

# Sunningdale Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council

**Tuesday 22 March 2016**

**At 7.30 pm at the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane**

- 25/16 **Attendance:** Anne-Catherine Buxton, Robin Booth, Michael Burn, Lilly Evans,  
**Apologies:** Anne Brindle, Julian Goringe, Yvonne Jacklin, Valerie Pike, Mary Sayer
- 26/16 **Declaration of interest:** There were none`  
Announcing the retirement of the Clerk at the end of May, the Chairman spoke of her gratitude to the clerk for 9 years of diligent and excellent service. It is a demanding role and SPC is well run, efficiently and with dedication and enthusiasm. The Clerk has worked hard to make many projects come to fruition such as the toddler area in the recreation ground to name but one.
- 27/16 **Approval of Minutes of Council 23 February and 8 March (Confidential).** These were signed as a true copy of the meetings.  
**Matters arising:**  
The Official Guide is now with Jaijo, the design company.  
Changes of dates for Council meeting were noted, to be re-circulated to AM  
Councillors  
Chobham Road 7.5 tonne weight limit had been agreed by RBWM Cabinet and should come into effect on 4 April.
- 28/16 **Finance:** The Clerk's Financial Report was received.  
£42,830 had been received from RBWM under devolution of responsibility for S106 funds. It was noted that there are 3 separate funds.  
Open Space £11,401 used for the new path and bridge across the Rec.  
Community Facilities £21,187 used for the new garage and canopy.  
Public Art £10,241. It was suggested that Council sets up an Arts Grant Fund for Action by  
art related initiatives. This should be further discussed. whom?  
The figures for Income and Expenditure were approved.
- 29/16 **Finance Committee Minutes** of 15 March  
The Minutes were received. £500 on advertising the Clerk vacancy with Berks Media was approved. Valuation of the Pavilion for insurance purposes was proposed and the Clerk to find a valuer. AM
- 30/16 **Change of Bank to Handelsbanken**  
The arrangements to change from HSBC to Handelsbanken are in place, and actual transfer will take place on 4 April, which is the new financial year and therefore easier for Accounting purposes.
- 31/16 **Devolution of S106 Management**  
Reported under 28/16 above.
- 32/16 **Planning: Traffic Lights at Chobham Road 16/00645**  
A powerpoint covering the background was shown, noting the imperative of Crest Nicholson to proceed with this before the DERA site could effectively proceed. Many changes that have taken place since 2009 application, in terms

of traffic volume and improvements which make the proposal impractical. The Chairman thanked MB and LE for their work on this. They would prepare a response from Council ready for the Planning meeting on 5 April. MB/LE

33/16 **Proposed Library in Sunningdale**

Mark Taylor's briefing note was circulated regarding new public library in Sunningdale - a manifesto commitment by the RBWM Conservatives. After considerable discussion Council concluded that there was insufficient information on which to base a decision on sites. Information required:

- long-term trends of use of the container and comparison with Sunninghill library. More historic data on usage.
- Work to be done on possible lease of existing building, rather than depending on new build, such as the HSBC building in the shopping precinct.
- Funding of the library long-term. What would such a library cost and was this sustainable long-term.
- Size of proposed library which was especially relevant to the potential site at Broomhall Recreation.

34/16 **Recreation Committee Minutes of 18 March**

Council noted the considerable work that had been achieved as reported. It agreed in principle to installing a new toilet block on the land adjacent to the open garage subject to comparative quotes, then return to Council. The idea of a skate park will also be further developed.

The row of fir trees will come down to make place for the new toilets, but it was agreed to delay implementation until the new toilet block is fully approved.

35/16 **Annual Parish Meeting 12 May.** This would be held at Lynwood. Work needed to be done to attract a good audience. ACB suggested a different approach to previous years, spreading the presentation of the work of Council amongst the chairs of the committees. There would be no guest speaker. ACB would set out an agenda. One notable achievement would be the new Official Guide. AM  
ACB

36/16 **Queen's birthday.**

The Vicar at Holy Trinity suggested a collaboration between the Church and PC to hold a community Picnic Party on Sunday 12 June. This found favour but it would be important to get a Councillor or two to volunteer to lead on this. The Clerk to email all Councillors to ask for volunteers to join this committee. AM

37/16 **Carnival and Suggestion for Sunnings Event Committee.**

Paper 37 set out the proposal for such a committee, to include two representatives from SPC. It was agreed to ask Christine Gadd if she is willing to lead on this as she has so much experience. It was noted that Carnival at the Rec is not planned for 2016 due to lack of people willing to volunteer to organise it. The Clerk to email all Councillors to ask for volunteers to join this committee. AM  
AM

38/16 **Other matters for information:**

- i. Salaries. It was agreed to hold a Part 2 confidential Council in April to discuss salary rises.
- ii. Parking charges in RBWM "free" carpark are due to go live on 4 April as a Borough-imposed income-generating scheme. There is considerable opposition to this locally, especially amongst the traders who fear this will deter trade. A petition has been placed on Borough website and SPC will encourage people to sign it. Council strongly opposes the introduction of charges and intend to

- iii. support the shops and retailers in opposing this. It will be further discussed as an agenda item at next Council.

Projects Committee has had 2 meetings – one looked at OG texts in detail and second examined the job description, personal specification and application form for the Clerk vacancy but that work was not minuted.

9.37pm the meeting ended.