

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 16 November 2015 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Kedge (Chairman); Mr Fort; Mr Greenwood; Mrs Lewis; Mr Rawlins; Mr Reynolds; Mr Rust; Mr Stoves plus Mr Collings (Parish Clerk); Mr McLoughlin, Henley Standard.

Also present for 16/086 Councillor D Bartholomew and for 16/087 Councillor P Harrison.

- 16/080 Apologies for absence: Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mrs Diwell; Mr Richens and Mr Jones.
No declarations of interests
- 16/081 Community Information Network – Mrs Ruth Swift made a short presentation about CIN’s work in the community to provide help for adults.
- 16/082 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. None.
- 16/083 Police Report previously circulated – members reported their satisfaction with the excellent start made by the new PCSO Mark Bell.
- 16/084 Minutes of the Finance Committee meetings held on 7 October and 4 November 2015 were presented and approved.
- 16/085 Minutes of previous meetings:
085.01 Planning Committees held on 5 October and 2 November 2015 were presented and approved.
085.02 Parish Council meeting held on 19 October 2015 were presented and approved.
- 16/086 County Councillor’s Report: Councillor Bartholomew described progress with the budget preparation, the launch of Oxfordshire Together and reported on the removal of bus subsidies, the Oakley Wood consultation and the Third Bride study.
- 16/087 District Councillor’s Report: Councillor Harrison reported on the Thames Farm planning situation; the availability of small grants; the Air Quality website and funding for rural businesses.
- 16/088 Parish Clerk’s Report - noted.
- 16/089 Skatepark: Mrs Lewis advised that there had been no progress in working with RUFC to resolve the final land transfer.
- 16/090 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Mr Greenwood reported that the consultation is at the half way point prior to its formal Examination. The meeting voted to thank the NDP team for their tremendous effort thus far.
- 16/091 Budget for 2016-17: The first draft was discussed at some length and a number of suggestions were made for consideration in the final draft next month.
- 16/092 Proposed 2016-17 Meeting dates – agreed.
- 16/093 Matters for future agendas: Precept for 2016/17
- Meeting closed at 21.40.
Next meeting: Monday 14 December 2015 at 20.00.

Chairman: Dated: