



**SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AT THE MAJENDIE HALL, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SPEEN**  
**STARTING AT 7.30 P.M.**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Parish Councillors</b>	S Larkins ( <i>Chair</i> ), A Amirtharaj, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Booth, Cllr Newell-Hart
	<b>WBDC Councillor</b>	
	<b>Parish resident</b>	Tony Hersh, Edward Vandyk
	<b>Clerk &amp; RFO</b>	Lisa Blake

**Meeting started at 7:30pm**

**Open Session:** Two Parishioners from Stockcross were present to discuss the Rising Sun pub closure in Stockcross. Mr Vandyk expressed concerns that only one councillor represents Stockcross. Cllr Larkins confirmed that in fact three councillors live very closely to Stockcross. Mr Vandyk wrote to SPC with regards to the closure of the Rising Sun pub. The Lord Lyon pub was closed and is now a residential development. The Rising Sun is currently closed. There is a freehold on the pub. Stockcross residents would like SPC to investigate the possibility of the pub becoming a Community asset before a planning application is submitted. The pubs lease has 8 years left to run.

Cllr Newell- Hart asked for clarification and asked if the pub could be considered as a community amenity

Edward Vandyk clarified that he would like SPC to get involved in initially finding out if a Community asset is viable or not.

Cllr Newell- Hart suggested a joint venture between SPC and Stockcross residents

Cllr Booth Queried the price of the pub lease

Edward Vandyk requested that this issue could be added to the next Full Council agenda with a view to producing a report to show the viability of a Community asset project.

Cllr Newell- Hart questioned whether Stockcross residents would be working on the project before the next council meeting.

Cllr Newell-Hart questioned who would product the report

Edward Vandyk asked if the SPC/Clerk could produce the report to look at the viability of the pub becoming a Community asset. Various other pubs were cited as examples of pubs that have been transferred to Community ownership with success.

Cllr Larkins asked the Clerk to research Community assets

Cllr Larkins suggested that a Working party could be formed to look at this project

Parishioners left at 8pm

Resolution	Item	Action
	1. <b>Apologies</b> were received from Cllr Winn (Work Commitments), Cllr Tull (Work Commitments), Cllr Scorey (Maternity leave), Cllr Mathers (Work Commitments), Cllr Harris	
	2. <b>Declarations of Interest:</b>  Cllr Phillips declared an interest as he is a resident of Stockcross (Community Asset)	
Resolved	3. <b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b> Minutes from the Full council meeting 16-10-2017,	

