



SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL		
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26th June 2017 AT THE PAVILION, SPEEN RECREATION GROUND STARTING AT 6:30pm		
PRESENT	Councillors	Cllrs A Booth (Chair), A Amirtharaj, R Scorey, A Newell-Hart, A Winn, S Taylor
	WBC Councillor	None
	Parishioners, Guests & press:	None
	ACTING CLERK	M Gould

	1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Larkins & Cllr Tull (Temporary voluntary suspension)
Item 2 resolved	2. Minutes: Cllr Taylor was present at the meeting but not listed as present. Minutes updated by hand to reflect that. Proposal: To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting on 30-5-17. Proposer Cllr Scorey, seconder Cllr Booth. All in favour. Cllr Winn abstained.
	3. Declarations of interest: To declare any financial, personal and/or prejudicial interests and their nature in relation to items on the agenda. Cllr Booth declared a potential personal interest in item 4.1 as the householder of 6A Croft Lane is known personally to Cllr Booth. Cllr Booth has not been lobbied.

4. To consider the following planning application(s):

Item	WBDC ref no.	Details	SPC Resolution
4.1 resolved	17/01339/OUTD	Site is adjacent to Speen Parish. Erection of a single dwelling: all matters reserved. Land adjacent to 4 Croft Lane, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 1RR Comment: SPC would like to see plot size increased by expanding the plot northwards with the proposed dwelling located further from boundary of 6a. Proposer Cllr Newell-Hart, seconder Cllr Booth. All in favour.	No objection

5. To review West Berks. Case Officer's documentation & decisions received:

None to be considered this month.

6. Newbury Town Planning Steering committee update

Cllr Booth had attended the last meeting. Timescale for completion of review longer than anticipated and is likely to go on for a further year. Some of the sub-groups have already submitted interim statements. Only item which may have an impact on Speen is a possible crossing west of the town centre water bridge (Butcher / Newbury Building Society) over the river / canal. This is only a concept at present.

Increased footfall in the south end of town anticipated over the next few years due to electrification of trains in 2018. A number of changes to the road system at that end of town being considered including more one way streets e.g. Cheap Street and Bear Lane. Also changes to Robinhood Roundabout may take place.



7. Highways matters

Item 7.1 resolved	<p><u>Review the Street Lighting Schedule of Rates, Annual Maintenance Charge Sheet & Maintenance Contract from SSE Enterprise (received via email 16-6-17) regarding streetlights.</u></p> <p>SPC currently manages 21 street lights – responsible for maintenance and electricity supply. Contract is with SSE Contracting Ltd (trading as SSE Enterprise Lighting) for maintenance and SSE for supply of electricity. Contract is overdue as supplied late from SSE. Proposed renewal is for a 3-year period.</p> <p>Clerk to check SPC financial regulations to confirm that electricity supply and contract extension exempt from procurement rules.</p> <p>Proposal: that this committee recommends to F&GP and Full Council that this contract is signed. Proposer Cllr Booth, seconder Cllr Scorey. Cllr Newell-Hart against, Cllr Amirtharaj abstained. Four in favour. Item 7.1 resolved.</p> <p>Clerk to ensure that F&GP consider this contract at meeting on 29/6/17. Clerk to ensure that on agenda for full council meeting on 10/7/17.</p>	Clerk
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8. To review any correspondence received:

8.1	<p>Speeding traffic through Marsh Benham: Cllr Scorey read out email received and circulated to committee by Clerk. Cllr Winn and Cllr Taylor, both Marsh Benham residents concur that traffic does travel through the village faster than is safe. Sat nav directs traffic through village via east route rather than western, wider road so this compounds the problem. The parishioner has been directed to the SSDNAG by Clerk.</p> <p>There was discussion of how best the council can support parishioners with issues of speeding. Currently, the Clerk refers people to SSDNAG who then collect data and liaise with local police traffic enforcement officers and WBDC. SPC can then support SSDNAG and others by applying for funding. This has worked very successfully in Grove Road. Important that approach is consistent and has been so of recent months. May be useful to have a written advice note for parishioners of how the process works and who to contact. An item could also appear in the next parish council newsletter – Clerk to advise Communications & PR committee of this request by Planning & Highways Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Booth requested that speeding appear as a constant agenda item for the committee. Clerk to ensure always on agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Booth would be willing to lobby WBDC for investigation of speeding concerns at Marsh Benham.</p>	Clerk Clerk Cllr Booth
8.2	<p>Poor state of repair on pavements at east end of Grovelands Road: A parishioner had reported this. Clerk had reported to WBDC via their portal. Prompt reply from WBDC stating that it has been added to site to be inspected as on-going management and may be added to work list if considered urgent but that WBDC funds very tight.</p>	

Next meeting Monday 24th July SPEEN RECREATION GROUND STARTING AT 6:30pm

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting ended at 7:55pm.

Signed:	Name (print):	Date:

Abbreviations:

SPC = Speen Parish Council,

WBDC = West Berkshire Council

SSDNAG: Speen Stockcross and Donnington Neighbourhood Action Group

NAG = Neighbourhood Action Group

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