

## Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 14 April 2014 at 20.00 hrs in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr Kedge (Chairman); Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort; Mr Greenwood; Mrs Lewis; Ms Noble; Mrs Phillips-Tilbury; Mr Rawlins; Mr Reynolds; Mr Stoves and Mr Collings (Parish Clerk).

Also present: Ms H Patchett (Henley Standard) plus County Councillor D Bartholomew and District Councillors Rooke and Harrison for parts of the meeting.

- 15/001 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests. Apologies: Mr Fort; Miss Hunt. No declarations.
- 15/002 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders: None.
- 15/003 Police Report: Mr Kedge thanked PCSO Boyes for his latest report and the meeting sent him best wishes for a quick recovery from his operation.
- 15/004 Minutes of previous meetings:  
004.01 Planning Committee held on 17 March 2014 were presented and approved.  
004.02 Parish Council meeting held on 17 March 2014 were presented and approved.
- 15/005 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Bartholomew advised that OCC has submitted Oxfordshire's Strategic Economic Plan to Government; that the SHMA estimates that South Oxfordshire will require 15 to 16,000 new homes in the period 2011 to 2031; that Connecting Oxfordshire is being launched this month: that OCC cannot assist with the parking problems around Page's Orchard.
- 15/006 District Councillor's Report: Cllr Harrison advised that the Big Clean Up programme is underway; that there is to be a one year discount in May and June of 10% for new users of brown bins; SODC has set aside £150,000 until March 2015 to help pay for town and large village centre improvements; that Crimestoppers are launching a campaign to raise awareness of the effects of rural crime.
- 15/007 Parish Clerk's Report: Noted. The Parish Clerk was asked to find out if PCSO Boyes could be authorised to issue penalties for dog fouling.
- 15/008 Neighbourhood Development Plan progress: Mr Greenwood advised that the Scoping Report has been sent out for six weeks of consultation; that grants totalling £17,00 have been made towards the NDP costs; that the Working Party is working in smaller task groups in drafting the actual plan and in preparing site specifications.
- 15/009 Skatepark project: Mrs Lewis reported that grants of £65,000 have been awarded by Lafarge Tarmac and £15,000 by SODC. New tenders for construction are expected by 18 April. Two fundraising events are planned by the Butchers Arms and others by On Your Bike, the Annual Lunch and a Quiz Night in September.
- 15/010 Twinning plaque: It was resolved that the Parish Council should put up a brass plaque celebrating Sonning Common's twinning with St Luc and Guichainville at a cost less than £100.
- 15/011 Sonning Common Magazine Committee: It was resolved that Mr Fort will replace Mrs Phillips-Tilbury as the Parish Council's representative.
- 15/012 Annual Parish Meeting of Electors: Mr Kedge confirmed that the single theme on 12 May will be the proposed Third Bridge from Reading with a number of speakers confirmed. There will be a display in the lobby about the Community Governance Review.
- 15/013 Hedges at 33/35 Peppard Road: Mr Jones pointed out that as well as being overgrown these hedges are infested with Japanese Knotweed requiring specialist removal. It was resolved that the Parish Clerk should request OCC Highways to carry out needed works in a suitable fashion.
- 15/014 Matters for future consideration. Whether a Village clean-up day' should be planned.
- 15.015 The meeting closed to Press and Public to discuss a confidential matter.

Meeting closed at 21.35

Next meeting: Monday 19 May 2014 at 20.00.

Chairman: ..... Dated: .....