energy package for which more than £28k in grants had been raised, and a further £3k of grants applied for to cover installation costs. **Council agreed** to proceed with the wood boiler and pay the 30% initial cost

24/09 **Village Hall Future Structure**

Paper 24 was noted. The progress on establishing the income and expenditure figures and on getting to a hire agreement with the Pre-school has been slow. This will return to Council in April.

25/09 **Christmas Celebration**

Nick Dawson had analysed the responses received from 31 retailers:  
84% in favour of the location  
71% in favour of Friday evening - some preferred Saturday am.  
74% in favour of fireworks - but some wanted more.  
80% in favour of the celebrity attracting people  
100% in favour of carols  
39% would give £25, 10% would give £50 and 6% would give £100 – others did not reply or had to refer to head office.  
51% willing to open their premises. 23% would not. 26% possibly  
51% would take advertising space. 16% would not; 26% perhaps  
Ideas: a raffle (business provide prizes), street entertainers, food vendors, an earlier time, less singing and dancing; more childrens' attraction, children in fancy dress competition, more publicity, more loud speakers, bigger role for Father Christmas. Spread it out along A30. Make it more central. Lights on other side of crossing. Hold it in the summer!

26/09 **Parish Charter**

The Parish Charter as presented by the Borough was **approved** with minor amendments to 2(ii)

**The date of next Council is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009**