

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2004, IN STOCKCROSS PARISH HALL AT
7P.M.**

Present: G Foulkes (Chairman) J Booth (Vice Chairman) A Snook
WRB John, P Calder, T Tyler K Rai, C Woodhead (late)
A J Huntingford (Clerk)
District Councillors: M Franks P Bryant

Members of the Public 4

Apologies: E Vandyk

1. **Declarations:** Nil

2...**Co-option of new Councillor.** A Cv from Mrs Lynette Homersham had not been received and she was asked to send it to the Clerk so that it could be circulated to the Councillors before the next meeting, on November 15th. Hopefully she could then be co-opted. Mrs Homersham agreed.

3.. **MINUTES** the Minutes of the June Meeting were agreed and signed.

4... **MATTERS ARISING:**

- a) Speed Indicator Device. T Tyler reported on his attendance at a training meeting and explained that another volunteer Councillor was needed as the system works with two people to erect the machine. We need to book it for one week, and move the site every now and then. This takes time and the two Councillors would need to have spare time. It is worked in tandem with the Police and West Berks Council. The device collects data – how many vehicles pass and speeds recorded. Suggestions on where to place the device should go to T Tyler. K Rai expressed a wish to train. Clerk to coordinate. The week for Speen would be in the New Year.
- b) RoSPa. The Chairman has inspected all the work now completed by Andy Court and with the exception of two small gluing jobs, which would be finished this week, the Clerk could go ahead and notify the Insurance Company. G Foulkes was pleased with the work done, and A Snook noted that if it has been done well, then very little should need doing next year. The Clerk to raise a cheque in settlement. The gate at Stockcross could not be repaired and it was agreed that Tony Butcher should be asked to replace it, sending the bill to the Clerk.
- c) The new Notice Board for Stockcross will be erected this week, after illness had prevented earlier installation.
- d) Stockcross Car Park – the state of this has improved greatly since the gate has been kept locked and the keys made available in the Village Stores. There are no activities late at night and very little litter. Excess cars are parking along the road and the Clerk was asked to remind the Tennis Secretary that they should distribute keys amongst their members. A discussion took place on the access to the Playing Field, and there will be a report at the next Meeting

e) A copy of the letter to Jonathan Russell at Suttons was reviewed and the Clerk asked to send again, and a copy to West Berks, regarding various stiles that need repair.

5.. WRB John proposed that the **new photocopier** at the Clerk's home should be purchased by the Council, as we are the sole Council using it, and this was seconded by T Tyler. All agreed.

6..J Booth explained the forthcoming event '**The Big Draw**' and why £30 was needed. This would pay for the hire of the Hall, and she proposed that £30 be given and this was seconded by WRB John. All agreed.

7..All the **files** from the Speen Pavilion were now held by the clerk. They have been sorted by A Snook, G Foulkes and J Huntingford. It was noted that P Calder is to hand over keys to the Pavilion garage to G Foulkes, so that K Rai can gain access and collect the empty filing cabinet.

8..A Snook reported on the use of **Speen Recreation Ground**, and the Clerk advised that monies had been received from the Football Teams. Juniors were playing at Speen on Saturdays and Sundays for 3 hours. Maximum age is 10 years old. Car Parking plans to be discussed at next meeting.

9.. A Snook reported that the present use at **Stockcross Playing Field** is causing some problems, as supported by the members of the public attending the Meeting, and the pitch should be moved. One pitch should be made smaller, for the younger players. There is ample co-operation with the players and it is hoped that a satisfactory solution will be forthcoming very soon. The proposal by WRB John that a survey should take place to improve the position and size of the pitches was seconded by P Calder, and all agreed.

10.. **PLANNING**: A Snook reported on the plans for a new Club House at Donnington Parasampia, and a discussion took place regarding position (near river) and access (Old Bagnor Road). There would be extra traffic flow, and this would embrace the Highways Department of WBC and Footpaths. In all, acceptable to the Parish Council, although the Clerk reported on two telephone calls she had received opposing these plans.

11.. **FINANCE**: The Clerk reported that the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2004 had now been passed by UHY Hacker Young. They would be available at the Stockcross Village Stores later in October, and a notice would be on the Speen Notice Board to that effect.

The Deposit account holds the sum of £26823.63 and since the last meeting the sum of £102.08 VAT has been reclaimed.

CHEQUES DRAWN SINCE LAST MEETING

1170	05/07/2004	Sec Lighting	£ 179.29
1171	05/07/2004	Southern Electric	£ 85.58
1172	05/07/2004	Speen Church	£ 250.00
1173	05/07/2004	Sec Lighting	£ 26.05
1174	19/07/2004	AE Butcher various	£ 220.77
1175	19/07/2004	Sutton Hall	£ 16.00
1176	24/07/2004	S & J Mangt - Clerk	£ 448.88
1177	03/08/2004	Speen Hall	£ 21.20
1178	03/08/2004	Filcris Ltd	£ 455.09
1179	11/08/2004	UHY Hacker Young	£ 47.00

1180	11/08/2004	AE Butcher various	£ 117.00
1181	24/08/2004	S & J Mangt - Clerk	£ 446.39
1182	17/08/2004	Stockcross Store	£ 30.00
1183	31/08/2004	Southern Electric	£ 12.93
1184	04/09/2004	AE Butcher various	£ 72.00
1185	20/09/2004	Thames Water	£ 19.12
1186	20/09/2004	S & J Mangt - Clerk	£ 446.39
1187	20/09/2004	Sec Lighting	£ 179.29
1188	20/09/2004	UHY Hacker Young	£ 141.00

Total: **£3,213.98**

12... MATTERS FOR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION:

- a) C Woodhead advised that trees overhanging houses near to the Recreational ground were splintering and dropping. Work needs to be done on the crown, and he had obtained three Quotes. He declared an Interest at this point as one of the Quotes (not the cheapest) was from a relative. The Chairman took over, and thanked C Woodhead for his work in getting three Quotes so promptly. A Conservation Order is needed. One more Quotation should be sought, a local man, and G Foulkes asked C Woodhead and P Calder to liase, report to him, and the cheapest Quote would be chosen.
- b) The Parish Conference on 7th October at West Berks Council would be attended by J Booth and J Huntingford.
- c) A Snook advised that he had attended a Meeting subject – Open Spaces.
- d) The traffic lights at Waitrose corner are causing some concern and although not in our Parish M Franks agreed to look into the problem.
- e) J Booth asked why the 5.15 p.m. bus has been axed, returning from Newbury via Stockcross. P Bryant agreed to look into the matter.
- f) The Area Forum at Chaddleworth in 7 days time might be worth attending, with reference to Parish Plans, suggested P Bryant.
- g) The plans for the Mast at Shell Garage have gone through now.

13.. CORRESPONDENCE

There were 19 pieces of correspondence and G Foulkes examined each and brought some to the attention of the Council. The Clerk was asked to file those with an interest.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m. and the next Meeting is scheduled for November 15th at 7 p.m. at Stockcross Village Hall.