

# Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council

On Monday 16 September 2019 at 20.00 hrs in the Village Hall.

Present: Mrs Lewis (Chairman); Ms Boorman; Mr Coombs; Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort; Mr Giles; Mr Jones; Mr Kedge Mr Rawlins and Mr Shanagher plus Mr Collings (Parish Clerk), Mrs Varnes (Deputy) and Mr Fithen (Henley Standard).

20/062 Apologies for absence: Mr Howe and Mr Stoves. No declarations.

20/063 Public Question Time: Mrs Lyndsay Henderson described how EcoSoco would like to see Sonning Common become a plastic free community and sought help to set up a steering group. After discussion it was agreed that Ms Boorman would make a proposal to the next meeting in October.

20/064 Report and video on 'Summer Fun Days'. After presentation by Mrs Snowden the whole activity was much praised by all members who agreed to consider a proposal for further events over the next 12 months.

20/065 Police Matters: No report received.

20/066 Minutes of the following meetings were all presented and approved:

066.01 Finance Committees held on 3 July and 7 August.

066.02 Planning Committees held on 1 & 15 July and 5 & 19 August 2019.

066.03 Parish Council meeting held on 15 July 2019.

20/067 County Councillor's Report – in addition to his emailed report, Cllr Bartholomew confirmed that in respect of replacing the setts along Pond End Road, a fixed price of £25k has now been agreed with officers. OCC will contribute 25% of the cost leaving a net figure of £18,750 and he will contribute £10k from his Councillor Priority Fund, meaning the PC has to contribute just £8,750 thus a very good result has been achieved.

20/068 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Rawlins advised that applications for grants from councillors' funds must be made by December and that SODC is working to make proposals to deal with parking control in villages.

20/069 Parish Clerk's Report - noted.

20/070 FISH Accommodation - Linda Collison, Treasurer and Richard McQuillan, Chairman, outlined a funding proposal from FISH in relation to acquiring the old police office in Lea Road for which a capital sum of up to £90K would be needed. After discussion it was agreed that a detailed proposal should be put to council as soon as possible

20/071 Village Centre Working Party (VCWP) – there will be a full update to the next meeting including budget estimates.

20/072 Environment Working Party – Mr Stoves will be reconvening a new group in October.

20/073 NDP II preparation – Mr Fort advised that sites have been assessed and the WP will meet early in October to agree next steps.

20/074 Memorial Hall Field Working Party (MHFWP) update – planning application has been put in and access plans now have to be defined.

20/075 Website: Mr Shanagher's review was discussed and it was agreed that he and the parish office would liaise on plans for renewal or replacement.

20/076 It was resolved to confirm the Finance Committee recommended re-appointment of Arrow Accounting to conduct Internal Audit of current FY.

20/077 Christmas Market - Mr KC Gambhir Raj described his plans for a repeat Christmas Market in and around the Village Hall and asked for the endorsement of the council. In discussion it was agreed that the market would be welcomed and that it might be possible for some of the car park to be made available for stalls if needed. Parish Clerk to liaise with Mr Raj to determine if further actions needed.

20/078 Budget for 2020/21 –It was resolved that Committees and Working Parties be asked to provide an itemised estimate of funds needed for the next two financial years with notes of what, if approved, will be spent and why and split between recurring and one-off items. Ideally, the timing of the expenditure should be stated.

20/079 Matters for future agendas.

20/080 Confidential session with Press and Public excluded.

Meeting closed at 21.45. Next meeting: Monday 21 October 2019 at 20.00.

Chairman: .....

Dated: .....