

## Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 18 March 2013 at 20.00 in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr Kedge (Chairman); Mr Stoves; Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort; Mr Greenwood; Miss Hunt; Mr Jones; Mrs Lewis; Ms Noble; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mr Rawlins and Mr Reynolds.  
Mr D Robinson, Henley Standard; County Councillor Viney and two members of the public were also present.

Apologies for absence: None.

13/158 Declarations of Interests by Members on Agenda Items: None.

13/159 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders: Members of the public raised concern over the condition of the bus shelter. Mrs Phillips-Tilbury confirmed that although the village gardeners sweep and clean the bus shelter one a fortnight it does require a thorough clean with a pressure washer which has health and safety implications. Parish Clerk to follow up.

13/160 Police Report: None. Mrs Phillips-Tilbury reported that incidents around the British Heart Foundation recycling container had been reported to the police and requested that this was followed up.

13/161 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 6 March 2013 were presented and ratified.

13/162 Minutes of previous meetings:

162.01 Planning Committee held on 4 March 2013 were presented and approved.

162.02 Parish Council meeting held on 18 February 2013 were presented and approved.

13/163 County Councillor's Report: Councillor Viney reported that the process for addressing pot holes was being reviewed - the lack of money has resulted in "patching up" rather than repairing the roads properly. Mr Stoves asked Councillor Viney to pass back to OCC that "it would cost more going forward with the number of claims for damages to cars" than to repair the pot holes. Mr Jones advised that OCC have a legal obligation to repair pot holes within 10 days of being reported.

13/164 District Councillor's Report: None.

13/165 Parish Clerk's Report: Noted.

13/166 Challenge Henley Triathlon Route: Mr Stoves reported that only 2 miles of the latest cycle route (100+ miles) passes through Henley and suggested the event is renamed "Challenge Oxfordshire". Mr Stoves added that two local barristers have challenged the legality of the procedures followed by OCC when setting up the route.

13/167 Skatepark progress: Mrs Lewis reported that the skatepark event on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013 had been very successful with over 60 members of the public attending. The event, presentations and feedback from the event enabled the skatepark committee to decide the company to build the skatepark for Sonning Common.

Mrs Lewis proposed and it was unanimously agreed that 1skateparks Ltd should be contracted to construct the skatepark (subject to references) and that an application is made for SODC Community Investment Fund. (Motion included according to Standing Orders section 4j – deadline for submission for SODC Community Investment Fund is 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013).

Mrs Lewis thanked Dan Robinson for his excellent coverage of the skatepark event in the Henley Standard. The raffle ticket from the skatepark event was drawn – winning ticket is number 19. The winner would be contacted.

13/168 Neighbourhood Plan: Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Mr Greenwood reported that Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council (RPPC) and the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party had agreed a joint Memorandum of Understanding - Appendix B to the Agenda. Mr Greenwood explained that the MoU ensures that Rotherfield Peppard residents will be involved with any discussion of and plans for the site SON13 and also it formalises the NDP consultation agreement with RPPC. Mr Rawlins noted that the split of the settlement's allocations remains to be confirmed and may result in a need to do a further survey of housing needs to complete the evidence base of the NDP. Mr Greenwood then proposed and it was unanimously resolved that the MoU be formally approved by Council. Mr Kedge thanked Mr Greenwood, Mr Rawlins and the Parish Clerk for their hard work in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion.

Progress Report: Mr Greenwood reported that residents' comments from the open days in February have been reviewed and analysed. There were 416 written comments – 89% strongly supported the conclusions made by the Working Party, 6% were undecided and 5% disagreed.

The next stage is the design stage. An NDP website is being set up and a communications officer is to be appointed. Mr Greenwood added that there have been further discussions with the land owners of the SON sites and more detailed conversations are planned.

Mr Greenwood thanked Dan Robinson for article in the Henley standard regarding the NDP.

**13/169 Car parking in the village:**

Mr Rawlins reiterated his concern (Minute 13/155) regarding the severe lack of parking in the village centre and the need to act urgently if the undeveloped piece of land behind 19b-25 Wood Lane is to be a possible location for car parking. Mr Kedge ruled that the resolution to be proposed included the wording of the Agenda Appendix C.

Mr Rawlins proposed and it was unanimously resolved that SCPC should arrange to meet with SODC as a matter of urgency in order to seek SODC's agreement to measures including new parking provisions to meet the current and future parking needs in Sonning Common until at least 2027. In line with the resolution wording of Appendix C, the measures should include the provision of a solution to the parking problem before SODC releases any planning permission on the piece of land behind 19b-25 Wood Lane.

Mr Rawlins also proposed and it was unanimously agreed that the Planning Committee should take this proposal forward using Appendix C to the agenda as the basis for discussions.

**13/170 Matters for future consideration: The Annual Parish Meeting on 13 May.**

Meeting closed at

Date of next Meeting: Monday 22 April 2013 at 20.00 hrs.

Chairman .....

Dated .....