

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 10 October 2016 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Kedge (Chairman); Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort; Mr Greenwood; Mr Howe; Mr I'Anson; Mrs Lewis; Mr Rawlins; Mr Rust; Mr Stoves and Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) and Mrs Varnes (Deputy Parish Clerk). Also present: Cllr D Bartholomew and Mr C McLoughlin Henley Standard.

Before opening the meeting Mr Kedge welcomed Mr Howe as a new member of the Council and also proposed a vote of thanks to the NDP Working Party and its chairman Mr Greenwood for their success in the referendum in which 94% voted for the NDP.

- 17/067 Apologies for absence: Mr Jones and Mrs Phillips-Tilbury. No declarations of interests.
- 17/068 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. A question was asked about the legal power of the NDP once finally in force. It was confirmed by Mr Greenwood that the NDP should have full force once approved but there are many challenges around.
- 17/069 Police Report - the Chairman advised that he had yet to receive his briefing and would circulate it as soon as to hand.
- 17/070 Minutes of previous meetings:
- 070.01 Finance Committee meeting held on 7 September 2016 were presented and approved.
 - 070.02 Planning Committees held on 30 August, 12 and 26 September 2016 were presented and approved.
 - 070.03 Parish Council meeting held on 12 September 2016 were presented and approved.
- 17/071 County Councillor's Report Councillor Bartholomew reported that options for new organisations are still being explored; that a new grant scheme for open-access children's services has been launched; that SODC has rejected a proposal to take 4,950 additional homes to help meet the Oxford City crisis; that a First Responder parking space cannot be made in Elm Court and that it may be possible to replace the post on Wood Lane.
- 17/072 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Harrison was unable to attend.
- 17/073 Parish Clerk's Report – this was noted along with the need for discussions with the Co-op about the future of the car park.
- 17/074 Memorial Hall Field Working Party – a brief update on work to date was provided.
- 17/075 A proposal from Mr Kedge that Standing Orders 5.a.xiv and 5.a.xv be rescinded and the following substituted was discussed and it was resolved by a majority to make the change for these now to read:
- 5.a.xiv In the case of the consideration of a report and/or recommendations made by a committee or a sub-committee, any motion proposed without written notice may be allowed only with the formal agreement of the majority of councillors present.
 - 5.a.xv In the case of the consideration of a report and/or recommendations made by an employee, a professional advisor, expert or consultant, any motion proposed without written notice may be allowed only with the formal agreement of the majority of councillors present.
- 17/076 Meeting dates in 2017. The proposed dates as circulated were approved – Appendix B.
- 17/077 Additional noticeboard. It was resolved to provide a noticeboard for residents in the Ashford Avenue/Pages Orchard area at a cost of about £1,500. Parish Clerk to investigate siting options along Crowsley Way by Ilsley Close or on the corner where Pages Orchard and Ashford Avenue meet and obtain landowner consent.
- 17/078 Gladman proposal for housing adjacent to Emmer Green. It was resolved that a suggestion for joint working with Eye & Dunsden and Rotherfield Peppard PCs to oppose this application should be pursued. Parish Clerk to take up through their Clerks.
- 17/079 Village Centre – it was resolved to set up and fund a Working Party to lead a project to improve the centre including better traffic management. Initial members, prior to co-option of interested parties, are Mr Howe, Mr Rust, Mr Rawlins; Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort and Mrs Phillips Tilbury. Mr Kedge will chair the first meeting until a chairperson has been elected. Draft Terms of Reference and scope of work will be prepared by the Parish Office for the first meeting.
- 17/080 NDP follow-up – to consider how to carry out the NDP actions placed upon the Parish

Council (NDP Pages 62-67). This item was deferred to the next meeting

- 17/081 AONB Designation– it was resolved to try to work with other parishes per item 17/078 to make representations to Chilterns Conservation Board that the AONB be extended to reach the B481 to the south of Sonning Common. It was suggested that Ms Bettina Kirkham would be able to advise or assist.
- 17/082 Matters for future agendas. Options to reduce nuisance gatherings in and opposite the bus shelter opposite OneStop.
- 17/083 Closed session – personnel matters.

Meeting closed at 21.40.

Next meeting: Monday 14 November 2016 at 20.00.

Chairman: Dated:

Appendix B

SONNING COMMON PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSED MEETING DATES IN 2017

MONTH IN 2017	PARISH COUNCIL	PLANNING COMMITTEE		FINANCE COMMITTEE
	Monday 20.00	Monday 19.15	Monday 19.15	Wednesday 18.00
JANUARY	16	-	16	4
FEBRUARY	20	6	20	8
MARCH	20	6	20	8
APRIL	24	3	24	5
MAY	15 = AMPC** 22 = APM*	1	15	3
JUNE	19	5	19	7
JULY	17	3	17	5
AUGUST	-	7	21	2
SEPTEMBER	18	4	18	6
OCTOBER	16	2	16	4
NOVEMBER	20	6	20	8
DECEMBER	18	4	18	6
JANUARY 2018	15	-	15	3

* = Annual Parish Meeting of Electors called by the Chairman – starts at 19.30.

** = Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Statutory business followed by normal agenda - starts at 19.30 (19.00 if a long agenda).

N.B. Planning Committee meetings may start at 19.00, if a long agenda and they precede Parish Council meetings.