

# Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 21 December 2020 by video conference.

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

- 21/195 Apologies for absence: Mrs Lewis and Mr Jones. No declarations.
- 21/196 Public Question Time.
- 21/197 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved individually:
  - 197.01 As requested by the Finance Committee at its meeting on 9 December to rescind the 16 November approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 4 November 2020 and replace them with the revised version herewith at Appendix B. The change only applies to minute F20/071.
  - 197.02 Finance Committee held on 9 December 2020.
  - 197.03 Planning Committee held on 2 November 2020.
  - 197.04 Parish Council meetings held on 26 October and 16 November 2020.
- 21/198 County Councillor's Report – circulated by email and no comments.
- 21/199 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Rawlins commented on his emailed report noting that the Local Plan has been adopted and that there is much activity to do with Covid19.
- 21/200 Parish Clerk's Report - noted.
- 21/201 Village Centre Working Party (VCWP) – Mr Howe advised that work is progressing slowly and that there will be a write up on the WP's work in the next SC Magazine.
- 21/202 Environment Working Party – Mr Stoves advised that work on the gateway at the end of Woodlands Road is complete. Otherwise nothing to report.
- 21/203 Plastic Free Communities WP – nothing to report.
- 21/204 Policies. It was resolved with one abstention to accept the Media Policy replacing that agreed in 2013.
- 21/205 Memorial Hall Field Working Party (MHFWP) the Parish Clerk advised that bids for the works will be opened on 5 January and that a recommendation as to the contract should be put to council on 18 January.
- 21/206 NDP II preparation and the Inspired Villages situation – Mr Fort advised that the plan is still in the pre-submission stage and progressing well. He advised that the Inspired Villages proposal was refused by SODC in June and so an appeal is expected shortly at which SCPC can and should be represented. It was resolved to support Mr Fort in obtaining a cost proposal for professional assistance and for setting up a new Crowdfunding appeal.
- 21/207 A 7.5t Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) zone limit for the parish of Henley – Cllr Stefan Gawrysiak presented the rationale and plan behind his proposal. After questions and discussion it was agreed that SCPC could support the proposal in principle.
- 21/208 Meeting dates for 2021 – dates as circulated were approved.
- 21/209 Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) statement. After a brief discussion it was agreed that option A should be adopted for the updated website.
- 21/210 Implementation of new Members emails as required by GDPR. This was discussed further, and it was agreed that some technical support should be provided to members in this matter in the New Year. Mrs Jenkins will arrange.
- 21/211 Councillor Grants – it was agreed that members should put any suggestions forward though the parish office as to which should be applied for and for what purposes.
- 21/212 Matters for future agendas – Budget and precept and the MHF works contract.

Meeting closed at 20.53. Next meeting: **Monday 18 January 2021** at 19.45.

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