



## Minutes of the Parish Council Tuesday 1 October 2019

### 66/19 Attendance and Apologies for Absence

#### Attendance:

Cllr Buxton (Chairman); Cllr Sayer; Cllr Brindle; Cllr Pike; Cllr Chester; Cllr Evans

#### Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Jacklin (Vice-Chairman); Cllr Burn; Cllr Penney; Cllr Booth

#### Present:

Ruth Davies (Clerk)

There was 1 member of the public present, their details are recorded in line with GDPR.

### 67/19 Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda.

There were no Declarations of Interest in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.

### 68/19 Minutes of Council of 10 September 2019

Council **approved** the Minutes of Council of 10 September 2019 with the following amendments:

Attendance recorded for Cllr Evans and Cllr Chester

#### Matters Arising

- Under minute item 60/19, Cllr Pike questioned the recording in the minutes that she attended the NAG meeting in a personal capacity as it was her understanding that at the council meeting of July 9<sup>th</sup> it had been approved she would attend as representative of council when the Clerk was unable to attend. As the Chairman of the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> July was not at the meeting, the Chairman deferred this matter to the next meeting for clarification.
- The Chairman confirmed there had been no further contact with the Scouts regarding information on the bench dedication.
- The Clerk confirmed that the Borough Councillors had been invited to the meeting to discuss the proposed capital projects, however due to financial issues at RBWM, no capital projects would be proceeding this year in Sunningdale that were not already confirmed. Council requested the Borough Councillors attended to update the parish on what projects they had identified prior to the funding being withdrawn.
- Cllr Chester confirmed the Find it in article for the Trees has been signed off by the woodland trust and was ready to be sent to print for the November issue.

### 69/19 Announcements from the Chairman

- The Chairman updated council on the changes to the RBWM council, confirming the new leader of the council as Cllr Andrew Johnson (Hurley and Waltham). The council agreed it should offer congratulations as a parish and it was looking forward to working with him and his new team.
- The Chairman updated council regarding the Oaks Leisure Centre quoting directly from Cabinet meeting in response to a question posed. "Cllr Hilton confirmed that the £15m project partnership will not go ahead until the borough is certain about its finances". Next leisure centre meeting is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.
- The Chairman brought forward the RBWM report detailing the overspend in the borough finances in the 2019 20 budget year. This has led to no projects going forward from the Borough Councillors. Cllr Pike asked if the parish council could submit a list of projects, the Chairman confirmed that projects can be submitted to the Clerk who would then forward these to the Borough Councillors.

- The Chairman updated council on the meeting which was to be held by the CCG regarding the medical centre. Since the planning meeting where the committee resolved not to attend, it has been confirmed that Victoria Gibson, RBWM Planning Officer and representatives of Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Council will be attending. Therefore, the Chairman wanted Council to review the decision taken considering new information, and confirmed that large applications, such as a new medical centre, would be reviewed by all of council rather than just the planning committee. After discussion, Council **resolved to uphold the decision** not to be represented at the meeting and therefore should any councillor wish to attend the public session they were to ensure they made clear this was not as a parish councillor. Anyone attending was requested to inform the Clerk.
- The Chairman informed council of her attendance, along with the Clerk at a Bio-diversity meeting hosted by RBWM Cllr Stimson and once received the presentation would be circulated.
- The Chairman confirmed the councillor training session on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6 – 6:30pm and the requirement for any councillor not available to attend to send apologies to the Clerk
- The Chairman updated council on the Christmas Event in Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November and that all councillors would be expected to attend the event and help. Roles will be allocated at the next council meeting.

## 70/19 Public Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for questions from the public

Q: The resident commented on the ability of councillors not to attend public meetings as residents as it would be logical to have the opportunity to gain all information available to inform decisions

A: Council explained that in relation to a planning decision, it was important to be seen to have not expressed a prior opinion either in word or action otherwise any resolution taken could be called into review as being unsound. In some cases, as with large planning decisions, it was therefore prudent to not attend.

