

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council on Monday 17 July 2017 in the Village Hall.

Mrs Lewis (Chairman); Mrs Diwell; Mr Howe; Mr Jones; Mr Kedge; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mr Rawlins; Mr Rinta-Suksi; Mr Rust and Mr Stoves. Also: Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) and Mrs Varnes (Deputy Parish Clerk).

Also present: Cllr D Bartholomew, Cllr P Harrison and C McLoughlin Henley Standard

- 18/046 Apologies for absence: Mr Fort and Mr Greenwood. No declarations of interests.
- 18/047 Public Question Time – no questions.
- 18/048 Police Report. Members referred to email from TVP. Fuller report due at next meeting.
- 18/049 Minutes of previous meetings:
- 049.01 Finance Committee held on 5 July 2017 were presented and approved.
 - 049.02 Planning Committee held on 19 June and 3 July were presented and approved.
 - 049.03 Parish Council meeting held on 19 June 2017 were presented and approved.
- 18/050 County Councillor's Report – In addition to his emailed report Cllr Bartholomew reported that Officers have recommended that a proposal for closure notice for Chiltern Edge school should not be issued for the time being and that a review of improvement progress will be undertaken by an outside body such as Ofsted in October; that the Strategic Outline Business Case document for the 3rd Reading bridge has now been completed but not fully reviewed by OCC officers or the Steering Group. He has asked John Howell MP to convene the next meeting of the Steering Group; that regarding part of the A4155 near The Flowing Spring, the affected part of the road will be repaired with steel piles starting in September and this will involve closure of this section of the road for about two months.
- 18/051 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Harrison reported on plans for new waste collection vehicles; improvements in collecting unpaid Council Tax and new grant schemes for community facilities.
- 18/052 Parish Clerk's Report – the Deputy Clerk reported that legal matters related to RUFC are almost complete.
- 18/053 Memorial Hall Field Working Party (MHFWP) update. After discussion under the 10 o'clock rule it was resolved that: 'The Parish Council confirms that it will enter into negotiations with the owners of the Memorial Hall Field also known as SON3 in the SCNDP, with the intention of accepting an offer to transfer the Memorial Hall Field to the Parish Council within six weeks of receipt of an offer to effect that transfer.'
- 18/054 Village Centre Working Party (VCWP) – Mr Howe reported the Ben Hamilton-Baillie's study of village traffic etc has begun and will report to the next meeting.
- 18/055 B481 speed limit update - the Parish Clerk is seeking detailed costs from OCC.
- 18/056 NDP updating status –Mrs Varnes reported that a meeting had been held with SODC (R Rios) to try to clarify how best to conduct the '2033 review' in 2018. More work is needed with grants of up to £15K available to do this work.
- 18/057 Widmore Pond matters:
- 057.1 It was resolved purchase and place up a plaque to recognise the decades of care that the Brownjohns (Dave and Sheila) have given to Widmore Pond and its wildlife.
 - 057.2 It was resolved to accept closure of the Widmore Pond Committee and transfer of its responsibility and remaining funds to the council.
 - 057.3 It was agreed that there should now be a single Environment Working Party to oversee matters hitherto in the purview of the Trees Committee, the Woodlands Working Party, the Widmore Pond Committee and the AONB extension. Membership is to include Cllrs Diwell, Fort, Jones, Kedge, Rust and Stoves plus any co-optees. Terms of Reference to be

circulated for approval at the September meeting.

- 18/058 ClubSC – It was resolved to appoint Mr Rinta-Suksi to take over from Mr Jones as the SCPC nominee to the ClubSC management committee with a brief to make recommendations about the future role of SCPC to the September meeting.
- 18/059 Trees and AONB update –Mr Rust reported that a new tree is to be planted in Crowsley Way and that a response is awaited from CCB to AONB consultation.
- 18/060 It was resolved to delegate council powers to the Finance Committee during August.
- 18/061 Matters for future agendas – provision of a bench outside Batten House.

Meeting closed at 21.22.

Next meeting: Monday 18 September 2017 at 20.00.

Chairman:

Dated: