



SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT SPEEN PAVILION SPEEN RECREATION GROUND ON WEDNESDAY 9th JULY 2025 AT 7PM

Parish Councillors present	Jaymie Pocock (Vice Chair), Antony Amirtharaj, Alison Joules, Steph Gardiner & Fiona Worby.
In Attendance	4 Members of the Public
Clerk/RFO	Becki Hannington

Resolution	Item	Action
	<p>1. Apologies for Absence – Cllr Winton, Cllr Sadagopan, Cllr Gourley, Cllr Miles, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Russell & District Ward Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>2. Declarations of Interests – None Declared.</p> <p>3. Open Session –</p> <p>Vice-Chair addressed the four members of the public present who advised they were all in attendance to discuss item 8 on the agenda (Grove Road Traffic Calming Measures Petition Uodate).</p> <p>Proposal: To move item 8 on the agenda up to open session.</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Pocock Seconder: Cllr Amirtharaj All in favour.</p> <p>Item 8 moved up to open session.</p> <p>Resident 1 advised that the petition now has 220 signatures and asked the council when the petition would turn into action with WBC.</p> <p>Cllr Amirtharaj responded that the petition has reached the minimum threshold and we can now discuss the best course of action going forward. Cllr Amirtharaj advised that Cllr Gourley is in full support of the campaign and for obtaining permanent traffic calming measures.</p> <p>Cllr Amirtharaj advised that the next WBC Full Council meeting is schedule for the 17th July but unfortunately, the deadline for submitting petitions to be heard at this meeting has passed and the next meeting where it can be submitted is the WBC Executive Committee meeting on the 18th September (submission deadline for this meeting is the 9th September) or the next WBC Full Council meeting which is scheduled for the 16th October (submission deadline for this meeting is the 7th October). Cllr Amirtharaj stated there is no preference as to which meeting the petition is submitted to but stated that the meeting of the Executive Committee will not be the full council and the information given at the meeting will be sent to the relevant officers and put forward to the WBC petitioners. Cllr Amirtharaj stated he has asked if it would be possible to put in a late submission for the July meeting and is waiting to hear back.</p> <p>Resident 2 asked if more signatures on the petition increased the chances of WBC taking action. Cllr Pocock and Cllr Amirtharaj confirmed this.</p>	



	<p>Cllr Amirtharaj advised that we will need to prepare ahead of the meeting with WBC and close petition the petition and speak to the relevant officers.</p> <p>Resident 1 asked what the difference is between the Executive Committee meeting and the Full Council meeting to which Cllr Amirtharaj explained that there is no difference in terms of procedures, but at the Full Council meeting all Councillors will be in attendance and at the Executive Committee meeting it is just Executive Members in attendance. Cllr Amirtharaj confirmed that taking the petition to the Executive Committee will get same attention and get things moving more quickly.</p> <p>Cllr Amirtharaj advised that the SPC Chair will write a formal letter to the officers from SPC indicating that CIL money is available to spend on traffic calming measures in the area. (Clerk to liaise with Chair to arrange this).</p> <p>Resident 3 stated that some members of the public have stated that they would not happy with speed bumps/chicanes in the road but they have reiterated to them that no decision on what measures will be put into place will be made until support is obtained from WBC. Cllr Pocock confirmed that this is the case.</p> <p>Cllr Amirtharaj advised that WBC Officers will provide us with available options to then be further discussed with residents and assure the members of public in attendance that all members of SPC in support of this campaign.</p> <p>Resident 4 asked why there is no TVP presence targeting speeding in the area any more. Cllr Amirtharaj replied that this issue has been raised with TVP who have said that this is not a priority for them as there have been no fatalities, no accidents and no harm to public as a result of the speeding. Cllr Amirtharaj informed the meeting that he is meeting with TVP meeting tomorrow evening to discuss the issue with nuisance motorbikes on Speen Moors and discuss possible deterrents and if police presence is given to combat this, this may also have an impact on speeding within the area.</p> <p>Resident 1 asked if the Community Speed Watch data would be included in info taken to WBC with the petition. Cllr Amirtharaj confirmed that this would be the case along with all previous history and comms with the Road Traffic Safety Team at WBC.</p> <p>Cllr Garinder asked when feedback will be given following taking the petition to WBC. Cllr Amirharaj replied that at the next SPC Full Council meeting we will agree on the petitioner and get everything needed for the submission ready.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the next meeting is scheduled for 20th August however, due to annual leave this meeting will need to be rescheduled. Clerk to email all with revised Full Council meeting date.</p> <p>Cllr Pocock advised that SPC have undertaken walks along the road and that the SPC are looking at installing new signage in the meantime whilst we wait for this long term solution.</p> <p>Resident 4 asked if residents were able to put 30mph stickers on their bins? Cllr Pocock confirmed that this is fine for them to do.</p> <p>All four members of the public left the meeting.</p> <p>4. Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 11/06/25 (draft)</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Pocock Seconder: Cllr Joules</p>	
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6.4 25/01390/HOUSE – 2 Deanwood Farm, Stockcross, Newbury, RG20 8JL
Rear extension and alterations.

