

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 21 January 2013 at 20.00 hrs in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Kedge (Chairman); Mr Fort; Mr Jones; Mrs Lewis; Ms Noble; Mr Rawlins,
Mr Reynolds and Mr Stoves. Mr D Robinson, Henley Standard.

- 13/126 Apologies for absence: Mrs Diwell; Mr Greenwood; Miss Hunt and Mrs Phillips-Tilbury.
- 13/127 Declarations of Interests: The Parish Clerk confirmed that the dispensations required in relation to discussion of the Precept had been granted. There were no other any declarations of pecuniary interest.
- 13/128 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders: None.
- 13/129 Police Report: PCSO Boyes was not in attendance. His emailed report having been circulated previously, Mr Kedge asked that he be thanked for his continuing good work in the village.
- 13/130 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 5 December 2012 were presented and ratified.
- 13/131 Minutes of previous meetings:
131.01 Planning Committees held on 10 and 17 December 2012 were presented and approved.
131.02 Parish Council meeting held on 17 December 2012 were presented and approved.
- 13/132 County Councillor's Report: Councillor Viney was unable to be present due to road conditions and her emailed report was circulated in which she advised that funds have been found to effect repairs outside the allotments and praised the efforts of the Parish Snow Team, the liaison with OCC regarding salting and gritting our roads and community teamwork across the village. Her continuing help and support were acknowledged.
- 13/133 District Councillor's Report: Councillor Harrison reported that the District Council will be reducing its community charge by 2.5% as a further result of its cost reduction programme; the cost of the so called new homes bonus in future years will be cost neutral; the Core Strategy has finally been adopted by the District Council after its approval by the government's inspectorate; DCLG has announced a number of changes to Building Regulations that will take effect in April; The Boundary commission public consultation on District Ward boundaries is now over and the result is expected in the near future.
- 13/134 Parish Clerk's Report - Noted. Mr Fort asked when the action might be taken on infractions on the Yellow Lines and was advised that PCSO Boyes has the matter in hand.
- 13/135 Budget and Precept: The Budget for 2013/14 as approved by the Finance Committee and the resulting proposed Precept had been circulated by the RFO. The following eight motions were put individually. **Each was separately proposed and seconded and then approved unanimously:**
- 135.01** To approve the proposed Income budget of £13,159 total excluding the Precept.
- 135.02** To approve the proposed Administration budget total of £48,375.
- 135.03** To approve the proposed Cleanliness & Tidiness (formerly Footpaths & Highways) budget of £17,080.
- 135.04** To approve the proposed Facilities (formerly Provisions) Provisions Budget of £19,300.
- 135.05** To approve the proposed Projects (formerly Amenities) budget of £38,340 including £13,200 for reserve creation as set out in item 135.07.
- 135.06** To approve the proposed policy change from holding a cash reserve of 50% of the current precept to one of holding £30,000 subject to an annual review.
- 135.07** To approve the proposal to build a reserve fund by setting aside 20% of each previous year's Precept in anticipation of future project needs.
- 135.08** To approve the resulting 2013/14 Precept demand of £82,500 to be sent to SODC by the Parish Clerk.
- It was further agreed that a newsletter explaining the budget, the precept and key expenditures should be distributed in the February issue of the SC Magazine.
- 13/136 Triathlon 2013 Route: Mr Stoves update the meeting on the continuing impasse between the many villages affected on the one part and Henley Town Council, OCC Highways and Just Racing on the other. No satisfactory resolution is yet in sight.

- 13/137 Parish Council Logo: After brief discussion, it was agreed 'play it by ear' with an initial suggestion that ideas could be sought from the Youth Club.
- 13/138 Rollerpark progress: Mrs Lewis advised that shortlisted suppliers will present their proposals to a public meeting at 16.00 on Monday 25 February in the Village Hall.
- 13/139 Matters for future consideration. No matters raised beyond routine business.

The meeting closed at 20.48.

Chairman Dated