

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 22 April 2013 at 20.00 hrs in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr Kedge (Chairman); Mr Stoves; Mrs Diwell; Miss Hunt; Mrs Lewis; Ms Noble; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mr Rawlins and Mr Reynolds.

Mr D Robinson, Henley Standard, County Councillor Viney and District Councillors Harrison and Rooke were also present.

Apologies for absence: Mr Fort, Mr Greenwood and Mr Jones.

- 14/001 Declarations of Interests: None.
- 14/002 Public Question Time: No members of the public present.
- 14/003 Police Report: PCSO Boyes was unable to be present. Mr Kedge advised that PCSO Boyes had been in touch to seek support for an event planned with Age UK to enlighten the elderly residents of Sonning Common about what services are actually available to them. This would require the hire of the hall for a few hours and PCSO Boyes had asked if the Parish Council could fund that hiring. Mr Kedge proposed and was unanimously supported in agreeing to fund the hire. The meeting also thanked PCSO Boyes for his continuing excellent work in the village.
- 14/004 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 10 April 2013 were presented and ratified.
- 14/005 Minutes of previous meetings:
 005.01 Planning Committee held on 4 March 2013 - this was listed in error as already approved on 18 March.
 005.02 Parish Council meeting held on 18 March 2013 were presented and approved.
- 14/006 County Councillor's Report: Councillor Viney reminded the meeting that this would be her last report as a County Councillor. Club SC has raised over £2,000 to create an activity room including matched funds. The meeting thanked Councillor Viney for her many years of sterling work for the village and wished her well for the future.
- 14/007 District Councillor's Report: Councillor Harrison reminded the meeting of the forthcoming Governance Review and advised getting views in as soon as possible; he advised that he and Cllr Rooke will work with the Planning Committee to try to resolve the Car Parking issue and concluded by saying how important Mr Greenwood's input had been to the SODC Planning Committee's decision to reject overdevelopment of backland at 15 Baskerville Road. This is seen as an important precedent to avoid further such applications.
- 14/008 Parish Clerk's Report: This was noted with particular reference to the continuing problems with potholes not being deep enough to be called potholes by OCC and therefore not repaired.
- 14/009 Skatepark progress: Mrs Lewis reported that the proposed design is almost finalised and will then go for Planning Consent. In the meantime fundraising plans are progressing apace towards a target of £100K. A large grant application is being made to Lafarge-Tarmac but there is a condition that 10% of the grant awarded must be paid from other sources. Whilst that 10% would be part of the overall fundraising it is necessary for it to be underwritten to progress the application. To that end Mrs Lewis had notified the Parish Clerk under the ten o'clock rule that she wished to propose a motion that the Parish Council should underwrite and, if necessary, provide 10% of any Lafarge-Tarmac grant up to a maximum of £10K. This resolution was put and resolved unanimously. Mr Reynolds suggested that the time is now right for Club SC members to become involved in all aspects and it was agreed that he would take this forward with Mrs Lewis. Mr Kedge asked that the Parish Council's gratitude to Mrs Lewis for all that she has done to move this project forward should be minuted.
- 14/010 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Mr Rawlins, standing in for Mr Greenwood, advised that an application for a revised designation is underway; that the NDP website is now live; that the Memorandum of Understanding with RPPC has been signed by both parties and that there is still a great deal of work to be done with the team now beginning to shape how the steps on the Design Phase will progress. Cllr Harrison observed how positively Mr Greenwood's address to RPPC's Annual Parish Meeting had been received.
- 14/011 Financial Regulations: It was resolved unanimously that the revised regulations tabled should be adopted forthwith.

- 14/012 Community Governance Review of South Oxfordshire District: The meeting discussed the letter and TORs sent by SODC. It was agreed that the Parish Council should provide input by 28 June. The means suggested for doing this is for each member to revisit the SODC letter and TOR and provide a few lines of comment and then send them to the Parish Clerk who will try to synthesise them into a submission that can be reviewed at the next meeting on 20 May.
- 14/013 Annual Parish Meeting of Electors on 13 May at 19.00: Mr Kedge presented the agenda and arrangements for this meeting. Copies of the Notice of the Meeting were distributed and it was advised that a banner will be put up on the hall a week beforehand.
- 14/014 Matters for future consideration. The Parish Clerk reminded members that the Annual Meeting on 20 May will include all nominations to sit on committees and those to represent the Parish Council on outside bodies. Members were asked to advise him of any changes, wishes etc in good time.

The meeting closed at 20.48.

The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors will be held on Monday 13 May 2013 at 19.00.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 20 May 2013 at 20.00.

Chairman: Dated: