



**SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 AT SPEEN PAVILION, SPEEN RECREATION GROUND STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Parish Councillors</b>	Cllr Amirtharaj (Chair), Cllr Dudman (Vice Chair) Cllr Booth, Cllr Newell-Hart, Cllr Black,
	<b>WBDC Councillor/Employee</b>	None
	<b>Parish residents</b>	Steve Taylor (Secretary AFC Newbury)
	<b>Clerk &amp; RFO</b>	Jean Lindsell

**Meeting started at 7.00pm**

**Open Session:** No Parishioners present

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Phillips, Cllr Pugh
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

Resolution	Item	Action
	<p><b>3 Communications</b></p> <p><b>3.1 Newsletter</b></p> <p>The Clerk suggested that as several of the articles intended for inclusion in the Newsletter were now out of date the Council consider an Autumn Newsletter with more up to date articles. It was agreed the following articles be prepared and sent to the Clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor Bio's</li> <li>Stockcross Footpath Project</li> <li>New SPC Website</li> <li>Stockfest19</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Amirtharaj asked all Councillors if they could get up to date photographs for inclusion.</p> <p><b>4 Maintenance</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Stockcross Pavilion</b></p> <p>Steve Taylor Secretary AFC Newbury joined the meeting at 7.10pm</p> <p>7.10pm Standing Orders suspended to allow Mr Taylor to speak</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Amirtharaj</p> <p>Seconder: Cllr Dudman</p>	<p>Cllr Black Cllr Dudman Cllr Pugh</p> <p>Clerk Clerk</p> <p>All Cllrs</p>

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All in Favour

Mr Taylor advised that AFC Newbury shared this view and were happy with the terms of the proposal. He added that timing would be critical as once the demolition was carried out AFC would have nowhere to store their equipment unless the storage container could be sited immediately.

Mr Taylor went on to say that although AFC Newbury recognised this as a 2 phase project ultimately they would like to provide better facilities at Stockcross Recreation Ground. They host many matches and are always complimented on the location and fantastic ground however the lack of facilities is always a challenge to them.

Mr Taylor said the new facility would be fitted out with a small kitchen, toilets and communal area and AFC Newbury would be very happy to share this facility with the community managed by SPC.

**Equipment Storage Facility**

**Proposal:** To resolve to demolish Stockcross Pavilion subject to approval of contractor tenders and to approve the installation of a container by AFC Newbury for equipment storage purposes on the site of the Pavilion subject to planning approval (if required) and sufficient funds being raised by AFC Newbury to meet all costs.

Proposer: Cllr Amirtharaj

Seconder: Cllr Dudman

All in favour

All Councillors agreed the demolition of the existing pavilion should be carried out as soon as possible

**Potential New Pavilion**

**Proposal:** To resolve to work with AFC Newbury on a potential future project for a portacabin/container fitted out to provide pavilion facilities to be sited at Stockcross Recreation Ground

Proposer: Cllr Dudman

Seconder: Cllr Newell-Hart

All in Favour

Steve Taylor left the meeting at 19.30pm

Standing orders were re-instated

Proposer: Cllr Amirtharaj

Seconder: Cllr Dudman

All in Favour

**4.2 Maintenance and Repairs Register**

**Stockcross Recreation Ground Play Area Repairs** – the Clerk advised the repairs had still not been carried out which was of concern particularly as the deadline on 19<sup>th</sup> July being the start of school holidays was fast approaching. All Councillors agreed this was unacceptable and Clerk to advise the contractor that should the repairs not be completed by this date heras type fencing and appropriate signage as per the specification of works should be installed by 19<sup>th</sup> July around high risk play equipment.

**Marsh Benham Recreation Ground Junior Swing** – the Clerk advised the recent

Clerk



Resolved	<p>RoSPA inspection had identified a rotten timber support. Clerk to obtain quotations for the repair.</p> <p><b>Speen Recreation Ground Wire Fence, Undergrowth &amp; Trees</b> – the Clerk advised she was in the process of obtaining quotations for replacement of a section of fencing on the Sutton Road boundary and asked the Council if they were happy to include clearance of undergrowth and trees which are growing into residents fencing together with removal of redundant concrete posts. She added this additional work would also be of benefit to the grass cutting contractor as it would then be possible to cut and strim right to the boundary line. The Council agreed.</p> <p><b>Street Light o/s 24 Lambourn Road</b> – Cllr Booth raised the question of the missing glass bowl cover as he had found no evidence of broken glass on the ground. He further added that he had identified another street light in Speen Lane also missing the cover. Cllr Booth said he would provide the details to the Clerk so as to take the matter up with SSE.</p>	Clerk  Clerk  Cllr Booth / Clerk
	<p><b>4.3 Grass and Hedge Cutting Contract</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> To consider changes to current Grass and Hedge Cutting Contract and approve either Option One or Two regarding increasing the frequency of grass cutting and strimming at SPC Recreation Grounds</p> <p>The Council accepted Option Two and agreed the Grass and Hedge Cutting contract be amended. Grass cutting at Speen Recreation Ground to be carried out weekly during the cutting season and strimming at Speen, Stockcross and March Benham Recreation Grounds to be carried out monthly during the season.</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Dudman Seconder: Cllr Black All in favour Clerk to make contract amendments and advise contractor.</p>	Clerk
	<p><b>5 Exclusion of the Press and Public</b></p> <p><b>To Resolve: That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and in the public interest the Press and Public be excluded for Agenda item 12-13 under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960</b></p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Amirtharaj Seconder: Cllr Dudman All in Favour</p> <p>The meeting ended at 20.25pm</p>	Clerk

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

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Abbreviations used:

SPC = Speen Parish Council

SSDNAG = Speen, Shaw and Donnington Neighbourhood Action Group

WBDC = West Berkshire District Council

EM = Extraordinary Meeting

ACV = Asset of Community Value

TOR = Terms of Reference

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