

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 16 July 2012 at 20.00 hrs in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr Kedge (Chairman); Mr Stoves; Mr Greenwood; Mr Fort; Miss Hunt; Mrs Lewis; Ms Noble; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury and Mr Reynolds. Mr P Simms (Henley Standard) and 45 members of the public of which 43 attended for item 13/052.

- 13/044 Apologies for absence: Mrs Diwell and Mr Jones.
- 13/045 Declarations of Interests by Members on Agenda Items: None.
- 13/046 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders: No general questions. Those wishing to question Mr Lilly were asked to wait for item 13/052.
- 13/047 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 4 July 2012 presented and ratified.
- 13/048 Minutes of previous meetings:
048.01 Planning Committee held on 18 June 2012 were presented and approved.
048.02 Parish Council meeting held on 18 June 2012 were presented and approved.
- 13/049 County Councillor's Report: Councillor Viney reported that she has contacted Highways with concerns about the effects on traffic of proposed developments behind Wood Lane; that the Community Right to Challenge to provide services more locally came into effect on 27 June. Responding to a question she agreed to chase for action on yellow lines.
- 13/050 District Councillor's Report: Councillor Harrison advised that under the Boundary Review of SODC Sonning Common is expected to become a single ward. He advised that the Car Boot sales are currently within the rules and that in relation to the Wood Lane backland development proposals there should be a push for the Planning Committee to make a site visit.
- 13/051 Parish Clerk's Report: Noted.
- 13/052 Lea Meadow update. Mr Kedge introduced this item by reminding the meeting that this was to be an informational session only as all planning matters have to be considered first by the Planning Committee. Mr S Lilly and Mr K Dijkstra advised that a third application is being considered on which they are seeking feedback. This proposal will be for a reduced number of new homes, about 60, and will use a Landscape Architect in its design responding to the NPPF's stress on landscape near the AONB. Mr Lilly referred to the NP Sites map and Mr Greenwood confirmed that the 14 sites being considered under the Neighbourhood Plan had all been identified to SODC by landowners and others not by the Parish Council. Mr Fort asked about awareness of the Neighbourhood Plan timetable and the possibility of its timing conflicting with that for the application. Mr Lilly stressed that he welcomed discussion on all matters sooner rather than later. Mr Reynolds stated that he thought they should proceed at a pace that suited the Parish Council and not just their commercial pressures. No motions were put or considered.
- 13/053 Neighbourhood Plan: Mr Greenwood reported on the Design Day held on 7 July attended by over 80 people and from which a further 130+ surveys are expected to add to the 30 from Design Day 2. He reiterated the time and workload pressures on the NPWP and the feeling of being under siege from developers. He described a proposal for ORCC to carry out a confidential Housing Needs Survey at a cost of up to £2,200. It was resolved to authorise this expenditure.
- 13/054 Rotherfield United Football Club (RUFC) Grant. Mr Kedge advised the meeting that as all the criteria had been met the grant of £7,000 had been released earlier in the evening. Mrs Lewis advised that requests for initial tenders will go out to four potential constructors with the intention of all four putting their outline proposals on display on 1 September.
- 13/055 Delegation of Powers during August: It was resolved to delegate the Parish Council's powers to deal with urgent matters to the Finance Committee during August when there is no meeting.
- 13/056 Police Report: It was agreed that the Chairman should have at least a monthly liaison meeting the local police to exchange relevant information to be circulated as appropriate.
- 13/057 Matters for future consideration. It was proposed and agreed that the date of the next meeting should be brought forward to 10 September.

The next Meeting will now be held on Monday 10 September 2012 at 20.00.

Chairman Dated