

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR SPEEN
HELD IN SPEEN PARISH HALL, ON 17TH JANUARY 2005 AT 7 P.M.**

Present: G Foulkes (Chairman) J Booth (Vice Chairman) A Snook
E Vandyk L Hommersham C Woodhead P Calder (late)
A J Ives (Clerk)

District Councillor: P Bryant
Internal Auditor: A Kirke
Members of Public: one

Apologies: W B John T Tyler M Franks (District Councillor)

Declarations: Nil

1.. **Co-option of New Councillor:** L Hommersham proposed that Emma Dineen be accepted as a new Councillor, and J Booth seconded. All in favour. E Dineen duly signed the Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct and Register of interests, and the Clerk signed and took the details to go to WBC Legal Department.

2... **MINUTES :** The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed by the Chairman, after two alterations had been approved by the council and checked into the Minute Book.

3.. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- (a) The Trees at Marsh Benham have not yet been cut, and the work is not completed, due to consents being sought, but C Woodhead would report back.
- (b) Stiles – despite acknowledgment from Suttons this work has not yet been undertaken. The Clerk was asked to write again, and also alert West Berks Council.
- (c) The gate at Stockcross needs attention – T Butcher will not be able to do the work, and J Ives said that she thought she would be able to get someone to take out the gate and rebuild it in to better foundations. She was also asked if she could get a man to tidy up the back of Stockcross Pavilion, and remove the toilet unit there. She offered to get a Quote.
- (d) The bus, which does not return from Newbury, will not be re-instated, reported P Bryant, District Councillor. Due to a lack of funding this service will remain as it is.

4 ... **STOCKCROSS & SPEEN RECREATION GROUNDS,** Football report from J Booth and A Snook. The 12 – 14 yr olds goalposts and 12 – 14 yr old players are being moved to Speen. The under 11yr olds will remain playing at Stockcross. The Speen Recreation Grounds needs the Cricket square taking up. This was noted.

5... **CHANGING ROOMS AT STOCKCROSS.** A hold has been put on all plans for the moment. The Surveyor's report said that the shed was beyond economical repair, though safe at present.

6.. **SCHOOL GOVERNOR** required by Stockcross School to represent the Parish Council. E Vandyk proposed\L Homersham and E Dineen seconded. All in favour. The Clerk was asked to write and notify the Head Teacher.

7.. The **RoSPa** inspection for 2005 has been budgeted for and the Clerk was asked to send in a request for later in the year.

8..**PROPOSED NEW MEDICAL CENTRE, NEWBURY.** A letter from Brackley Primary Health Care Property had already been circulated, and a discussion took place on their desire to build a new Medical Centre at Speen Recreational Ground. The Clerk was asked to write to a) Suttons to ask for their comments and b) Brackley to ask for further details and some financial figures. In principal we are interested. There was one objection to a sale when the vote was taken. The Clerk was asked to obtain old records from R Tolcher, regarding this subject.

9.. **PLANNING** : J Booth has examine 9 Applications since the last Meeting and C Woodhead 3. The main schedule has been kept up to date. The Clerk will continue to put information on the Notice Boards.

10.. **DONATIONS:** a) Speen Village Fete – it was agreed to give the same sum as the donation to Stockcross Fete last year. The Clerk to investigate and report back. Proposed C Woodhead and seconded by J Booth. A cheque will be raised at the March Meeting.

b) Relate – after a discussion it was decided not to support this Charity. Proposed by C Woodhead seconded by L Homersham. C) Pang Valley – the Clerk was asked to find out local activities.

11.... **FINANCES:** The Clerk (RFO) advised that the Reserve Account held £35,148.00. A Financial Working Party had taken place and the Proposed Precept for the coming year was circulated. The Internal Auditor agreed the result of £14,985.00 and this was formally proposed by C Woodhead and Seconded by A Snook. All in favour.

CHEQUES DRAWN SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

845	10/12/2004	Sutton Hall	£	19.00
846	10/12/2004	Litterpick A E Butcher	£	72.00
847	10/12/2004	S & J Management	£	446.39
848	28/12/2004	SEC	£	179.29
849	28/12/2004	Thames Water	£	20.34
850	16/01/2005	Southern Electric	£	83.22
851	17/01/2005	SEC	£	23.11
852	17/01/2005	Cottrells	£	49.33
853	17/01/2005	S & J Mangt Clerk	£	449.22
854	17/01/2005	A E Butcher	£	72.00
855	17/01/2005	ditto/ Annual Charges	£	144.00
				£1,557.90

12... MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INFORMATION:

- a) G Foulkes asked P Calder for the return of keys to the Speen Pavilion.
- b) E Dineen asked that T Butcher put up her notice on the Recreation Gate at Stockcross.
- c) A Snook reported that the Planning Committees frequency of meetings will be changing at WBC.
- d) P Calder will attend the Parish Meeting
- e) Clerk asked to contact Donnington re dog litter and ways of disposal.
- f) E Vandyk reported that the sign for Stockcross was missing on the southern entry into the village. Streetcare to be advised.
- g) P Bryant reminded the Council that Downlands Forum was being held tomorrow in Speen Parish hall.
- h) The Masts at Battle Close and Speen Garage have both now been erected.
- i) A discussion took place on WBC's proposal to increase the speed limit between Waitrose crossing and Brummell Road. 1 Abstention and rest in Favour.
- j) Footpath 15 – events are progressing slowly.

13.. **CORRESPONDENCE.** The Chairman went through a pile of 26 items and discussed those that were relevant.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8 15P.M. AND THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 7TH AT STOCKCROSS, AT 7 P.M.