

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 15 May 2017 in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr Fort; Mr Greenwood; Mr Howe; Mr Jones; Mr Kedge; Mrs Lewis; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mr Rawlins; Mr Rust. Also Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) and Mrs Varnes (Deputy Parish Clerk) and Mr C McLoughlin Henley Standard.

- AMPC17.1 Chairman of the Council: Mrs Phillips-Tilbury nominated and Mr Kedge seconded that Mrs Lewis become Chairman. There being no other nominations Mrs Lewis was elected unanimously, signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.
- AMPC17.2 Vice Chairman. In his absence but with his agreement Mrs Lewis nominated and Mr Kedge seconded that Mr Stoves remain as Vice-Chairman. There being no other nominations Mr Stoves was elected unanimously and will be asked to sign the Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office on his return.
- AMPC17.3 Apologies for absence: Mrs Diwell; Mr Stoves.
- AMPC17.4 There were no declarations of interest from Members.
- AMPC17.5 Public Participation. As minuted separately, the meeting was suspended to consider matters relating to Chiltern Edge School.
- AMPC17.6 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16 May 2016 were approved.
- AMPC17.7 Appointment of Councillors as members of the:
- AMPC17.7.1 Finance Committee – it was resolved that the membership remain unchanged.
- AMPC17.7.2 Planning Committee – it was resolved that Mrs Phillips-Tilbury should join the committee otherwise unchanged.
Both committees will elect their chairmen at their first meeting after 15 May.
- AMPC17.8 Members of sub-committees, working parties etc are now resolved to be: Changes in bold.
- Trees Committee: Stan Rust (Chair); Tom Fort; Dirk Jones; Douglas Kedge.
- Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party: Barrie Greenwood; Leigh Rawlins; Tom Fort; **Stuart Howe** plus co-opted members.
- Memorial Hall Field Working Party (MHFWP): Leigh Rawlins; **Vacancy***; Chaired by Diana Pearman with several active co-opted members. Parish Clerk and Deputy both attend as members. * To be filled by whoever is co-opted on 19 June.
- Village Centre Working Party (VCWP): Stuart Howe (Chair); Jane Diwell; Tom Fort; Chrissie Phillips-Tilbury; Leigh Rawlins; Stan Rust. Parish Clerk and Deputy both attend as members. Co-options will take place soon.
- Recreation Working Party (Skate Park) now: Carole Lewis; Dirk Jones; Douglas Kedge; Chrissie Phillips-Tilbury.
- Widmore Pond Committee now: Jane Diwell; Tom Fort.
- Footpaths Working Party: John Stoves; **Mr Rust**.
- AMPC17.9 Councillors to represent the Parish Council on or to relevant external bodies. It was resolved that the following pertains:
- Allotments Committee: John Stoves.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Barrie Greenwood.
- Club SC: Dirk Jones.
- Sonning and District Welfare and Educational Trust: Jane Diwell.
- Chiltern Edge Community Association: Chrissie Phillips-Tilbury
- Poor's Land Trust: Leigh Rawlins; Bernard Winnington.
- On Your Bike (Health Centre) Committee: Tom Fort.
- Police Neighbourhood Action Group: Douglas Kedge
- Scouts/Guides Hut Management Committee: Tom Fort
- AMPC17.10 It was resolved unanimously that the Standing Orders for Sonning Common Parish Council as amended on 10 October 2016 remain appropriate.
- AMPC17.11 It was resolved unanimously that the next Annual Meeting will be on Monday 15 May 2018.

Chairman:

Dated:

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Present: Mrs Lewis (Chairman); Mr Fort; Mr Greenwood; Mr Howe; Mr Jones; Mr Kedge; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mr Rawlins; Mr Rust. Also: Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) and Mrs Varnes (Deputy Parish Clerk). Also present: Cllr D Bartholomew, and C McLoughlin Henley Standard and 12 members of the public

Apologies for absence: Mrs Diwell; Mr Stoves and Cllr P Harrison. No declarations of interest. Although minuted below, Item 18/025 was actually considered during the suspension of the Annual Meeting that preceded this meeting.

18/012 Minutes of previous meetings:

012.01 Finance Committee meeting held on 3 May 2017 were presented and approved.

012.02 Planning Committee held on 24 April 2017 were presented and approved.

012.03 Parish Council meeting held on 24 April 2017 were presented and approved.

- 18/013 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Bartholomew contributed to the discussion around item 18/025 and otherwise had little to report having been in election purdah for much of the past period. He noted the problems that may arise from closure of the B4155.
- 18/014 District Councillor's Report – circulated by email.
- 18/015 Parish Clerk's Report – It was noted that graffiti that is not obscene is a normal feature of skateparks.
- 18/016 Police report – it was noted that the next meeting of the liaison group would be on 18 May.
- 18/017 It was resolved to approve the renewal of Insurance for the Council from 1 June 2017 with Hiscox.
- 18/018 The Internal Auditor's Report and the External Audit submission for 2016/17 as circulated separately were reviewed and approved.
- 18/019 General Power of Competence: It was confirmed that the Parish Council continues to meet the criteria needed to use this power.
- 18/020 The annual updates of the Risk Assessment and the Asset Register as circulated separately reviewed and approved.
- 18/021 It was resolved to re-adopt the Council's current Financial Regulations.
- 18/022 Casual Vacancy it was agreed to initiate a process to recruit a new member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr I'Anson.
- 18/023 It was resolved that the Council should purchase the woodland adjacent to Old Copse currently on offer at c.£50,000 subject to there being no legal constraints.
- 18/024 Speed limit on B481: Mr Rawlins proposed that the Parish Council should call upon OCC to implement a new 30 mph speed limit on the B481 between the Bird in Hand pub and the Herb Farm. This request is in the made Neighbourhood Plan (p65) to reflect the new development at Lea Meadow. This was approved unanimously.
- 18/025 Chiltern Edge School: Mr Rawlins proposed that: 'The Parish Council wishes to see Chiltern Edge School successfully brought out of special measures and retained in situ to continue with its important educational and community role in the village. To this end the Parish Council will work with elected representatives, officers, appropriate bodies and school supporters to do everything possible to keep the school in being.' After considerable discussion with supportive comments from all quarters and advice to avoid conflict with OCC the motion was approved unanimously.
- 18/026 Matters for future consideration: managing the woodland after its purchase.
- Meeting closed at 21.20. Next meeting: Monday 19 June 2017 at 20.00

Chairman: Dated: