

## Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 19 January 2015 in the Village Hall.

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

Also present: Two members of the public; County Councillor Bartholomew for 15/118; District Councillor Harrison for 15/119.

- 15/113 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests: Apologies for absence: Miss Hunt; Mrs Lewis and Mr Reynolds. No declarations.
- 15/114 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders: Council was asked for an update on the parking problems in Pages Orchard. The Parish Clerk reported that it is proving extremely hard to obtain proper quotes for the work but that he is pursuing the matter and seeking technical help from OCC Highways.
- 15/115 Police Report previously circulated: this was noted with the suggestion that there need to be more bollards on Wood Lane.
- 15/116 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 10 December 2014 were presented and ratified.
- 15/117 Minutes of previous meetings:  
117.01 Planning Committee held on 15 December 2014 were presented and approved.  
117.02 Parish Council meeting held on 15 December 2014 were presented and approved.
- 15/118 County Councillor's Report: Councillor Bartholomew reported that OCC's budget for 2015/16 is under immense pressure due to cuts plus demand from Adult & Children's Services so it is likely that Council Tax will rise by 1.99%; OCC is exploring with Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire ways to unlock further economic growth; there are consultations under way regarding the Children and Young People's Plan and Care Home Fees; work to optimise grass cutting cost in the village continues. He asked to be kept informed of any progress regarding traffic on Grove Road.
- 15/119 District Councillor's Report: Councillor Harrison reported on the aftermath of the SODC fire and also advised that the four District Councils strongly oppose OCC's suggestions for a unitary authority.
- 15/120 Parish Clerk's Report - noted.
- 15/121 The proposal from NatWest to install an ATM in the front of the Village Hall in return for an annual fee to be paid to the Parish Council was discussed and it was resolved to accept the proposal and authorise the Parish Clerk to conclude the agreement with NatWest.
- 15/122 Neighbourhood Development Plan progress. Mr Greenwood described recent progress and the launch of public consultations on 5 and 6 February. The need for the draft Plan to be authorised by Council was discussed and it was resolved to authorise the NDP Working Party to complete and issue the Plan without further reference back to the Council.
- 15/123 Skatepark project: In the absence of Mrs Lewis, Mrs Varnes advised that the legal issues seemed almost complete and that construction could begin in the second half of February.
- 15/124 National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Salary Award. It was resolved to implement the increases agreed with effect from 1 January 2015.

15/125 Village Hall heating and plumbing renewal. Parish Clerk briefed the meeting on the bids received, the funding and the time needed to carry out the work. It was resolved that the Parish Office should be authorised to let the contract and manage its implementation.

15/126 Matters for future consideration.

Next meeting: Monday 16 February 2015 at 20.00.

Meeting closed at 21.05

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