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	<p>received and agreed in principal.</p> <p>Section 12. Amend 'Remain in office until AGM in May and Cllr Mathers will leave in March 2018.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> pending above corrections, to approve Minutes of the full council meeting held on Monday 16-10-17. Proposer Cllr Larkins, seconder Cllr Booth, all in favour.</p>																																																																	
Resolved	<p><b>4. Financial report: Clerk as RFO</b></p> <p>4.1 Bank Balance confirmed.</p> <p>4.2 Finance report to end of October 2017 accepted. Proposer Cllr Larkins, seconder Cllr Amirtharaj, all in favour.</p> <p>4.3 To endorse Cheques since last meeting, Proposer Cllr Larkins, seconder Cllr Newell-Hart, all in favour</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Cheques for Endorsement</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>07/09/2017</td> <td>2519</td> <td>Mazars</td> <td>360.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14/09/2017</td> <td>2520</td> <td>Castle Water</td> <td>45.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14/09/2017</td> <td>2521</td> <td>OE Drewitt</td> <td>7200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14/09/2017</td> <td>2522</td> <td>Newbury Office Supplies</td> <td>150.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14/09/2017</td> <td>2523</td> <td>Thatcham Glass</td> <td>138.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25/09/2017</td> <td>2524</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>1011.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25/09/2017</td> <td>2537</td> <td>OE Drewitt</td> <td>5724.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25/09/2017</td> <td>2526</td> <td>Came and Co</td> <td>2147.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25/09/2017</td> <td>2527</td> <td>Royal mail</td> <td>318.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30/09/2017</td> <td>2533</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>37.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30/09/2017</td> <td>2534</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>203.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30/09/2017</td> <td>2535</td> <td>S Hicks Expenses</td> <td>40.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30/09/2017</td> <td>2530</td> <td>Triangle Management</td> <td>900.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30/09/2017</td> <td>2531</td> <td>Triangle Management</td> <td>1280.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30/09/2017</td> <td>2536</td> <td>SSE</td> <td>82.69</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheques for Endorsement				07/09/2017	2519	Mazars	360.00	14/09/2017	2520	Castle Water	45.02	14/09/2017	2521	OE Drewitt	7200.00	14/09/2017	2522	Newbury Office Supplies	150.24	14/09/2017	2523	Thatcham Glass	138.00	25/09/2017	2524	Clerk	1011.78	25/09/2017	2537	OE Drewitt	5724.00	25/09/2017	2526	Came and Co	2147.41	25/09/2017	2527	Royal mail	318.00	30/09/2017	2533	Clerk	37.50	30/09/2017	2534	HMRC	203.03	30/09/2017	2535	S Hicks Expenses	40.97	30/09/2017	2530	Triangle Management	900.00	30/09/2017	2531	Triangle Management	1280.40	30/09/2017	2536	SSE	82.69	
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	30/10/2017	2571	Castle Water	30.85	
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	<p><b>5 Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee:(Cllr Larkins)</b></p> <p>5.1 Cllr Phillips is unable to attend the next F&amp;GP meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. A draft precept will be reviewed in this meeting.</p> <p>5.2 CIL Funds have been received from WBDC, appx £1488</p> <p>5.3 Cllr Amirtharaj attended a BALC training course for new councillors. The course was very beneficial and a monthly allowance for Councillors was mentioned as part of the course. Cllr Amirtharaj will show Cllr Larkins the course material. It was also queried whether the Clerk has a copy of the 1972 Local Government Act.</p> <p>5.4 A Health and Safety issue was mentioned concerning the Remembrance parade on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. There was a water leak and broken bollard. The council thanks Cllr Booth and the Clerk for resolving the H&amp;S issues</p>				
	<p><b>6 Planning &amp; Highways Committee: (Cllr Booth / Cllr Scorey)</b></p> <p>6.1 Location of meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October to be changed on the minutes Cllr Booth informed the council of his attendance on a SID training course. Cllr Booth also highlighted errors with the Winter service place produced by WBDC. Some of the maps labelled Speen are not in fact Speen</p> <p>6.2 SPC were confirmed as the owners of the Obelisk at the top of Speen Lane. Cllr Booth has asked for the obelisk to be included in the SPC asset register. The clerk to check if SPC own the land that the obelisk stands on. Clerk to check with Cllr Winn.</p>				<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	<p><b>7 Communications Committee</b></p> <p>7.1 A draft newsletter has been produced but is not yet in a printable format. Still to be agreed is the exact content, Date to print and Date to distribute. The Clerk will provide contact details for Chris Hook so that Cllr Amirtharaj can contact him. Chris Hook has agreed to prepare the newsletter for print. Cllr Amirtharaj is aiming for the newsletter to be completed for the next Full Council meeting. Cllr Larkins queried who would distribute the newsletter and suggested that Facebook may be a good place to start as there are distribution adverts on Facebook.</p> <p>7.2 SPC New website – SPC renewed domain name with Edge. The current website requires updating. There will be a proposal at the next meeting to update the current site.</p>				
	<p><b>8 Development Committee</b></p> <p>8.1 Community Bid for War Memorial – Cllr Booth has submitted all of the documentation for the community bid application. A decision is expected after Christmas.</p>				
	<p><b>9 Maintenance Committee</b></p> <p>9.1 Minutes from meeting held on the 23rd October 2017 received</p> <p>9.2 The Clerk has been in touch with the user about parking at Stockcross but a reply has not been received yet. Cllr Phillips reported that one of the fence bars at</p>				



	<p>Stockcross has been damaged. Cllr Larkins to contact the user</p> <p>9.3 Cllr Larkins discussed the Draft Specification for the new Toddler Play area fence at Speen Recreation ground. The specification has been prepared by Cllr Larkins. Proposer Cllr Larkins, Seconded by Cllr Newell-Hart. All in favour of the proposal being approved.</p> <p>9.4 First maintenance report has been received from Maintenance contractor. A note was made that the report should be in a more structure format. Cllr Larkins asked for this to be added to the Maintenance agenda.</p>	<p>Cllr Larkins</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	<p><b>10 Working Party for Stockcross recreation ground Pathway</b></p> <p>10.1 The first meeting took place and was attended by Tony Hersh and Rachel Thistlewaite (Stockcross Parishioners). The Working party will report back to SPC. The Parishioners have been asked to gather some information and the next meeting is scheduled for the 28th January 2018</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
	<p><b>11 Correspondence</b></p> <p>11.1 None</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
	<p><b>12 Matters for consideration and information arising after the preparation of this Agenda, which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent: (all Councillors)</b></p> <p>The Community Asset was discussed. The former Speen Post office was discussed and it was questioned whether this had been proposed as a Community Asset. Cllr Amirtharaj questioned who would benefit from the Rising Sun becoming a Community asset. Cllr Larkins confirmed that when a property is registered as a community asset some protection is given against a planning application. It was agreed that SPC would only be involved in defining a Community asset and not actually developing the Asset.</p>	
	<p>13 Date of next meeting confirmed</p> <p>14 Part II minutes from 11<sup>th</sup> September were approved. Proposer, Cllr Larkins, Seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour</p>	

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 8:56pm

Date of next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

<p><b>Signed:</b></p>	<p><b>Name (print):</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b></p>
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Abbreviations used:

SPC = Speen Parish Council

SSDNAG = Speen, Shaw and Donnington Neighbourhood Action Group

WBDC = West Berkshire District Council

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