

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 19 October 2015 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Kedge (Chairman); Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort; Mr Greenwood;; Mrs Lewis; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mr Rawlins; Mr Reynolds; Mr Richens; Mr Rust; Mr Stoves plus Mr Collings (Parish Clerk); Mr McLoughlin, Henley Standard and two members of the public.

Also present for 16/073 Councillor D Bartholomew and for 16/074 Councillor P Harrison.

Prior to opening the meeting Mr Kedge announced the death of Mr Arthur Badcock who was both a valued Member of the council and then its Clerk for much of the 1980s. Mr Badcock was known as a man of great integrity and with a solid commitment to the village. Mr Kedge and Mr Greenwood would be attending his funeral to represent the Parish Council.

16/067 Apologies for absence: Mr Jones.

No declarations of interests

16/068 Community Information Network –this presentation was cancelled.

16/069 Public Question Time: Ms Gale of Pages Orchard asked again about resolving parking space problems in Pages Orchard and Ashford Avenue. She was advised that this is still being pursued by the Parish Clerk with the next step being to seek funding.

16/070 Police Report previously circulated. It was noted that PCSO Mark Bell is taking over from PCSO Boyes and he is now making himself known in the village.

16/071 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 2 September 2015 were presented and approved.

16/072 Minutes of previous meetings:

056.01 Planning Committees held on 7 and 21 September 2015 were presented and approved.

056.02 Parish Council meeting held on 21 September 2015 were presented and approved.

16/073 County Councillor's Report: Councillor Bartholomew described OCC's plans to consult the public over a number of savings options as part of its budget setting process. The consultation published on the OCC website on 20 October will look at around 100 savings options across the council. Residents, service users and other stakeholders – including staff – will have the opportunity to review and comment on the options by taking part in the consultation, which will run for six weeks. Regarding Pages Orchard parking the Area Steward advised that the specification supplied must be adhered to.

16/074 District Councillor's Report: Councillor Harrison noted that work continues to complete the Electoral Register; that Biffa are looking more carefully at the content of green bins to reduce contamination; a new round of Capital Grants is available for applications by 27 November; SODC supports proposals to allow local decision making about Sunday Trading hours.

16/075 Parish Clerk's Report - noted.

16/076 It was resolved to reappoint Arrow Accounting as Internal Auditors.

16/077 Skatepark: Mrs Lewis advised that it is hoped that issues around correctly registering the land will be resolved shortly.

16/078 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Mr Greenwood advised that the Draft NDP will be published by 26 October and that Examination should now be early in 2016. Members congratulated him and his team for the immense amount already achieved.

16/079 Matters for future agendas : The OneStop flower bed; Cycle racks; Budget & Precept.

Meeting closed at 21.05

Next meeting: Monday 16 November 2015 at 20.00.

Chairman: Dated: