

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 14 March 2016 in the Village Hall.

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

Also present: Councillors D Bartholomew and P Harrison.

- 16/133 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests: Mr Jones; and Mr Richens. No declarations of interests
- 16/134 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. No public present.
- 16/135 The Police Report previously circulated was noted. It was resolved to provide funds of up to £4,500 for new yellow lining and signage on Grove Road and that residents should be advised by leaflet in advance.
- 16/136 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 2 March 2016 were presented and ratified.
- Minutes of previous meetings:
- 136.01 Planning Committees held on 8 & 15 February 2016 were presented and approved.
- 136.02 Parish Council meeting held on 15 February 2016 were presented and approved.
- 16/137 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Bartholomew reported on the final scale of budget cuts and their effect on OCC services; on the competing proposals for reorganising councils within Oxfordshire and on his concerns about the Third Bridge proposals.
- 16/138 District Councillor's Report: Cllr Harrison reported on the proposals being made by District Councils contrary to those put forward by OCC; that new proposals have been agreed for back office services; that grant application forms are to be simplified.
- 16/139 Parish Clerk's Report - noted.
- 16/140 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Mr Greenwood explained that the NDP is going to Examination and that the report is expected in the last two weeks of April.
- 16/141 Trees Working Party update – the meeting was advised that the group has met and agreed a plan to move forward.
- 16/142 Play area improvements. The meeting considered a proposal to put a new picnic table into each play area (3) at a total cost of £1,850 and after discussion it was resolved to authorise the expenditure.
- 16/143 Matters for future agendas: The new Village Sign proposal produced under the aegis of the Sonning Common Society; Mrs Diwell advised of the major restoration work already carried out on Widmore Pond. It was agreed that this did not need further discussion other than to pass a vote of thanks to all those who had carried out the work.
- 16/144 Confidential matters with Press and Public excluded.

Meeting closed at 21.55

Next meeting: Monday 18 April 2016 at 20.00.

Chairman: Dated: