

**MINUTES OF SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
7TH MARCH 2005 AT STOCKCROSS VILLAGE HALL AT 7.P.M.**

Present: G Foulkes (Chairman) J Booth (Vice Chairman) WRB John
E Vandyk K Roi E Dineen J Ives (Clerk).

Apologies: L Homersham A Snook T Tyler C Woodhead R Wilson
P Calder M Franks (District).

District Councillor: P Bryant

Members of the Public: 32

Declarations: There were no declarations.

1. **MINUTES** The Minutes were agreed and signed after it had been brought to the notice of the Council that three alterations had been made as requested by A Snook.
2. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) The trees at Marsh Benham have now been successfully lopped and payment was due as passed in a previous meeting. The Clerk was asked to draw a cheque for the quoted amount.
 - b) The Stiles have not all been mended yet and this has been going on since June last year. The Clerk was asked to chase yet again WBC. Suttons have agreed and the work is scheduled.
 - c) The gate repair at Stockcross Playing Fields has been quoted for by B Lambert and this was accepted. Proposed by WRB John and seconded by K Roi.
 - d) No reply from Pang Valley, so no monies designated.
 - e) Speen Village Fete to be awarded £100 as per the agreed amount given to Stockcross Fete last year. All in Favour.
 - f) a reply has been received from RoSPa and it was noted that they accept our confirmation. They will report back later this year.
 - g) E Dineen and L Homersham will attend the Parish Conference on 22nd March, and represent the Parish Council.
 - h) SID – Speed Indicator Device, K Roi and T Tyler to attend training. K Roi has the details.

**3. PROPOSAL OF THE NEW MEDICAL CENTRE AT SPEEN
RECREATIONAL GROUND.**

G Foulkes summarised the position so far, in that the Parish Council have made preliminary enquiries following the receipt of a letter from Brackley Primary Health Care Property. It had been the duty of the Parish Council, he said, to find out more about the plans proposed. The Clerk read a letter from Suttons, against the plan, and G Foulkes read part of the original draft agreement when the land was taken over by the Council some years ago, showing various restrictions to the use of the plot. The Chairman then opened the Meeting for the members of the Public to speak and an interesting discussion took place. All were against as the Vote was taken, and all were against in the Parish Council. WRB John expressed thanks to the 32 members of the Public who had come to the Meeting to voice

their opinions. The Clerk was asked to ask C Woodhead to find out more details of the land from the Land Registry as it appears that the draft copy supplied by R Tolcher was the only document now available

4. Two long established Local Charities are to amalgamate. The Relief in Need, and the Majendie. In due course there will be need for only one member of the Council to represent on the Committee. G Foulkes will report later.
5. The gate at Stockcross is always locked and the rota to open it is not working. E Dineen said that there was a need for more volunteers to open and shut the gate every day. A discussion took place and it was proposed by WRB John and seconded by E Vandyk that it should be left unlocked during daylight hours until further notice. The Clerk to liaise with E Dineen to raise a letter to residents, and one in the shop, to get more help over this matter.
6. The Parish Council need another volunteer with Planning Applications. E Dineen was proposed by J Booth and seconded by K Roi. J Booth would help E Dineen initially.
7. The Clerk left the room for this item. It is the time for routine increases to the Clerks Salary to be discussed. It was agreed to leave the Clerk on Spinal Column 19 which would increase the hourly rate as from April 1st. All agreed.
8. **FINANCE.** The Clerk had already circulated the cheques paid list, but as there was only one signatory present it was agreed that any cheques waiting should be posted around later in the week. The Reserve Account stands at £28990 and a transfer would need to be actioned so that there was enough in the Current Account to pay outstanding amounts.

9.. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INFORMATION

- i) The Clerk advised the Parish Council that there is a lady living in Lambourn Road who is very ill. After explanation and discussion it was agreed that the next road that needs a name in Speen should be called after 'Monica' and the Clerk was asked to get this in writing from West Berks Council, who had in theory already agreed. All in Favour.

10: **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman, G Foulkes read out 9 items of correspondence and the Clerk was asked to file any that have to be kept.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.35 P.M. AND THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE PARISH ASSEMBLY ON APRIL 11TH, WHEN THERE WILL BE A SHORT INTRODUCTORY TALK BY A HEALTH GROUP, ENTITLED PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN WEST BERKSHIRE.