

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Sonning Common held at the Village Hall Wood Lane on Monday 13 May 2013 at 19.00 hrs.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Douglas Kedge, Chairman of the Parish Council.

Thirty residents including some members of the Parish Council were present.

- APM13. 1 Chairman's address. Mr Kedge spoke briefly to welcome everyone to the meeting and introduce the agenda of speakers.
- APM13. 2 Post Office: Laura Tarling, Post Office Stakeholder Manager, described their thinking behind the various changes in hours and methods of working. Nine of those present asked questions that were answered to varying degrees of satisfaction. Ms Tarling advised that a new customer survey would be available on the counter and online within a few days.
- APM13. 3 Disability access issues in the village: Hannah Rice gave a presentation to show a number of problems for wheelchair access in the village. Most of the issues are in the purview of OCC Highways and it was agreed that the presentation should be forwarded to OCC Councillor David Bartholomew with a request for him to seek action.
- APM13. 4 Skatepark progress report: Carole Lewis described progress being made and highlighted the various stream of fundraising being pursued.
- APM13. 5 Allotments: John Stoves used photographs to illustrate what has been achieved to date in fencing and otherwise improving the whole site.
- APM13. 6 New powers for the Parish Council: Philip Collings outlined how the Localism Act gives significant new powers to qualified Parish Councils and explained how a condition of qualification is that the Clerk must hold the CiLCA qualification. He then outlined how this is obtained and his hope that both he and the Deputy Clerk will pass in the summer.
- APM13. 7 Future projects for our village: Douglas Kedge introduced a list of Village Projects that had been prepared in a 'brainstorming' session by the Parish Councillors. The items on the circulated list were explained briefly and residents were asked to put their views of them to the council as soon as possible by letter or email.
- APM13. 8 The Chairman closed the formal meeting by thanking all who had attended and contributed and invited all to partake of the refreshments provided.

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