

Sunningdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Council
held on Tuesday 9th June 2009
at the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane, Sunningdale

47/09 **Apologies for absence.** There were none

48/09 **Declaration of interest.** There were none

49/09 **Minutes of Council 12 May 2009** were approved as a true record and signed.

50/09 **Finance**

Approval of the Accounts for 2008/09. Robin raised a number of points of poor reporting, inaccuracies and stylistic inconsistencies. These included an inaccurate sentence on pension contributions (p.8), cemetery paths in the wrong line (p9), lack of clarity on assets (p.10), reference to Appendix A not provided. Robin and Alison felt that the Accounts were initially badly inaccurate, shoddily presented, and late in coming. Council should consider changing its accountants. Amendments were awaited from the Accountants. These do not affect the figures in the Statement of Account.

Council approved the figures stated in the accounts, subject to the adjustments above. The final accounts to be vetted by the Finance Committee. A copy of the accounts is available to all Councillors on request: RS requested. Council **resolved unanimously to agree to the statement of accounts and the Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Return.** These were duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

Clerk's Financial report

The figures presented for expenditure were inaccurate. The Clerk was asked to correct these figures and ensure accurate reporting next time.

Other points in the report were noted. Since no provision has been made in the budget for dog and rubbish bins, Council would revisit this later in the year with proposals on where they should be located and total cost. An allocation should be made in next year's budget.

Rendezvous @ the Rec – starts 18th June. There was some discussion on the profitability of the venture and reasonable likelihood of covering outlays from profit. The clerk will investigate a pest control contract from other sources, or accept the £180 quote for 4 months from SDK. RS asked that all legal requirements have been covered. He was assured that with the help of the CMI all H&S, insurance, change of use and other legalities have been addressed.

Council resolved to approve income and expenditure for May 2009. RS repeated his suggestion that tennis fees should be relooked at as being low. A meeting of the Recreation Committee should consider this point.

51/09 **Pavilion Project**

Council received the report to Council, noting that both the loft extension and installation of the renewable energy would commence imminently.

Council accepted the new quotation from Sleeks for £3250 for pumps and radiators – this being the lower of 2 quotes and the contractor 's work is known. A Planning application has been submitted for the loft extension. RS asked to ensure that we clear matters with planning ahead of proceeding with Phase 2 groundfloor extension.

The clerk has confirmation that Planning consent is not required for Rendezvous @ the Rec as this was not deemed to be change of use.

52/09 **Village Hall new structure**

Christine spoke of the progress now that all parties have formally agreed to the new structure. A stakeholders meeting is planned to go through the wording of the lease, the heads of terms and Charity scheme amendments which Peter Harris is drafting. At present this is an interim period in implementing the new structure, with the CMI management taking over the running on an incremental basis. The sense of trust is growing and the hand-over from May Heard dealt with sensitivity. The new set up will commence in early September.

53/09 **Reports and representatives**

a) **Chairman.**

Two people had been interviewed with a view to being co-opted as Councillors. However, neither name was being put forward at this point and other people had also come forward.

The **Parish Walk** on 7th June. 40 people had participated in this very enjoyable event. An additional benefit is that the Parish Paths initiative will pay for the Parish newsletter which had advertised the walk.

Summer gathering. Christine invited Councillors to her home on 19th July - to be confirmed.

b) **Clerk's report** was noted. The meeting was not minded to respond pro-actively on the issue of future housing needs in Sunningdale.

Emergency plan. It was **agreed** that Council should proceed to create an emergency plan, starting with a copy from another Parish to be copied (perhaps from Winkfield). We should also look at the risk of loss of title deeds and other Council papers in the event of a fire, and registration of land. RS was asked to proceed with that, including the boundary issue in the woodland with St Johns.

c) **Planning.** S106. Information on S106 money raised from developers in Sunningdale has been received from Linda Arlidge, the S106 Officer in RBWM. Christine had followed this up with a conversation. It has become clear that we shall find it difficult to get money from developers from the Community and Youth funds (easier to have money for public open space and for education). We await a full response from Linda Arlidge that will confirm that there is no money outstanding or left at the discretion of the Borough that we can apply for.

JR reported that Larkshill Court, and Fairfield have been approved but Broom Cottage was dismissed on Appeal. Charters has gone into liquidation and therefore the public open space is unlikely to be provided at this time. Other matters will be dealt by Planning.

d) **Recreation.** Nick followed up on the ideas reported at the last meeting, which have not all been accomplished yet. The Open Tennis Day had brought more

players to the Court. The cricket nets had been installed. The Mini Olympics is likely to become 'Games in the Park' during the festival week in September. The problem of gangs coming down to the Recreation ground and Police involvement was noted.

- e) **June Parish Newsletter** had been well received and widely read in the community. Thanks were given to all who had helped distribute it.
- f) **Allotments** - Nothing new to report. Preparations are in hand for a revised way of judging the William Pack cup this year.
- g) **Sunningdale in Bloom** Rose noted the finances presented in the Clerk's report. Christine was chasing up three additional baskets once new brackets are erected on lamppost.
- h) **Footpaths.** CG reported that maintenance work is being carried out.
- i) **Christmas.** CG will be running the Christmas event again this year, with input from Nick Dawson and Kate Webb.

54/09 **Sunningdale Community Festival.**

Council warmly received the idea of participating in Sunningdale Community Festival, set out in the report. The ideas proposed for Council to undertake were acceptable as being within the scope of Council's activities. Anne would now flesh out these ideas more fully for Council's consideration and input from Councillors.

55/09 **Health Services and current consultation on Emergency Provision**

Jamie McCaul spoke to his paper on the consultation taking place on the health services locally. There would be improvement in a number of specialist services, closer to where people live. A new health space will be built in Bracknell - commencing in 2 years which has knock on effect on services at Heatherwood. Considerable effort had been made to ensure that Heatherwood would not be downgraded or lose services other than A&E and a midwifery (not consultative) level of maternity service. New services include planned services, a Rapid Assessment Clinic, Rehab wards, Medical Investigations Day Unit, Pain departments and upgrades in other services provided at considerable cost.

Council agreed to the 6 proposals laid out in the consultations.

56/09 **Parish Plan/Greening Campaign**

Christine spoke of her excitement at this proposal which overcame many of the problems which Council had encountered in undertaking a Parish Plan. It was felt that this idea could have greater community buy-in and would match with other work of Council in promoting sustainability and our renewable energy installations. **Council agreed to proceed with the Greening Campaign.**