

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL  
ON JANUARY 21 2009 AT 7.30 IN THE PARISH HALL**

**PRESENT:** G Foulkes ( Chairman ) E Vandyk ( Vice Chairman) L Warner  
A Lees P Calder R Tolcher K Sullivan J Ives (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** A Martin K Phillips P Bryant (D.C.) and M Franks (D.C.)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 2 + Newbury Weekly News

1. **DECLARATIONS:** Nil
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING ( November 17<sup>th</sup> 2008).** It was proposed and seconded that these Minutes were not signed as item 8 was not factual. They would be re-adjusted and submitted to the next Meeting for signing off.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Crime in Speen. Cllr R Tolcher reported on the latest vandalism at Speen Lodge Court, with the new lock, and the efforts of the residents to resist. b) The NAG meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December had been well attended, and the overall realignment of the NAG boundaries is now completed with Speen exactly as before. There will be a chance to change it later on ( next year ). There was concern at the lack of WBC representation at the NAG Meetings. The next Meeting is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> January. Cllr R Tolcher said that Speen should be represented at Kintbury also, to cover Stockcross and Marsh Benham.
4. Update by Cllr E Vandyk on **Suttons Estates** development : Cllr Vandyk reported on meeting the Agent and had little new to say. There are planning applications for two venues – one for a Farm Shop at the A4, B4000 junction and one for Stockcross ( farm extension). Sutton Estates will continue to exploit their land assets and the Government Consultation when it is published will be embraced. It was proposed and seconded that a working party from Speen Parish Council should be formed when the publication is out. Cllr Vandyk to report back. All agreed.
5. **Planning:** A schedule showing the latest Planning Applications had been circulated by e-mail. It has been very quiet and only two applications since before Christmas.
6. **Precept for 2009-2010:** Cllr E Vandyk presented the case for the Precept to remain the same as this year ie £20K and explained that the working party who had met in December had examined the facts and details and all those present had agreed. The Precept was therefore proposed and seconded and all in Favour.
7. **Finances:** The Clerk reported the balances in the Bank £35k in the Bank of Ireland and £2.2k in Lloyds Current. It was recommended that most of the deposit with Bank of Ireland be prudently moved to a deposit account in the UK, and the clerk was asked to expedite this. Proposed, seconded and all in Favour.

Cheques signed since the last Meeting:

1444 garden carpenter	265.00
1445 Playground services	474.70
1446 A J Ives ( Clerk)	443.64
1447 A J Ives ( Clerk)	125.00
1448 SEB	34.54
1449 A E Butcher	62.00
1450 Animated Laser Co	35.25
1451 Country Supplies	78.00
1452 SEC	260.15
1453 Speen Hall	6.00
1454 A J Ives ( Clerk)	435.00
1455 Staples stny	21.52
1456 A E Butcher annual	214.00
1457 SEB	210.64
1458 Postage	21.44
	<b>2,686.88</b>

8. **'Draft Minutes'** to be agreed for future circulation. The clerk was instructed to use the watermark 'Draft' when writing up the Minutes, prior to them being signed off.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** 8 items were read out and circulated – including one from English Heritage which advised that the Obelisk is now a listed monument.
10. **Matters for consideration and information:** The Clerk mentioned that Playground Facilities had rung her and offered to do a feasibility study at Speen Recreational ground, in case we wanted to add some equipment. Cllr A Lees took details and agreed to study.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.15 P.M. AND THE NEXT MEETING IS  
PLANNED FOR MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> AT STOCKCROSS.**