

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2005 AT 7 P.M.**

PRESENT: G Foulkes (Chairman) J Booth (Vice Chairman) A Snook
P Calder E Vandyk C Woodhead AJ Ives (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: WRB John P Bryant (District Councillor) A Lees T Tyler

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 3

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: nil

1. **WELCOME TO THE NEW COUNCILLOR.** Mrs D McAlister signed the Acceptance of Office sheet and the Register of Interests, in duplicate. One copy to go to the Legal Department of WBC and one for the Clerk's files. The Clerk said that she would get a book of instruction for new Councillors from BALC at the first opportunity.
2. **DECLARATIONS:** C Woodhead declared an interest in Landscaping, as his relative directs the Scofell organisation.
3. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the 12th September were agreed and signed, by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) The Clerk had received another letter from Mr Conrad Hall, of Speen and this letter had, he said, been sent to the Legal Department at West Berks. He felt that the Council, and particularly the Clerk had been wrong to replace the wooden Notice Board at Bagnor with a black metal one, that needs no maintenance. Mr Hall has his own carpentry business, and was offering to repair. The Clerk said that she had been in touch with D Hollings, Legal Dept. and he would be replying to Mr Hall within two weeks. The Council has no further comment.
 - b) Sad departure of Kuldip Rai as Councillor. Rai is ill at present and undergoing dialysis, and as he has been unable to attend any Council Meeting since April 11th he has, by law, to come off the Council. The Clerk has written to him, and expressed the views of the Council in thanking him for his participation in the past, and for being a good 'team member'.
 - c) Footpath 15 – P Calder reported on a letter he wrote to WBC and explained that the footpath has to be instated and removed, in that order. The result will be a satisfactory slightly different line, agreed by all. The Council supported this move and it should be the culmination of three to four years' debate.
 - d) Donnington Grove Footpaths – there being no District Councillor present, we had no up to date report. R Tolcher from the floor said that a report was being produced by the Countryside Officer and a decision would be made soon.
 - e) The Clerk reported that the outstanding money for Braziliant Football at Speen has now been received. A discussion took place of the football and it was noted that the Clerk had been advised by K Butcher,

Coach, that all the disarray in the pavilion would be cleaned up after season closed November 19th. There has been a great deal of Vandalism at the Pavilion – locks and bolts broken, plastic bottles and cans left outside. After discussion the Council asked the Clerk to write to Cllr L Warner and Cllr A Lees who live nearby to see if they could keep an eye on the proceedings there. The Clerk was asked to advise the Police if the drinking sessions and vandalism get worse.

- f) **Brackley Medical Centre** – A Lees had with the backing of the Council sent in an Objection report.
- g) **RoSPa** – work undergoing at present – small fence and large gate at Marsh Benham and swings and new chains being fitted soon. The Clerk has yet to order bark for Marsh Benham and mastic for the tiles at Speen.

5.. A Representative for the Parish Council is required on the **School Governors** at Stockcross. The Clerk was asked to ask W R B John.

6 .. The Clerk was asked to get three Quotes for the **Landscape Maintenance** for the coming fiscal year. Waterers had come in at 2.5% up, and it was agreed that they had done a good job with Speen for the past few years. The Clerk would report her findings at the Finance Committee Meeting on 9th December, and again in January on 16th at the Parish Council Meeting.

7.. A Snook advised the Council that the **hedge at Stockcross** needed a good cut. Waterer's had quoted £80 but it was bigger job than they thought, he felt. The Clerk was asked to contact Suttons' and ask if they owned the hedge, or the land, which we have been trying to get Deeds for the past three years. The hedge backs on the private gardens on the right of the playing fields, as you enter by the Car Park.

8.. **Planning:** C Woodhead reported on an ' adjacent parish' submission.

9.. **FINANCE** The Clerk reminded those present that it was Budget time, and as usual the finance committee would meet, this year at E Vandyk's house on 9th December at 7 p.m. Their suggestions would be put to the Council in January, before submitting the Precept request. The Clerk said that there was £31,675 in the Deposit account at The Bank of Ireland.

CHEQUES PAID SINCE LAST MEETING:

16/09/2005	205 St Marys Speen	£ 250.00
06/10/2005	206 SEC	£ 36.90
06/10/2005	207 Richard Sutton	£ 0.25
06/10/2005	208 Sutton Hall	£ 19.20
06/10/2005	209 SEB lighting	£ 91.29
06/10/2005	210 ISS Waterers	£1,338.56
06/10/2005	211 SEC	£ 193.66
06/10/2005	212 S & J Magt Clerk	£ 476.77
06/10/2005	213 A E Butcher	£ 64.99
06/10/2005	214 Barlows (RoSPa)	£ 269.71
13/10/2005	215 R Sandilands Sch	£ 28.15
26/10/2005	216 Water Utilities	£ 28.98
26/10/2005	217 Playground Services	£ 443.33

26/10/2005	218 M W Sutton/ roof rprs	£ 146.88
26/10/2005	219 Cottrells	£ 35.48
07/11/2005	220 A E Butcher	£ 115.00
07/11/2005	221 S & J Magt Clerk	£ 511.07
07/11/2005	222 ISS Waterers landspe	£2,636.43
07/11/2005	223 Poppy Wreath	£ 16.50
21/11/2005	224 Filcris N Board	£ 484.70
21/11/2005	225 Election costs	£ 47.00
21/11/2005	226 SEB lighting	£ 13.43
		£7,248.28

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It was proposed that the sum of £250 should be given in the usual way for the upkeep of the Churchyard at St John's Stockcross. Proposed by: J Booth and seconded by A Snook All in Favour.

10.. **CORRESPONDENCE.** Three Items were produced by the Clerk – one taken by C Woodhead regarding planning, P Calder took one regarding Affordable Housing and E Vandyk took a leaflet about Speed Indicator Device.

11... MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INFORMATION:

- G Foulkes advised on the merging of the Majendie Charity for the Poor of Speen and the Ancient Parish Relief in Need Charity. After some discussion it was agreed that the nominated Representatives be G Foulkes and Mike Pike. All in Favour.
- J Booth asked if anyone knew where the keys were to the gate at the school end of the Playing Fields at Stockcross? There being no response she said she would ask K Butcher (football coach).

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10 p.m. AND THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 16TH JANUARY AT SPEEN AT 7 p.m.