

**MINUTES OF THE SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2005 IN STOCKCROSS  
VILLAGE HALL AT 7.p.m.**

**Present:** G Foulkes ( Chairman ) J Booth ( Vice Chairman) C Woodhead  
T Tyler A Snook L Warner A Lees A J Ives ( Clerk )

**Member of the Public:** 1 ( Newbury Weekly News )

**District Councillor:** P Bryant

**Apologies:** P Calder

**Declarations:** nil

**DRAFT ONLY**

1. **WELCOME :** The Chairman welcomed Andy Lees from Speen, and all documents had been signed and sent in to West Berks Council. G Foulkes also had pleasure in reporting that C Woodhead was not now planning to leave in October, and would be remaining as a Councillor for the time being. This was favourably received. G Foulkes said that R Wilson of Stockcross would like to re-join, having been off the Council for about one year. This too was favourably received and the Clerk was asked to post the necessary documents for co-option in a Casual Vacancy. We would then be full house at 13 Councillors.
2. **MINUTES** The Minutes of July 4<sup>th</sup> were agreed and signed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - The new ball games notice is in place and has been paid for.
  - The report from the Craftsman at Stockcross on the wood frame Notice Board at Bagnor was not encouraging. It was not worth repairing he said. After discussion the Clerk was asked to order a new metal one, in a dark colour – dark brown or black.
- 4.. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:** P Bryant advised the Council on Footpath 15, saying that a Meeting in 2/3 weeks may resolve the matter. This has been a long on-going saga, and needs to be resolved.
- 5.. **DONNINGTON GROVE FOOTPATHS** P Bryant and J Booth reported that the matters concerns the Ramblers Association and most of the local residents. Residents should write to Michells Shermen at WBC against the Appeal. The suggestion is that FP 30 and 15 interfere with holes on the Course. They have been there for several years, and are well used footpaths. The Parish Council do not want them extinguished. There has not been an accident here for the last 15 years. This is not a Planning Application – WBC Legal Officers decide. After discussion it was agreed that J Booth should write on behalf of the Parish Council and object. Proposed by C Woodhead and seconded by A Lees. All in Favour.
- 6.. **FOOTBALL:** The Juniors are playing – the season has begun. The Clerk reported that some money had come through to her, and was banked. More was due from Brazilliant Fun Soccer.

7.. **CRICKET WICKET AT SPEEN RECREATIONA GROUND:** The Clerk reported that the work had been given to Waterers, and should be starting shortly. The other company had been unable to come up with a Quote, although being given extra time. The Clerk to make contact with Waterers and ascertain estimated time of commencement.

8.. **BRACKLEY MEDICAL CENTRE.** L Warner and A Lees had been to a local meeting and heard a great deal of opposition. Very speculative at present. There is a flood plain concern, which could back up to adjacent gardens. Discussion. The proposed new Medical Centre ( St Mary's Speen ) is not in our boundary.

9.. **RosPA:** Each Councillor had received a copy of the RoSPA report and had had time to absorb the requirements. The Clerk has listed the medium and high risk requirements and had received quotes from B Lambert/ R Cripps. B Lambert could do a long list of smaller work for the sum of £400 and R Cripps as the Fencing Contractor quoted for Marsh Benham £390 and Stockcross £2200. The Council agreed to B Lambert doing his list, and the Clerk was instructed to write to our Insurance Company saying that a great deal of work was being done, but that the Parish Council will wait for further quotes on the rest of the work. It was agreed that the fencing at Marsh Benham could be reduced to 1.5 metres.

10.. **PLANNING:** J Booth mentioned that a man with a clip board had been seen at Battle Close, and he said that there could be an Appeal following the refusal to allow building works. J Booth said she had not seen any paperwork and neither had the Clerk.

11.. **FINANCE;** The Clerk reported that she had heard from UHY Hacker Young and the accounts for last year were now signed off.

Cheques paid since last Meeting:

10/08/2005	895 S & J Clerk	471.48
10/08/2005	896 Cottrells	46.46
19/08/2005	897 A E Butcher	62.00
02/09/2005	898 Numbercraft signs	68.56
02/09/2005	899 Playground Mngt	207.98
02/09/2005	900 Double A playground	50.00
02/09/2005	1201 Southern Electric	13.25
02/09/2005	1202 S & J Clerk	498.29
12/09/2005	1203 A E Butcher	82.00
12/09/2005	1204 UHY Hacker Young	141.00
	Total	<b>1,641.02</b>

12.... **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Dates for the forthcoming year were accepted as the Clark's list

- b) After discussion, although not an Agenda item ( due to late entry) A Lees proposed that £250 should be paid to the upkeep of St Mary's Churchyard and C Woodhead seconded. All in Favour.
- c) A letter was read out from WBC Tourist department.
- d) CAWB had written to alert us to the needs of Old People.
- e) Junior Citizen of the Year award – did we know of anyone eligible?
- f) BALC letter and Communicator x 2.
- g) NHS Primary Care Trust meeting on 13/09/05

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

- Majendie Charity Meeting on 26/09/05 G Foulkes to attend.
- J Booth reported on the lack of Parking space for Stockcross Primary School – an accident waiting to happen. The Clerk was asked to write to the Head Teacher.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m. and the next meeting is scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup> 2005 at Speen.