

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SPEEN PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 2005 AT 7 P.M. AT SPEEN VILLAGE  
HALL.**

**Present:** G Foulkes ( Chairman ) J Booth ( Vice Chairman ) WRB John  
E Dineen A Snook P Calder C Woodhead T Tyler J Ives ( Clerk)  
**Members of Public:** 21 including Newbury Weekly News reporter.  
**Apologies:** L Hommersham.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** G Foulkes being willing to stand again, and there being no other nominations, was proposed by WRB John and seconded by J Booth, and signed in by the Clerk for the files at WBC.
2. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:** Jenny Booth was willing to stand again and there being no other nominations was proposed by G Foulkes and seconded by WRB John., and was signed in by the Clerk.
3. **NEW COUNCILLOR** Lou Warner of Speen was duly signed in as a Parish Councillor.
3. **DECLARATIONS:** Nil
4. **MINUTES.** The previous Minutes had been circulated and were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - a) Stockcross gate – E Dineen reported that the Rota had struggled to succeed, with the gate being left open, and closed for long hours. WRB John said that the Parish Council had a duty to give access to the Car Park and Playing fields and Tennis Courts at all times. J Booth agreed. After discussion, and the reading of an e-mail it was proposed that the gate be open for access, by WRB John and seconded by E Dineen. All agreed except one against. It was noted that there is no proof of drug activity in the Stockcross Car Park – the Police have no records of this, and any articles found in rubbish could come from visiting cars. The Clerk was asked to write to all those on the Rota.
  - b) WRB John thanked B Lambert the Contractor for the work done on the broken swing gate near the Stockcross school. The Clerk was asked to find out if it needed preservative, and obtain a spring hinge.
6. **STOCKCROSS FOOTBALL:** A Snook reported that now we have no facilities, there is no senior football played at the weekend. The juniors/casuals still play frequently. WRB John thanked A Snook for all his hard work on the feasibility study of the proposed new changing rooms. It was hoped, he said, that the Parish Council could assist the Tennis Club in the future.
7. There had been a complaint at a house backing onto the football ground, of balls hitting and breaking the fence resulting in costly repair. After discussion it was decided to have a sign made ‘ No ball games in this area’ and A Butcher would be able to pin it securely in the ground. A Snook agreed to get quotes, and report at next Meeting.
8. Work has been completed on the Car Park at Speen Recreation ground, and this has now been paid for.
9. Speen Fete June 11<sup>th</sup> – K Butcher the football coach said that he would empty the Pavilion of gear the week prior.

10. **PLANNING:** J Booth reported very little in, but today had received an Application to demolish 8 garages, all of which are currently in use, and develop two houses. Sovereign Housing owns the ground, and this proposal was opposed by 20 members of the public who attended the Meeting. There was a length discussion, and the Parish Council heard that even the Ambulances could not get down this cul de sac (Battle Close) because of cars parked. The situation would be agravated by 8 more cars if the garages were demolished. J Booth said she would reject the proposal on behalf of the Parish Council. All agreed. There was to be a site Meeting immediately following the Council Meeting for all who wished to attend. A Snook also reported on the change of office use for the MPV centre in Bath Road. There was to be a site meeting for the planning committee and report back to the Council.
11. **FINANCIAL:** J Ives asked that the Accounts for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2005 be agreed and signed off for UHY Hacker Young. This was proposed by T Tyler and seconded by J Booth. All in favour. The Clerk advised that the Internal Auditor had checked her work. Various cheques were to be agreed and signed – to upkeep the Churchyard at Speen a sum of £250 was agreed. Membership of BALC for this year was also agreed. The Clerk asked that two more signatories be lodged at the Bank, and it was agreed that J Booth and E Dineen should oblige.

#### **CHEQUES DRAWN SINCE LAST REPORTED**

07/02/2005	856 A Butcher/litterpick	£ 62.00
24/02/2005	857 S & J Mangt/Clerk	£ 448.34
17/02/2005	858 Southern Electric	£ 12.49
07/03/2005	859 A Butcher/litterpick	£ 62.00
07/03/2005	860 G A Butler & Sons/trees	£1,151.50
15/03/2005	861 S & J Mangt/Clerk	£ 450.43
25/03/2005	862 SEC	£ 179.29
25/03/2005	863 Sutton Hall	£ 23.20
25/03/2005	864 Thames Water	£ 55.52
20/03/2005	865 Speen Fete S137	£ 100.00
11/04/2005	866 Southern Electric	£ 87.43
11/04/2005	867 S & J Mangt/Clerk	£ 480.41
11/04/2005	868 A Butcher/litterpick	£ 62.00
16/04/2005	869 Newbury Weekly News	£ 43.48
24/04/2005	870 Barry Forkin/keys cut	£ 18.75
24/04/2005	871 B Lambert/new gate	£ 306.81
26/04/2005	872 void	
26/04/2005	873 P & J North/Car Park etc	£1,927.00
26/04/2005	874 I R Snook & Son/car pk	£ 366.60
06/05/2005	875 A Butcher/litterpick	£ 62.00
06/05/2005	876 S & J Mangt/Clerk	£ 471.35
23/05/2005	877 Cottrells	£ 48.58
25/05/2005	878 A Kirke/Internal Auditor	£ 125.00
23/05/2005	879 N'by Internet Services	£ 916.50
23/05/2005	880 Speen Hall	£ 21.20
23/05/2005	881 Southern Electric	£ 13.28
	Total:	<b>£7,495.16</b>

12. **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman went through 11 items and read them to the Councillors.

**13. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INFORMATION:**

- a) J Booth reported fly tipping and identified the source. The Council suggested that she contacted the District Councillors, neither of whom are present tonight.
- b) Committees would be formed at the next meeting – Clerk to note.
- c) Relief in Need Charity has merged with Majendie Charity and only therefore need one person from the Council to represent. Both A Snook and G Foulkes would attend the next Meeting and thereafter only one will go.
- d) The Clerk was asked to get the Stockcross signs replaced.
- e) The proposed Council Meeting in June was to be cancelled due to holidays.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m. and the next meeting will be on July 25<sup>th</sup> at Speen. at 7 p.m..