Q: Cllr Pike brought forward a question she had received from a resident regarding an update regarding the options of the gate / lighting / CCTV at the recreation ground as discussed prior to and polled at the Annual Parish Meeting in March 2019

A: The Chairman reminded Cllr Pike that all questions from residents who were not present should be sent to the Clerk prior to the meeting. In this instance the Chairman confirmed that this work was on hold until the library project is confirmed or not as reviewing the carpark would be part of that project.

## 71/19 Councillors Questions and Business Motions

Q: Cllr Pike asked if it possible to resolve not to have a council meeting in the first week of the month? And, is there a date in December for a council meeting?

A: The chairman confirmed that this request will be noted when the dates for future meetings are set, however may not be possible due to diary requirements. With regards to the date of a December meeting the Chairman agreed to review and confirm back to council at the November council meeting.

## 72/19 Business from previous meetings

- The Clerk confirmed she received that day by email availability dates for the training course for Charity Management and would forward these to council.
- Council received an update from Cllr Evans regarding the future of Network Rail in relation to Sunningdale Station. Cllr Evans confirmed to council that the Strategic plan does not mention Sunningdale station nor the level crossing. From the information she had been able to source, Sunningdale was not considered to be part of the Wessex strategic plan. Cllr Evans proposed that a letter should be written to Mr Killy of Network Rail to explain why Sunningdale Parish Council wished to understand their plans if any.

Council **resolved unanimously** to approve sending this letter.

- Cllr Chester provided a brief update on the library meeting Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October with Louise Freeth, Andy Jeffs and Angela Huisman from RBWM to gain clarification on the outstanding questions from the council. Cllr Chester confirmed that any update will be brought back to council on the 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## 73/19 Presentation of Committee Minutes, reports from Representatives and proposals from Working Groups

Cllr Chester updated council on the information provided to the Planning Committee regarding the planning enforcement action taking place for parking on the Green Belt. She confirmed the meeting with Peter Lerner, a planning consultant, which took place attended by Cllr Chester, Cllr Burn and the Clerk.

The actions from this meeting were for Peter Lerner to contact Victoria Goldberg to see what had happened. Subsequent to this action, correspondence had been received from Victoria Goldberg who had responded to Peter Lerner agreeing to confirm more information on the issue this week. Council agreed to include updates on this matter in business from previous meetings at future council meetings.

## 74/19 Financial Report

- Council received the RFO's financial report to Council and **noted** that the receipts and payments for September were not available for approval due to the timing of the meeting immediately after the month end.
- The Clerk updated council on the receipt of the Interim Report received from the external auditor in relation to the AGAR due to the outstanding objection lodged. The Clerk commented on the AGAR being passed with no further information requested from the Auditor to the Clerk and the delay is solely due to the outstanding objection.

## 75/19 Information Sharing

- Cllr Pike informed council that Jenifer Jackson is leaving as Head of Planning. Cllr Chester confirmed this was on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- Cllr Pike informed council that a resident had asked her to pass her thanks for the way that the cemetery is maintained.
- Cllr Sayer asked what action was being taken regarding the new parking on Chobham Road and weedy patches on each side? The Clerk confirmed this was RBWM responsibility and had been logged in the customer service portal on more than one occasion. Council agreed to think of options to solve and inform the Clerk.
- Cllr Pike requested a report was made to RBWM regarding the railings outside the train station which are in need of repainting.
- Cllr Pike updated council on a conversation she had with Helen Leonard RBWM Tree Officer re the work which took place in Coworth Park Woods. As this information was in elements different to the actions taken by RBWM and the other information made available to the council it was requested that the Clerk email Helen for the information that was given to Cllr Pike.
- Cllr Chester informed council that there was a response to the BLP by the inspector which cited the SANG agreement for Sunningdale Park covering 883 dwellings.

With no further items to discuss in Part I, the Chairman thanked all councillors and the Clerk for their attendance and participation during Part I of the council meeting which closed at 8:55 pm.