

# Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 18 May 2015 in the Village Hall after the Annual Meeting.

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

Also present for 16/007 District Councillor Harrison.

Apologies for absence: Mr Jones; Mr Kedge; Mr Rawlins; Mr Reynolds and County Councillor Bartholomew

16/014 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 8 April 2015 were presented and approved.

16/015 Minutes of previous meetings:

015.01 Planning Committees held on 13 and 27 April 2015 were presented and approved.

015.02 Parish Council meeting held on 20 April 2015 were presented and approved.

16/016 County Councillor's Report: Councillor Bartholomew reported in writing that the new fire control service has gone live; that the County Council is consulting on its proposed annual transport policy statement covering young people of sixth form age; that free seminars to help Oxfordshire businesses understand new consumer rules due to be brought in during October are being held by Trading Standards in June; that the Peppard Road/Sedgewell Road flooding work will be done on 28 May.

16/017 District Councillor's Report: Councillor Harrison reported that SODC's contract with Capita ends in 2016 which offers an opportunity for new savings in back office costs; that there are now several joint committees combining SODC with South & Vale DC; in response to a question he undertook to investigate and report back on who is responsible for re-fixing and cleaning granite kerbstones in the village.

16/018 Parish Clerk's Report: this was noted and the Clerk was asked to contact the managing agents for the Peppard Road/Sedgewell Road corner to ask them to deal with the knotweed.

16/019 Skatepark progress: Mrs Lewis reported that the facility is now in use and proving very popular. There are several things to do for full completion that are all in hand.

16/020 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Mr Greenwood reported that we are now in a pre-submission review phase until 12 June.

16/021 It was resolved to approve the year end accounts reports for 2014/15 as circulated.

16/022 A proposal from the Finance Committee to make a grant of £1,000 to the local First Responders team was reviewed and endorsed unanimously.

16/023 Matters for future consideration. None.

Note that declarations of interest for this agenda were addressed in the Annual Meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.48

Next meeting: Monday 15 June 2015 at 20.00

Chairman: .....

Dated: .....