

Minutes of the Meeting of rescheduled Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 26 October 2020 by video conference.

Present: Mrs Lewis (Chairman); Ms Boorman; Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort; Mr Giles; Mr Howe; Mr Kedge; Mr Rawlins; Mr Shanagher; Mr Stoves plus Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) and Mrs Jenkins (Deputy Clerk).

- 21/163 Apologies for absence: Mr Jones. No declarations.
- 21/164 Public Question Time – none present.
- 21/165 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved individually:
- 165.01 Finance Committee held on 7 October 2020.
 - 165.02 Planning Committee held on 5 October 2020.
 - 165.03 Parish Council meeting held on 21 September 2020.
- 21/166 County Councillor's Report - Cllr Bartholomew commented on his emailed report and took questions.
- 21/167 District Councillor's Report and briefing on SCPC's proposed response to the Local Plan public consultation. Cllr Rawlins said that his response to the LP consultation was not ready but should be ready by Friday so a review meeting could be held on Friday afternoon.
- 21/168 Parish Clerk's Report - noted.
- 21/169 Memorial Hall Field Working Party (MHFWP) the update from Mrs Pearman was noted. Finance Committee to review spending plans.
- 21/170 Village Centre Working Party (VCWP) – Mr Howe advised that progress is being made. Proposals should be ready for publicising early in 2021. Large costs are likely to be a feature.
- 21/171 Environment Working Party – Mr Stoves' published comments on plans to build a chicane at the entrance to the woods from Woodlands Road caused extensive discussion about the legality or otherwise of cycling through. Plan to be circulated and work put on hold.
- 21/172 NDP II preparation – Mr Fort advised that the WP is meeting regularly and making progress, but some tricky issues are looming.
- 21/173 Plastic Free Communities WP – Ms Boorman advised that it has not been possible to make progress at present.
- 21/174 Financial Regulations – it was resolved to accept the updated Financial Regulations.
- 21/175 Investment Policy - it was resolved to accept the new Investment Policy.
- 21/176 Standing Orders - it was resolved to accept updated Standing Orders with the Clerk to settle choice where options exist a items and then publish.
- 21/177 Grant Aid Policy - it was resolved to accept the updated policy as circulated.
- 21/178 Budget planning – All requests for funding over the next three years should be sent into the office by 6 November.
- 21/179 Matters for future agendas – budget and precept; Covid developments.
- 21/180 Confidential matter – staff salary review proposals put forward were approved by nine votes to two (Mr Rawlins and Mr Shanagher).

Meeting closed at 20.37. Next meeting: Monday 16 November 2020 at 19.00.

Chairman: Dated: