

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 15 February 2016 in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr Kedge (Chairman); Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort; Mr Greenwood; Mrs Lewis; Mr Rawlins; Mr Reynolds; Mr Rust; Mr Stoves and Mr Collings (Parish Clerk).

Also present: 28 members of the public and Councillors D Bartholomew and P Harrison

- 16/120 Apologies for absence: Mr Jones; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; and Mr Richens. No declarations of interests.
- 16/121 Public Question Time: Questions were asked and statements made about the children's care home being opened at Orchard House. A significant majority of those who spoke were in support of the new home.
- 16/122 The Police Report was noted with a request for one more specific to the village in future. The matter of providing funds for road lines and signs was deferred.
- 16/123 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 3 February 2016 were presented and approved.
- Minutes of other meetings:
- 123.01 Planning Committee held on 18 January 2016 were presented and approved.
- 123.02 Parish Council meeting held on 18 January 2016 were presented and approved.
- 16/124 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Bartholomew reported on the scale of additional budget cuts and their effect on OCC services; on actions being taken to cut costs; on the rise in apprenticeships and on concerns about Berkshire's case for a third bridge.
- 16/125 District Councillor's Report: Cllr Harrison reported on senior staff departures; on proposals to outsource support functions; on the confirmation of the five year land supply and on the start of the latest round of community funding.
- 16/126 Parish Clerk's Report: noted.
- 16/127 Skatepark: Mrs Lewis advised the meeting of steps being taken to secure a full and final settlement with RUFC.
- 16/128 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Mr Greenwood noted that the Submission Version of the NDP is with SODCC for consultation between 27 January and 10 March. He also noted that RPPC is still opposing our plan.
- 16/129 It was resolved that both the updated Risk Assessment and Asset Register for the Council be approved as presented and that competitive quotations for Insurance renewal from 1 June 2016 should be sought. Thanks to the clerk were to be minuted.
- 16/130 Trees Committee: It was resolved that a new Trees Committee be set up to direct the planting of up to 103 trees funded by Mr J Stone. The members are Mr Fort, Mr Rust, Mr Kedge and Mr Jones.
- 16/131 Matters for future agendas: Support for Club SC.
- 16/132 Confidential matter minuted separately.

Meeting closed at 21.55.

Next meeting: Monday 15 March 2016 at 20.00.

Chairman: Dated: