

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 11 July 2016 in the Village Hall

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

Also present: Mr Anthony I'Anson; Cllr D Bartholomew.

Before opening the meeting Mr Stoves offered the council's sympathy and support to Mrs Phillips-Tilbury following the recent death of her husband.

- 17/041 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests: Mr Kedge; Mrs Diwell and Mrs Lewis. No declarations.
- 17/042 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. None.
- 17/043 Co-option of a new Member: Mr Anthony I'Anson described his interest in joining the council and his experience in sporting activities, fund raising and working with Government. After a short discussion he was invited unanimously to join the council and having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office he joined the meeting.
- 17/044 Police Report previously circulated - noted.
- 17/045 Minutes of previous meetings:
- 045.01 Finance Committee meeting held on 6 June 2016 were presented and approved.
 - 045.02 Planning Committees held on 13 and 27 June 2016 were presented and approved.
 - 045.03 Parish Council meeting held on 13 June 2016 were presented and approved.
- 17/046 County Councillor's Report: Councillor Bartholomew reported on the status of Unitary Councils proposals; on the possibility of five new park and ride sites being built to serve Oxfordshire; that Adult and child social care costs continue to increase as a proportion of OCC's expenditure, now accounting for nearly half the council's budget; that OCC is among the nation's best for children's social care and on his concerns that the 3rd bridge project is gaining momentum on regional economic grounds and that insufficient weight is being given to environmental/quality of life aspects for south Oxfordshire residents.
- 17/047 The District Councillor's Report was made in writing.
- 17/048 Parish Clerk's Report: Knotweed sites to be identified and owners asked to act.
- 17/049 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Mr Greenwood reported that the final version of the NDP has been sent to SODC; that the referendum date is confirmed as 29 September 2016; that the Working Party will meet in August to prepare for the public exhibition on 25 September and that 56 people attended SODC's SHMA consultation last week. The SHMA is important for the village in that it could increase our allocation up to 290-300 new homes against our current NDP allocation of 195 plus 44 in reserve. He also noted that the council has to carry out a full review of the NDP in 2018 and that it would be wise for the council to set up a small NDP Management & Implementation Working Party to oversee the development of the plan.
- 17/050 It was resolved to delegate council powers to the Finance Committee during August.
- 17/051 Update on request for a volunteer as Primary School Governor. Mrs Phillips-Tilbury is to explore taking this role.
- 17/052 Memorial Hall Field Working Party: It was resolved to authorise the creation and membership of a new working party to guide and oversee the development of sports and recreation facilities on SON3 now known as Memorial Hall Field.
- The membership proposed is: Alan Gibbon (Kidmore End War Memorial Hall and Resident); Anthony I'Anson (Resident or SCPC member); Chiltern End Governor (tba to represent Chiltern Edge School); Diana Pearman (NDPWP/Resident); Leigh Rawlins (SCPC member, Resident and NDPWP); Philip Collings (SCPC Responsible Finance Officer); Ros Varnes (Resident and Deputy Parish Clerk).

The Working Party must elect a chairperson at its first meeting and will be able to co-opt additional members as it sees fit. It will not have authority to commit to any expenditure without prior approval from the Finance Committee and/or the full Council as appropriate. Its full terms of reference will be put to the next meeting of the Council for approval.

17/053 Matters for future agendas: Co-op and the car park; KEPC War Memorial; NDP oversight Working Party; Memorial Hall Field Working Party Terms of Reference

Meeting closed at 21.07

Next meeting: Monday 12 September 2016 at 20.00.