

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2004 IN STOCKCROSS PARISH HALL  
AT 7 p.m.**

**Present:** G Foulkes ( Chairman) J Booth ( Vice Chairman) C Woodhead  
E Vandyk WRB John R Wilson T Tyler P Calder J Ives (Clerk)

**District Councillors:** M Franks

**Members of Public:** 3

A period of silence was kept in memory of two residents in Speen, Anjanette Rossi and her daughter Louella Main who lost their lives in the rail crash at Ufton Nervet on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2004.

**Apologies:** A Snook K Rai

- 1.. **Declarations:** nil
- 2.. **Appointment of new Councillor,** Mrs Lynette Homersham. After a letter of intent had been circulated prior to the meeting, the appointment was proposed by WRB John and seconded by C Woodhead. All agreed. Mrs Homersham signed her declaration of Acceptance of Office, and Code of Conduct and Register of Interests.
- 3.. **MINUTES:** after one small alteration the Minutes of the Meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2004 were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

**4.. MATTERS ARISING:**

- a) RoSPa works have been completed by A Court and he has been paid. A satisfactory job was done and the Clerk advised that the Insurance Company have been notified.
- b) The Notice Board at Stockcross has been erected. The old survey map has been retained. The Clerk was asked to obtain another up to date survey map of the area from WBC.
- c) The keys to the gate at Stockcross playing fields are being lost by the junior members. The residents of the area have formed a rota to open and close the gate on a daily basis. T Tyler has spare keys if required. The Clerk was asked to produce a notice saying that gates would close at 6 p.m. ( in the Winter). This closure was proposed by J Booth and seconded by R Wilson. All in favour.
- d) Stiles – this matter would be discussed at the next Meeting.
- e) The gate is to be repaired at Stockcross Recreation Ground – Clerk to contact A Butcher for a progress report.
- f) SID – Speed Indicator Device – T Tyler updated the Council on the requirements. We need another volunteer, with time to spare. It was noted that SID had been position in the Old Bagnor Road recently.
- g) Payment has been made for the Sutton Hall ( S137) for ‘The Big Draw’.

- h) We are waiting to hear confirmation from the Conservation department regarding the lopping of trees at Marsh Benham. C Woodhead will update at the January Meeting.
- i) J Booth reported on the Parish Conference, which had also been attended by J Ives ( Clerk).
- j) Awaiting report on the non-availability of the last Newbury bus to Stockcross from P Bryant. On the Agenda for next Meeting.
- k) M Franks said that Highway Dept at West Berks had not been all that helpful. The Councillors were confused, and J Booth said that the traffic lights at the Waitrose crossing were dangerous. Should the Council hear of any accidents please contact M Franks.

5.. **FOOTBALL** at Stockcross: Fencing now completed. J Booth reported that some cottages have no parking area – perhaps possible to buy small plot of land, currently part of the adjacent field? A discussion took place. The recent problem regarding the noise and constant use of the playing field has almost been resolved. The original concept of football at Stockcross has grown out of all proportion. A Snook has worked very hard to get the Contracts drawn up and agreed. The Clerk reported that all the outstanding monies had now been received – over £1k. J Booth re-iterated that there was to be no play on the pitches after 12.30 p.m Sundays.

6.. New changing room plans at Stockcross. C Woodhead kept the Council up to date with progress and said that he may need to re-visit Planning. The present building is unsafe. It was agreed by all that the matter should be discussed again at the end of the season, when A Snook returns from vacation. A vote whether or not to continue with these plans would then take place.

7.Speen Recreation ground gets really busy with Football. The Pavilion needs approximately £1500 spending on it and £3000 for the Car Park.. Many cars when play is in progress – P Calder proposed that the plans for extra car park facility should take place, and J Booth seconded. All agreed.

8.. **PLANNING.** J Booth reported on the (9) plans she has looked at since the last meeting and the Clerk was asked to put up a list on the Notice Boards once per month, with the Minutes. C Woodhead said our comments on the Grove Road Application were made as a neighbouring Parish only, and that the applicant should direct his concerns to the relevant Parish and/or West Berks Planning department. C Woodhead to respond to the applicant accordingly.

9... **FINANCE** The Responsible Finance Officer (Clerk) reported on the Finances. £32,746 in Reserve account. VAT has been reclaimed up to date.

#### **CHEQUES DRAWN SINCE LAST MEETING**

1189	20/09/2004	M.Copeman Green	£	323.13
1190	10/10/2004	Southern Elec	£	79.51
1191	10/10/2004	Sutton Hall	£	16.00

1192	10/10/2004	Sir R Suttons Estates	£	0.25
1193	10/10/2004	A E Butcher	£	72.00
1194	20/10/2004	B Lambert	£	100.00
1195	20/10/2004	RBL wreaths	£	33.00
1196	20/10/2004	Double A	£	990.00
1197	24/10/2004	S & J - Clerk	£	446.39
1198	15/11/2004	Sutton Hall S137	£	30.00
1199	20/11/2004	S & J - Clerk	£	446.39
1200	15/11/2004	ISS Waterers	£	2,607.72
841	15/11/2004	Cottrells	£	11.74
842	15/11/2004	A E Butcher	£	83.50
843	15/11/2004	Southern Elec	£	12.79
844	15/11/2004	R Bevan - plumber	£	50.00
				<b>£5,302.42</b>

The Chairman arranged a Budget Meeting for January 13<sup>th</sup> .2005 at Stockcross House - E Vandyk's home, at 7.30.

**10... MATTERS FOR INFORMATION AND CONSIERATION:**

- i) E Vandyk suggested that the stile at the end of FP 13 should be replaced by a kissing gate. It is difficult to get over for the elderly. The Clerk to contact WBC.
- ii) The Chairman advised the Parish Council that he would be attending the Funeral of the two Parish residents who were tragically killed in the Rail Crash at Ufton Nervet on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2004.

**11...CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman read through approx 15 items and the Council discussed those that were in need of response.

The Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m. and the next Meeting is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> at Speen Parish Hall at 7 p.m.