

**Minutes
of Sulhamstead Parish Council Meeting
held at The SUN Village Hall on Thursday 20th September 2012 at 7.30pm**

Declarations of Interest: members are reminded that declarations of interest should be made where appropriate.

Present: Mr Bill. Jones (Chairman). Parish Councillors: Mr Chris, Souden, Mr Ivan Wise, , Mr. Gary Newell, Mrs. Rosemary Sanders Rose, Mr. Richard Smith, Ms. Teresa Sosna. District Councillor: Mr Keith Chopping.

In attendance: Mrs M. Marsland (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Mrs. Margaret Baxter and Mr. Roger Ashfield.

2. Open Forum

Mr. David Smith was present with regard to the five year integrated risk management plan received from Royal Berkshire Fire Authority and would comment on the agenda item. He was also able to share information from Network Rail regarding Theale Railway bridge informing the council that the bridge was not going to be closed and any engineering works would be managed through traffic control.

Mr. Dereham raised the issue of low water pressure and the lack of water on two occasions in the last fortnight. The Parish Council will write to Thames Water requesting information of the problems.

It was also noted that Mr. Dereham would like to thank West Berkshire Council for the work carried out in clearing footpaths in the locality.

3. Approval of Minutes of 19th July 2012

Minutes from the meeting from 19th July 2012 were signed and approved

4. Matters Arising from Minutes of 19th July 2012

Any matters arising would be covered as part of the agenda.

5. Local Interest

- a. Local bridge / road closures – the clerk had contacted the Canal and River Trust to ensure communication with SPC and local residents with regard to any repairs to be carried out on the Tyle Mill Canal swing bridge.
- b. Litter & Fly Tipping – a meeting had taken place with Mrs. Helen Lewis and cameras will be placed at key points in the local area.
- c. Parish Road Signs – progress would be made with Teresa Kenyon WBC to have the required road signs sited in the parish with funding coming from WBC.
- d. Willink Leisure Centre – Action Mr. Chris Souden would resolve the issues raised with information gathered from Royce Longton – action carried forward.
- e. Public Open Space – some work will need to be actioned with regard to the footpaths, trees and the bridge. A written report and a risk assessment will be provided by Mr. Souden and Mr. Wise and a recommendation made.

f. Woodmans Lane Footpath – the signs deterring use of the pathway had been removed.

6. Planning Applications

Councillor Keith Chopping was able to inform the council that the Firlands application had been returned as invalid as the boundary line incorporated land owned by a third party. Another application is yet to be received.

The Core Strategy had been adopted by WBC with a consultation period. A legal challenge had been received from HDD Burghfield Ltd. challenging the document on four grounds and requesting the withdrawal of the core strategy. There is likely to be a lengthy legal process to follow.

- a) Planning decisions taken since last meeting
 - i. 12/00821/FULD High Heath – appeal made
 - ii. 12/01087/COMIND TVP Training Centre – Granted
 - iii. 12/01536/HOUSE 4 Sulhamstead Hill – Granted
 - iv. 12/00644/FULD Lane South of Jordans Lane – appeal made
 - v. 12/01714/COMIND - Glebe Farm – Equine Centre – Pending Consideration
- b) Planning applications reviewed by SPC
 - i. 12/02146/HOUSE Peacock Cottage – No Objections
 - ii. 12/01725/FUL The Cottage, White house Green – Objection following additional drawings as haven't overcome original objections
 - iii. 12/02233/HOUSE 5 Alder Glade – No Objections
 - iv. 12/01871/HOUSE 14 Three Firs Way – No Objections
 - v. 12/01874/HOUSE 27 Woodmans Lane – No Objections
- c) New applications to consider
 - i. 12/02135/02134/FUL Rising Sun – objection was made due to the danger of traffic issues
 - ii. 12/02226/FUL Home Farm, St Michaels Lane – no objections
 - iii. 12/02268/LBC2 Sulhamstead House – insertion of door and surround to split existing corridor - no objections
 - iv. 12/02318/FUL Corner Cottage, Sulhamstead Hill Section 73A Variation of Condition 2 – Materials of approved application 07/02269 – no objections
- d) Benhams Farm walking of the site – it was agreed that representatives of the Parish Council will visit the site on Monday 15th October 2012 at 5pm.

7. Finance

- a. Account Balance
 - Current £8953.85
 - Savings £14,634.88
 - Investment Bond £30,000 maturity date 1st October 2012
 - Total £53,588.73**

- b. Pro-forma invoices requiring signature

Un-presented cheques:

1 General Technics	50.00
2 Bob Hirst Garden Services	150.00
3 Bob Hirst Garden Services	294.00
4 Karen Eagle	54.00
	548.00

- c. Report from the Finance Committee & approval of reconciliation –
It was agreed to reinvest £30,000 for a term of 3 years at an interest rate of 3.6% with Lloyds TSB and research the potential penalties of gaining access to the funds before the term of the bond expires.
The clerk would identify the current value of the War Stock held by SPC.
- d. To consider requests for donations under Section 137 of the Local Governments Act 1972, as amended – no donation requests had been received.

8. Review of correspondence received since last meeting

- a. District Parish Council Conference 9th October 2012

9. Any other business

Integrated Risk Management Plan West Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service Action Plan – 2013-2014. Currently there are 3 Fire Stations sited at Dee Rd, Pangbourne & Mortimer. The Headquarters would be moved from Dee Road to Pincents Lane to incorporate the control room for Berks & Oxon. A new location for a central fire station is being identified and there is a proposal to close Pangbourne & Mortimer retained stations. Concerns were raised regarding the access to Burghfield, Mortimer & Sulhamstead over bridges with weight limits and width restrictions such as Theale. Action to write to West Berkshire Fire & Rescue & John Redwood MP before the consultation period which ends 22nd October 2012 with concerns of the Parish Council. The Englefield Estate would also be contacted.

Parish Newsletter – would be produced by Mr. Ivan Wise, Ms Teresa Sosna and Mr. Giles Dereham would be distributed during November.

10. Date of next meeting

To confirm the next parish council meeting as Thursday 15th November 2012 to be held at the Sulhamstead Abbots Parish Rooms at 7:30pm