

Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council

Held on Monday 16 March 2020 at 20.00 hrs in the Village Hall.

Present: Mrs Lewis (Chairman); Ms Boorman; Mr Giles; Mr Kedge; Mr Shanagher and Mr Stoves plus Mr Collings (Parish Clerk), Mr Fithen (Henley Standard), Mrs Jenkins (Deputy Clerk) and Mrs D Pearman.

- 20/168 Apologies for absence: Mrs Diwell, Mr Fort, Mr Jones with Mr Rawlins away for part.
- 20/169 Public Question Time – none present.
- 20/170 Police Matters: No report.
- 20/171 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved individually:
171.01 Finance Committee held on 4 March 2020.
171.02 Planning Committee held on 3 February 2020.
171.03 Parish Council meeting held on 17 February 2020.
- 20/172 County Councillor’s Report– Cllr Bartholomew added to his written report that the Pond End Road concrete kerbs project has been completed, that repair works have been completed at Daybell on Blounts Court Road and that surface dressing is to happen in April on Blounts Court Road.
- 20/173 District Councillor’s Report– circulated as emailed.
- 20/174 Parish Clerk’s Report – noted.
- 20/175 Memorial Hall Field Working Party: Mrs Pearman provided a written update noting the wait for planning permission for the entrance.
- 20/176 Village Centre Working Party: Mr Howe reported that costings from PBA have been reviewed and that work to find and map drains is to proceed. The VCWP will share the public open day on 2 May with the NDP.
- 20/177 Environment Working Party: Mr Stoves advised that there is little activity at present.
- 20/178 NDP II preparation: a message from Mr Fort stated that the work is proceeding well.
- 20/179 Plastic Free Communities WP: Ms Boorman reported on the success of the SoCo Spring Clean in which over 140 youngsters took part producing a huge pile of rubbish. Thanks are due to the organisers and to the WI.
- 20/180 Website: Mr Shanagher advised that we are getting closer to receiving a firm proposal.
- 20/181 Village Halls Website naming and charges review: Mrs Jenkins advised on progress towards a single website. It was proposed that the Village Hall hire charges should rise by £1 per hour and it was resolved that Mrs Lewis and Mrs Jenkins would henceforth take responsibility for the management of the Village Hall.
- 20/182 Update on Transfer of Kidmore End Hall – moving slowly whilst awaiting legal advice.
- 20/183 After being informed that he had disqualified himself, it was resolved to declare a Casual Vacancy on the Council due to non-attendance by Mr Coombs and to commence search for a replacement.
- 20/184 It was resolved to adopt the proposed Community Emergency Plan on which Mr Jones and Mrs Jenkins were congratulated.
- 20/185 Under the 10 o’clock rule it was resolved that during the coronavirus emergency the SCPC delegates the performance of its statutory and legal responsibilities to a committee consisting of any two members plus the Clerk/RFO or either of the Deputy Clerks as circumstances dictate. The council empowers that committee to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the council, and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability during the period that the delegation is applicable.
- 20/186 Matters for future agendas. No new topics but Year End will feature.
Meeting closed at 21.15. Next meeting: Monday 20 April 2020 at 20.00.

Chairman: Dated: