



SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT SPEEN PAVILION SPEEN RECREATION GROUND ON MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2021
AT 7PM

Present	Parish Councillors	Cllr Dudman (Chair), Cllr Amirtharaj (Vice Chair) Cllr Clifford, Cllr Butter, Cllr Gourley, Cllr Booth, Cllr Newell-Hart, Cllr Phillips
	In Attendance	None
	Members of the Public	3 present
	Clerk & RFO	Jean Lindsay

Resolution	Item	Action
Resolved	<p>1. Apologies: Cllr Masters</p> <p>2. Declaration of Interests: None declared</p> <p>3. Chair Opening Remarks Cllr Dudman advised it had been a busy month having attended the DPC via zoom which he had found somewhat disappointing, an online Greening Campaign information meeting and had completed SID training on the portal. Cllr Dudman further advised he had also put the silhouettes up and had noticed the air pollution monitor had been installed on the nearest lamp post to Station Road junction with the A4. Cllr Dudman added Cllr Clifford had received an offer from WBC Libraries Manager to give a presentation and he would email the Finance Committee to arrange a date. Cllr Dudman gave a brief update on the situation regarding the sale of The Rising Sun in Stockcross and advised that following a zoom discussion on the matter the Council was willing to host a public meeting if required.</p> <p>4. Open Session: Members of the public discussed the importance of a community interest group giving notice to WBC to be treated as a potential bidder to trigger the 6 month moratorium period to give time to put together a business plan and secure funds in the hope of purchasing The Rising Sun and re-opening it as a pub. SPC were asked if they would consider this course of action. There were discussions regarding this with differing views from Councillors. Cllr Dudman felt the Council's role was to provide support to a community group and not that of a potential purchaser let alone being involved in running a pub but advised this request would be discussed with all Councillors as a matter of urgency. Cllr Phillips and all Members of the Public left the meeting</p> <p>5. Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 28-09-21 (draft) Proposer: Cllr Dudman Seconder: Cllr Newell-Hart Abstention: 1 In Favour: 6</p>	All Cllrs

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Resolved	<p>6. Financial Report Clerk as RFO</p> <p>6.1 Balance in bank as at 31-10-21 reported as £80,287.86</p> <p>6.2 To retrospectively note payments for September and October 2021 All Councillors noted payments made</p> <p>6.3 Proposal: To accept Finance Reports to 30-09-21 Proposer: Cllr Dudman Seconder: Cllr Amirtharaj All in Favour</p>	
Resolved	<p>6.4 Proposal: To accept Finance Reports to 31-10-21 Proposer: Cllr Dudman Seconder: Cllr Amirtharaj All in Favour</p>	
Resolved	<p>6.5 Proposal: To accept Quarterly Budget v Actual Report (Q2) Proposer: Cllr Dudman Seconder: Cllr Clifford All in Favour</p>	
	<p>7. District Ward Report (previously circulated) Cllr Dudman was saddened by the death of Peter Argyle. Cllr Amirtharaj raised the issue of incorrect PCR results conducted at Newbury Showground and asked if WBC could have done more to avoid this. All Councillors agreed that WBC had acted very quickly in response to concerns raised by local residents and had alerted DHSS immediately for further investigation resulting in confirmation there had been issues at a number of sites nationwide and the laboratory concerned had subsequently lost the contract.</p> <p>8. Planning & Highways</p> <p>9.1 Grove Road Speeding The Clerk advised that WBC had conducted a road survey using the 'black box' to record speed data but she was still awaiting the results. The Clerk added that a resident had also contacted Cllr Doherty direct regarding this matter and that some Grove Road residents were considering initiating a petition.</p> <p>9.2 Community Speed Watch Initiative – to consider if SPC wish to sign up to this programme Cllr Dudman gave a brief update on the CSW initiative and advised the programme was not a replacement for SID deployment. SID deployment was a WBC data gathering mechanism and added data was collected prior to the smiley face being displayed to drivers as it was recognised that drivers automatically slow down when approaching the device. The CSW a police lead initiative was about generating teams within the community potentially prompted by a parish council. Data collected was sent to the police who subsequently send letters to drivers. The expectation was that parish councils would purchase their own equipment. Cllr Dudman advised he was happy to carry out more research into the initiative including the costs involved together with carrying out the training and present back to Full Council. Cllr Gourley asked if SPC could start setting up potential SID deployment sites on the portal. All Councillors to send suggestions for potential sites to Cllr Gourley.</p>	<p>Cllr Dudman</p> <p>All Cllrs</p>



Resolved	<p>9. Communications</p> <p>10.1 Parish Communications</p> <p>Cllr Dudman referred to his email previously sent and reiterated that whilst SPC’s website was good the information published was only seen by visitors to the site. Cllr Dudman suggested SPC’s Facebook account could be reactivated and provide links to the website for items of interest to the community and added Nextdoor was also a possibility.</p> <p>Cllr Dudman added that SPC received a huge amount of information and the key challenge would be filtering that information to ensure only items of interest to the community be published.</p> <p>All Councillors agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to revise SPC’s Press and Media Policy to ensure the use of social media was up dated.</p> <p>10. Development</p> <p>11.1 Parish Improvement Plan – update from WP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War Memorial Project – See Item 11.2 • The Pound – Cllr Clifford meeting with SPC contractor to ensure potential plans would not impact grass cutting • Defibrillators – WP meeting arranged with Community Heartbeat Trust to gather further information • Electric Vehicle Charging Points – possible funding being investigated <p>11,2 Proposal: To approve revised Specification of Works</p> <p>Cllr Booth advised the Specification of Works had been revised to specify replacement kerb stones should be granite setts and include the realignment and repainting of the bollards.</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Booth Seconder: Cllr Gourley All in Favour</p> <p>Cllr Booth to send Specification of Works to WBC.</p>	Clerk
	<p>11. Future Meetings</p> <p>Cllr Dudman felt that currently Full Council meetings just went through the Agenda items with little time to discuss any matters in depth and proposed that the Council meet formally every other month in future and hold focussed discussions in between meetings.</p> <p>All Councillors were in favour of having the opportunity of in depth discussions.</p> <p>Cllr Dudman to send proposal via email using meeting dates already agreed for the remainder of 2021/22.</p> <p>12. WBC Engagement with Parish and Town Councils – to consider whether SPC wish to work with WBC to co-design the improvement plan</p> <p>Cllr Dudman advised following the survey carried out by WBC they had identified key areas for improvement and had invited Parish Councils to work with them in co-designing an improvement plan.</p> <p>All Councillors agreed to look at working with WBC particularly in the area of planning.</p> <p>Clerk to advise WBC.</p> <p>13. Correspondence: To receive & consider correspondence (all relevant correspondence is circulated electronically on receipt and where possible</p>	Cllr Booth Cllr Dudman Clerk



	<p>dealt with by the Clerk) – None to report</p> <p>14. Matters for consideration and information arising after the preparation of this Agenda which the Chair agrees to take as urgent (all Councillors) - None raised</p> <p>15. Date of Next Meeting – 17th January 2022</p> <p>16. Exclusion of the Press and Public</p> <p>No vote required as no PART II items</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.30pm</p>	
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Signed:	Name (print):	Date:
	Position:	

Abbreviations Used:

- SPC = Speen Parish Council
- DPC = District Parish Conference
- WBC = West Berkshire Council
- CSW = Community Speed Watch
- WP = Working Party

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