

Members are summoned to the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council

On Monday 16 December 2013 at 20.00 hrs in the Village Hall Wood Lane Sonning Common.

Public and Press are welcome to attend

AGENDA

- 14/100 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests: To receive any apologies for absence and any declarations of pecuniary interest and/or requests for dispensations from Members regarding any item on this agenda.
- 14/101 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders.
- 14/102 To review the Police Report previously circulated.
- 14/103 To ratify Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 4 December 2013.
- 14/104 To approve the Minutes of previous meetings:
089.01 Planning Committees held on 18 November and 2 December 2013.
089.02 Parish Council meeting held on 18 November 2013.
- 14/105 To receive the County Councillor's Report
- 14/106 To receive the District Councillor's Report
- 14/107 To receive the Parish Clerk's Report - Appendix A attached
- 14/108 Neighbourhood Development Plan progress: Mr Greenwood will inform of the present situation
- 14/109 Skatepark: Mrs Lewis will advise on progress and funding matters.
- 14/110 The General Power of Competence (GPOC). This parish council may now use the GPOC by passing a resolution stating that it satisfies both criteria as specified by the Localism Act 2011. The criteria being: 1. That at least two-thirds of the total number of members of the council have been declared to be elected, whether at ordinary elections or at a by-election; and 2. The Clerk to the council holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration. The most significant provision is that 'A local authority has power to do anything that individuals generally may do.'
- 14/111 Budget and Precept: A document headed '2014/15 Budget and Precept Briefing December 2013' will be circulated. The Finance Committee is recommending this budget to the council and then proposing that the precept for 2014/15 be set at £99,000. The Council may resolve actually to set the precept at this meeting or to defer the decision until 6 January.
- 14/112 Margaret Allwright Way Hedge. The next step remains to be agreed as there are conflicting views of what will be best. The Parish Clerk will summarise the current options and ask for a resolution.
- 14/113 Matters for future consideration.

Next meetings: Monday 6 January 2014 at 20.00 – precept only, if required.

Monday 20 January 2014 at 20.00 – full meeting.



Philip Collings
Parish Clerk

Appendix A SONNING COMMON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk's Report to the meeting on 16 December 2013

This report is circulated to assist in the effective use of Councillors' time by informing Members of matters by type:

- A. Progress with tasks specifically assigned to the Clerk;
- B. Progress with tasks being overseen by Members;
- C. Matters affecting the day-to-day running of the Council's business;
- D. Regulatory and legislative changes anticipated.

	Summary	Source	Resp.	Status
A	Land behind PO - Progress now being made via OneStop to find and approach owners to enquire if it could be made available for parking.	Clerk	Clerk	OPEN
A	2A Grove Rd site. Suggestion for development received for discussion. No progress yet.	Clerk	Clerk	OPEN
A	Freedom of Information Act 2008. Work continuing to ensure full compliance with publications scheme. Incomplete.	12/16a	Clerk	OPEN
A	Hedges – work being authorised for PC hedges to be cut.	13/070	Clerk	OPEN
A	Bank between Red House Drive and B481 – cleared and reseeded. Planting to be addressed in the spring.	Clerk	Clerk	CLOSED
A	Corner of Wood Lane and Green Lane – liaising with owners to agree use of red phone box site and to seek repairs to paving.	Clerk	Clerk	OPEN
A	Margaret Allwright Way – after more visits further options and costs being explored – see agenda item.	Clerk	Clerk	OPEN
B	CCTV has been used to report fly tipping and theft.	Clerk	Mr Jones	OPEN
B	Private hedges – way forward agreed with OCC Highways to require overhanging hedge to be cut back. Process to be finalised.	Chairman + Clerk	Clerk	OPEN
B	Village Hall heating and acoustics. Both to be addressed if budget agreed.	Clerk	Clerk	OPEN
B	Register of Interests – Individuals must maintain own information.	12/46	Cllrs.	OPEN
B	Brind's Copse – awaiting agreement on future use of the site. Work has been authorised to clear bushes and trees from rear of garage block.	Clerk	Clerk	OPEN
B	Skatepark – supporting fundraising and project activity.	SPWP	Clerk	OPEN
C	Neighbourhood Development Plan. Support work continuing for next phase.	Clerk	Clerk	OPEN
C	Budget and precept – see agenda.	Clerk	Clerk	CLOSED
C	Document standards. Work being done to standardise and index properly as part of developing an operational manual.	Clerk	Clerk	OPEN
C	Data Protection Act and individual Councillors. Please discuss with the Clerk individually.	Clerk	Clerk	OPEN



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