

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 18 May 2015 in the Village Hall Sonning Common.

Present: Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort; Mr Greenwood; Mr Jones; Mrs Lewis; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mr Richens; Mr Rust; Mr Stoves and Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) and Mrs Varnes (Deputy Clerk).

- AMPC15.1 Appointment of the Chairman of the Council: With his known consent, Mrs Phillips-Tilbury nominated Mr Douglas Kedge in his absence and this was seconded by Mr Fort. There were no other nominations and it was unanimously resolved to appoint Mr Kedge. It was agreed that his Declaration of Acceptance of Office should be taken on his return from sick leave.
- AMPC15.2 Election of Vice Chairman of the Council: Mr Greenwood nominated Mr Stoves. Having received his consent and there being no other nominations Mr Stoves was elected unanimously and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Mr Stoves then took the chair.
- AMPC15.3 Apologies for absence were received from Mr Kedge, Mr Rawlins and Mr Reynolds.
- AMPC15.4 There were no declarations of interest from any Members.
- AMPC15.5 Public Participation. Mr Paul Fitchett of Kennylands Road asked about the closing of a footpath leading to Bur Wood. After a good discussion of the issues it was resolved that the Parish Clerk should write to the landowner's agent to ask if it would be possible to reinstate access as a permissive pathway.
- AMPC15.6 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 19 May 2014 were approved unanimously.
- AMPC15.7 The following Councillors were appointed as members of the:
- AMPC15.7.1 Finance Committee: Mr Stoves; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mr Jones; Mr Kedge; Mr Greenwood; Mrs Lewis (voting substitute).
- AMPC15.7.2 Planning Committee: Mrs Lewis; Mr Rawlins; Mr Reynolds; Mr Richens; Mr Rust; Mr Stoves (non-voting ex officio); Mr Kedge (non-voting ex officio but voting substitute); Mr Greenwood (voting substitute).
- AMPC15.8 The membership of sub-committees and working parties was agreed as follows:
- Recreation - (Skate Park) Working Party: Mrs Lewis; Mr Jones; Mr Kedge and Mrs Phillips-Tilbury.
- Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party: Mr Greenwood; Mr Rawlins and Mr Fort.
- Widmore Pond Committee: Mrs Diwell Mr Fort and Mr Jones.
- Footpaths Working Party: Mr Stoves and Mr Richens.
- AMPC15.9 The following Councillors will represent the Parish Council on or to the following external bodies:
- Allotments Committee: Mr Stoves.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Mr Greenwood.
- Sonning Common Magazine Committee: Mr Fort
- Club SC: Mr Reynolds.
- Sonning and District Welfare and Educational Trust; Mrs Diwell.
- Chiltern Edge Community Association: Mrs Phillips-Tilbury
- Poor's Land Trust: Mr Rawlins plus a nominee who is not a member of the Council – Mr B Winnington is prepared to take this on.
- On Your Bike (Health Centre) Committee: Mr Fort.
- Police Neighbourhood Action Group: Mr Kedge
- Scouts/Guides Hut Management Committee: Mr Fort
- AMPC15.10 It was resolved unanimously to confirm the continuing appropriateness of the Standing Orders for Sonning Common Parish Council as originally adopted on 21 October 2013.
- AMPC15.11 It was resolved that the next Annual Meeting will be on Monday 16 May 2016.

The meeting closed at 20.05

Chairman: Dated: