

Sonning Common Parish Council

Minutes of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting held at the Parish Office, Village Hall, Wood Lane, Sonning Common on 4th May 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman: Mr Rooke

Present: Mr Kedge, Mr Greenwood, Mr Stoves and Mrs Lewis

12/13 Apologies for absence: Miss Hunt

12/14 Declarations of Interest: None

12/15 Reconciliation of accounts as at 30th April 2011 – presented and noted.

12/16 Accounts Presented: The accounts due for payment were presented and approved.

12/17 Public Question Time: There being no electors in attendance no questions were raised.

12/18 Applications for donations: none.

12/22 VAT. Should the council be charging on sales?

The Clerk reported that he is still investigating this through HMRC and will report back as soon as a definitive answer has been obtained.

12/23 Matters for future consideration. There was an extensive discussion about how best the Parish Council might use available financial resources to improve the security and comfort of residents and engender pride in village amenities. It was noted that a well presented environment is a major contributor to minimising vandalism and petty crime.

It was felt that in areas such as:

1. Play area security
2. Footpath improvements
3. Notice-boards

there is still a great deal to be done and that appropriate projects should be initiated as soon as possible.

The Finance Committee therefore asked the Clerk to include a motion in the agenda for 16th May that the Parish Council should set up three Working Parties with the remit to come up with costed proposals in each area with a view to reviewing their suggestions and giving initial sanction at the 18th July Council meeting. Clerk to actions.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 8th June 2011

The meeting closed at 20.30 hrs.

Signed - Chairman.....

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