

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 18 April 2016 in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr Kedge (Chairman); Mrs Diwell; Mr Greenwood; Mr Jones; Mrs Lewis; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mr Rawlins; Mr Rust; Mr Stoves; Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) and Mrs Varnes (Deputy Parish Clerk).

Also present: Councillors D Bartholomew and P Harrison and Mr McLoughlin Henley Standard.

- 17/001 Apologies for absence: Mr Fort, Mr Reynolds and Mr Richens. No declarations of interests.
- 17/002 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. None present.
- 17/003 Police Report it was noted that a report specific to the village has not been produced for some time. It was also noted that Thames Valley Police have given no feedback on the extensive work carried out by Mr Jones to provide them with CCTV images on request. Parish Clerk to write to TVP.
- 17/004 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 6 April 2016 were presented and approved.
- 17/005 Minutes of previous meetings:
- 005.01 Planning Committees held on 10 March and 4 April 2016 were presented and approved.
- 005.02 Parish Council meeting held on 14 March 2016 were presented and approved.
- 17/006 County Councillor's Report: Councillor Bartholomew reported on the ongoing activities around District and County Council organisation proposals; on changes to street lighting contracts; about the use of the 'Dragon' pothole machine; late opening of recycling centres and mapping for HGV drivers. He will be speaking at the Annual Parish Meeting on 23 May.
- 17/007 District Councillor's Report: Councillor Harrison commented on light pollution; gave his views on organisation proposals; noted changes to Building Regs and advised that some 60% of Business Rates go to Whitehall.
- 17/008 Parish Clerk's Report: the work done by Ros Varnes in obtaining grants was noted as was the major road sweep and bidding for the Brinds Copse sale.
- 17/009 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Mr Greenwood advised that the examination of the Plan is proceeding.
- 17/010 Scout & Guides Hut – after discussion it was unanimously resolved to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to make a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of replacing doors on the building.
- 17/011 It was resolved to approve changing the Parish Council Insurance cover from Zurich to Hiscox.
- 17/012 Year end accounts for 2015/16 were ratified unanimously for signature by the Chairman.
- 17/013 Proposal for a new village sign were discussed and it was agreed to proceed in principle by ascertaining the likely costs.
- 17/014 Matters for future agendas: Unitary authority proposals; Third bridge; Estimating for works.

Next meeting: Monday 16 May 2016 at 20.00.

Chairman: Dated: