

## Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 20 July 2015 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Kedge (Chairman); Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort; Mr Greenwood; Mr Jones; Mrs Lewis; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mr Rawlins; Mr Reynolds; Mr Richens; Mr Rust; Mr Stoves and Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) and Mrs Varnes (Deputy Clerk) and Mr McLoughlin, Henley Standard.

Also present for 16/039 PCSO Boyes and for 16/043 District Councillor Harrison.

Announcement: Before opening the meeting Mr Kedge told members that by achieving an Outstanding rating from the Care Quality Commission the Sonning Common Health Centre is one of only three in the country to reach this standard and the only one in the Thames valley to do so. Mr Kedge has written to the Health Centre to congratulate them on behalf of the Parish Council.

- 16/037 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests: County Councillor Bartholomew. No declarations
- 16/038 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. None.
- 16/039 Police Report: PCSO Boyes reported on incidents of anti social behaviour, criminal damage and minor thefts early in June involving young people from the village and from Caversham. Assisted by Parish CCTV evidence, some 20 warning letters were sent to parents and other actions have been taken including extra patrolling outside normal hours. The skatepark is being patrolled regularly and there has been no evidence of any alcohol or drugs being taken. He concluded by saying that from his perspective the overall situation in the village is generally very good. Mrs Phillips-Tilbury spoke in praise of PCSO Boyes' work and said how much he will be missed when he moves into full police training in September. PCSO Boyes was applauded before he left the room.
- 16/040 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 3 June 2015 were presented and approved.
- 16/041 Minutes of previous meetings:  
041.01 Planning Committees held on 1 and 15 June and 6 July 2015 were presented and approved.  
041.02 Parish Council meeting held on 15 June 2015 were presented and approved.
- 16/042 The County Councillor's Report previously circulated was noted without comment.
- 16/043 District Councillor's Report Councillor Harrison reported on the official opening of the new SODC offices and the seeking of tenders for new corporate services provision. On the matter of kerbside textile collections he advised that this is going ahead despite concerns raised at the last meeting. After questioning he agreed to find out if there is provision for the village to opt out of this. On the matter of the empty properties on Peppard Road he agreed to investigate what role SODC could take to end the waste and blight of these properties.
- 16/044 Parish Clerk's Report was noted.
- 16/045 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Mr Greenwood explained how in response to comments from SODC and CCB the team had reviewed the site and housing allocations in light of both the overriding desire to obtain a sport and recreation space for the village and the expected outcome of the SHMA. The allocations totalling 193 homes now to be included in the NDP are: SON2: 50 homes; SON3: Recreation; SON5: 20 homes; SON6: 26 homes; SON9: 60 homes and SON15A: 37 homes. SON7 will be a reserve site for 25 homes. A motion proposed under the 10 o'clock rule to endorse this revised allocation was approved unanimously.
- 16/046 New seat at OneStop bus stop. It was resolved to approve the purchase and fitting to the seat of a small plaque stating 'Donated by Sonning Common Parish Council' and 'Supporting The Village Gardeners'.

- 16/047 CCTV Upgrade. It was resolved to approve Mr Jones' proposal to spend up to £350 to upgrade the capability of the system to improve support to the police.
- 16/048 It was resolved to delegate the Council's powers to the Finance Committee during August.
- 16/049 It was resolved to delegate the signing of a contract with NatWest for the installation of a new ATM in the wall of the village hall to the Finance Committee.
- 16/050 It was resolved to modify the Planning Committee membership to change Mr Stoves from 'non-voting ex officio' to 'voting substitute to be called in if required'.
- 16/051 Matters for future agendas – to hear a presentation at the October meeting about the work of the Community Information Network.

Meeting closed at 21.28

Next meeting: Monday 21 September 2015 at 20.00.

Chairman: ..... Dated: .....