

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 16 June 2014 in the Village Hall.

Present: Miss Hunt (Chairman); Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort; Mr Greenwood; Mr Jones; Mrs Lewis; Ms Noble; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mr Rawlins; Mr Reynolds; and Mr Collings (Parish Clerk).

Also present: County Councillor Bartholomew (for item 15/031) and Ms H Patchett (Henley Standard)

- 15/026 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests: Apologies: Mr Kedge and Mr Stoves. No declarations.
- 15/027 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. None.
- 15/028 Police Report: Only the Henley report had been circulated. It was noted that minor acts of petty vandalism had been reported.
- 15/029 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 4 June 2014 were presented and ratified.
- 15/030 Minutes of previous meetings:
030.01 Planning Committee held on 19 May 2014 were presented and approved.
030.02 Parish Council meeting held on 19 May 2014 were presented and approved.
030.03 Annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 May 2014 were presented and approved.
- 15/031 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Bartholomew reminded the members that there will be a Connecting Oxfordshire meeting in Henley on 16 July. (Mr Rawlins and possibly one other to attend) He advised of a new Adult Social Care grant, of the May OFSTED inspections and of success with OCC's Thriving Families' scheme. On local matters he advised that Wokingham are to lead on traffic modelling in relation to the possible Third Bridge and of Highways plans to treat only roadside Japanese Knotweed. In response to a question from Mr Fort about the cutting of verges he explained the problem of balancing visibility with wildlife protection. Regarding the poor state of village roads he advised that a full roads inspection should be sought.
- 15/032 District Councillor's Report: None.
- 15/033 Parish Clerk's Report: Noted.
- 15/034 Neighbourhood Development Plan progress: Mr Greenwood advised that progress has been made in discussions with landowners and developers. Meetings have been planned SODC Planning, SODC Housing and SOHA together, OCC Highways and Chilterns Conservation Board and the Scoping Report is under review.
- 15/035 Skatepark project: Mrs Lewis reported that all design details have been agreed with Wheelscape. There is still some fundraising to do to bring in the balance needed.
- 15/036 Village Hall Insulation. Three quotations to install acoustic and thermal insulation under the main ceiling were presented. It was resolved to proceed with the lowest cost tender subject to the Parish Clerk receiving suitable references. There was also a request to fund a lighting bar as part of the works and it was resolved in principle to consider a proposal for this of up to £2,500 at the next meeting.
- 15/037 The Internal Audit report of 11 June, the Annual Return and the Year End Accounts. Documents were all approved unanimously.
- 15/038 33/35 Peppard Road. No firm conclusions were reached about viable actions to take.
- 15/039 Matters for future consideration: Roads assessment; NatWest closure; Construction methods behind Occasions.

Meeting closed at 21.34.

Next meeting: Monday 21 July 2014 at 20.00.

Chairman: Dated: