

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 21ST JUNE 2004 IN SUTTON HALL, STOCKCROSS AT 7 P.M.**

PRESENT: G Foulkes (Chairman) C Woodhead J Booth A Snook
T Tyler P Calder J Huntingford (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: E Vandyk R Wilson WRB John P Bryant

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Four plus Newbury Weekly News
Representative.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: M Franks

WELCOME: G Foulkes welcomed all those present and asked if there were any
DECLARATIONS. T Tyler and J Booth declared an interest in the Stockcross
Streetfair Donation.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs J Booth was proposed by G Foulkes
and seconded by A Snook. All in Favour. Paperwork to be sent to the Legal
Department of West Berks Council, and also kept on Parish Council files.

CO OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS. Lynette Homersham and Emma
Dineen were present at the meeting, and L Homersham agreed to send in a letter
of intent and sign the necessary paperwork at the next meeting. E Dineen has to
wait until next January, to be legally allowed to stand for Councillor. Both ladies
expressed a desire to be a Councillor and said they would attend meetings. They
were enthusiastically welcomed by those present.

1..MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting of 17th May 2004 were agreed after three minor
alterations, and signed by the Chairman.

2..MATTERS ARISING:

- a) The Speen Church Fete went off very well and was enjoyed by all.
The finances broke even. It was a good chance for the villagers to get together.
G Foulkes reported that he no longer had 'an interest' in the Church affairs for the
Council, as he was no longer Churchwarden. He had no news of the Church
therefore.
- b) Speed Indicator Device. The Clerk reported that there is little hope of our
Councillors getting training. However, the District Councillor M Franks
suggested we should keep trying.
- c) The Clerk updated the Council of the payment to the broker, for Insurance and
there had been no commission added to the bill. The cheque had now gone off in
payment.
- d) The Clerk explained the RoSPA situation – A E Butcher had completed some
jobs, and signs had been obtained by Clerk. One Quote for Medium Risk work
was £2400 and another similar. A third was due in shortly.

- e) A letter had been sent via E Vandyk's office to the Police, regarding the misuse of the one way road near Chapel Road Stockcross.
- f) A new Notice Board for Stockcross, similar to the recent one purchased for Marsh Benham, was proposed by J Booth and seconded by A Snook. The cost is approximately £420.00. It would be delivered to T Tyler's shop in Stockcross, and concreted in by P Calder. All in Favour.
- g) There is now a new Wheelie Bin at Stockcross, in the Car Park. A E Butcher was thanked by all, for his endeavour and hard work. A chain and padlock to the gate at the Recreational Ground Stockcross, would be purchased and one key kept at the shop. The Clerk to advise Waterers, the landscape gardeners.
- h) A letter was compiled with the help of T Tyler and the Footpaths map, to go to Suttons. Footpaths 16 and 13 have stiles that are broken. Also at Church Lane, Speen.
- i) The schedule received from B Burgess, at Newbury Internet showed that a very favourable number of visits to our Website were being made each day. The Clerk was asked to thank B Burgess for his compilation.
- j) The payphone at Marsh Benham has an extended life – until July 31st. The Clerk was asked to put up a notice in the payphone, saying that it was due to be removed. A number (BT) to ring was also advised, should any comments wish to be made.

3..**SPEEN RECREATION GROUND** a Snook reported that all was going well with the plans for the renovation of the pavilion, and the use of the ground by K Butcher and his teams. A schedule of work needed to be completed, and this should be available in one week. A proposal that the work should be done, not exceeding the sum of £1500 came from C Woodhead and was seconded by J Booth. G Foulkes thanked A Snook for all his hard work. A discussion took place regarding the parking of the many cars accompanying the players, and P Calder suggested that cars should overspill onto the corner of the recreational ground. A Snook took on this responsibility and liaising with K Butcher to this effect.

4.. **STOCKCROSS CHANGING ROOMS:** A few Quotes have come in, but it would be better to report at the next Meeting, which would be September 20th as it had been agreed to cancel July 19th due to holidays.

5.. **STOCKCROSS STREET FAIR:** A letter from Mrs Viv Wilson was read out, in which a donation was asked for to support The Sutton Hall, Stockcross. C Woodhead proposed £100 and P Calder seconded. The Clerk was asked to send a cheque.

6.. **DONATION** requested by St Mary the Virgin in Speen, for the upkeep of the Churchyard. T Tayler proposed £250 and A Snook seconded. The Clerk was asked to send a cheque.

7..**PARISH PLAN:** a discussion took place, and it was agreed that to raise a Parish Plan would need 50 volunteers, and a leader on the Council. It was noted that the VDS had been well supported. A Snook proposed that the matter be held in abeyance and J Booth seconded.

8..**COMMITTEES.** A schedule was drawn up with various committee members, and their duties.

9..**PLANNING**: A Snook had very little of interest to report, and the planning Committee were duly examining and passing Applications as they came in. The mobile phone mast on the Shell Garage, had caused some concern and a letter had been sent direct to the Company. There is no date for a meeting on this matter, yet.

10.. **FINANCIAL**

CHEQUES DRAWN AND TO BE DRAWN SINCE LAST MEETING

17-May	1159 Melville Burbage	£1,114.41
17-May	1160 St Johns Church	£ 250.00
17-May	1161 Numbercraft Graphics	£ 47.00
26-May	1162 Southern Elec	£ 12.83
26-May	1163 Balc	£ 342.17
12-Jun	1164 A E Butcher	£ 103.28
12-Jun	1165 Cottrells	£ 20.56
24-Jun	1166 S and J - Clerk	£ 446.39
21-Jun	1167 A E Butcher	£ 11.69
21-Jun	1168 Thames Water	£ 15.02
21-Jun	1169 Sutton Hall	£ 100.00
	Total:	£2,463.35

The Clerk reported that in the Deposit Account with the Bank of Ireland there was the sum of £28,119.00 There was £2600 in the Current Account.

11.. **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INFORMATION.**

- (i) J Booth showed a picture of the overflowing wheelie bin in the layby outside the Primary School. The Clerk agreed to write to the Head Teacher.

12.. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman went through a pile of Correspondence in detail and circulated when necessary.

The Meeting ended at 8.35 p.m. and the next Meeting (July 19th is cancelled) is scheduled for September 20th at Stockcross Sutton Hall at 7 p.m.

Please contact the Clerk with any queries or information during the recess.