It was unanimously agreed to return comments of No Objection to West Berkshire Council

Proposer: Cllr Pocock
Seconder: Cllr Joules
All in favour.

7. Planning Decisions - for information only

7.1 25/00808/COND – Covered Reservoir, Bath Road, Speen, Newbury – APPROVED

7.2 25/00810/COND – Land Off Lambourn Road, Speen, Newbury – APPROVED

7.3 25/00961/HOUSE – 42 Grove Road, Newbury, RG14 1UL - GRANTED

All Planning Decisions were duly noted by the all councillors.

8. Grove Road Traffic Calming Measures Petition Update - Update from Clerk, Cllr Miles and Cllr Amirtharaj on the progress of the recently launched petition to implement traffic calming measures in Gove Road.

Item discussed during open session.

9. Community Speed Watch Signage

Proposal: To agree locations for the Community Speed Watch Signage as per the recommendations from Cllr Taylor and Cllr Russell.

The council unanimously resolved to site the Community Speed Watch Signage at the locations pictured in images IMG 232 IMG 291.

Proposer: Cllr Pocock
Seconder: Cllr Gardiner
All in favour.

Clerk to contact WBC Street Works Team to ask them to arrange clean up of the current signage and obtain permission for the installation of new signage.

Clerk to obtain quotes for the supply and installation of new signage.

10. Policies & Procedures

10.1 Data Protection Policy

Proposal: To review and approve the latest Data Protection Policy - No revisions (subject to any amendments agreed by the Council).

The Council unanimously resolved to approve the Data Protection Policy with no revisions.

Proposer: Cllr Pocock
Seconder: Cllr Amirtharaj
All in favour.

10.2 Documents Retention Policy

Proposal: To review and approve the latest Documents Retention Policy with revisions (subject to any amendments agreed by the Council).

The Council unanimously resolved to approve the Documents Retention Policy with the agreed revisions.

Proposer: Cllr Pocock
Seconder: Cllr Worby



	<p>All in favour.</p> <p>10.3 Electronic Communications Policy Proposal: To review and approve the latest Electronic Policy with revisions (subject to any amendments agreed by the Council).</p> <p>The Council unanimously resolved to approve the Electronic Communication Policy with the agreed amendments.</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Pocock Seconder: Cllr Worby All in favour.</p> <p>11. Speen Pavilion Booking Access - To agree Councillor to arrange access to Speen Pavilion for the hirers on Sunday 31st August 2025 at 11am and 3pm.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Worby would act as the key holder on Saturday 31st August, meeting the hirer onsite to open up the venue at 11am and then again to close the site at 3pm.</p> <p>12. Station Road Signage Proposal: To approve the request of a resident to install no fouling signs in Station Road to tackle the issue of persistent dog mess on the footpaths.</p> <p>The Council unanimously agreed to the resident's request to install no fouling signs in Station Road and delegated responsibility to the Clerk to obtain suitable locations for these.</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Gardiner Seconder: Cllr Worby All in favour.</p> <p>Clerk to decide upon suitable locations and obtain costs for these to put to the council for their approval.</p> <p>13. Meet The Councillors Facebook Feature Proposal: To approve the running of a 'Meet the Councillors' feature on the SPC Facebook page as requested by the Clerk.</p> <p>The Council unanimously resolved to run a 'Meet the Councillors' feature on the SPC Facebook Page.</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Pocock Seconder: Cllr Amritraj All in favour</p> <p>Clerk to decide upon which councillor to feature each month and contact them directly to obtain the required information.</p> <p>14. Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 20th August 2025. The Clerk advised that this meeting will need to be rescheduled due to annual leave. Clerk to reschedule the meeting for the first week of September to ensure petition submission can be put together ahead of the deadline and will advise Cllrs and public of revised date.</p> <p>Cllr Pocock closed the meeting at 20:47</p>	
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