

Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council

Held on Monday 20 January 2020 at 20.00 hrs in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr Stoves (Chairman); Ms Boorman; Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort; Mr Giles; Mr Howe; Mr Jones; Mr Kedge; Mr Rawlins and Mr Shanagher plus Mr Collings (Parish Clerk), Mr Fithen (Henley Standard) and Mrs Varnes and Mrs Jenkins (Deputy Clerks).

- 20/136 Apologies for absence: Mrs Lewis. Absent: Mr Coombs. No declarations.
- 20/137 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. None.
- 20/138 Police Matters: Report circulated by email was noted.
- 20/139 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved individually:
139.01 Finance Committee held on 8 January 2020.
139.02 Planning Committee held on 16 December 2019.
139.03 Parish Council meeting held on 16 December 2019.
- 20/140 County Councillor's Report – in addition to his emailed report Cllr Bartholomew advised on the following: Pond End Road Concrete Kerbs - work is scheduled to take place in February and SCPC contribution will be just £8,750; Footpath to Kennylands Road - has been added to the list for siding out works dependent on the vegetation being cut back. A letter has been sent to the landowners in the first instance: Angel Steps - order raised for a 'minor civils' gang to attend and fill the worst of the level differences along the length of this path. Should happen early this year; Third Reading Bridge meeting Friday 31st January 2020 - Eric Owens, OCC Assistant Director Growth and Place will make a technical presentation to the meeting.
- 20/141 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Rawlins commented on planning aspects of his emailed report.
- 20/142 Parish Clerk's Report – Mr Kedge raised queries regarding the KEMH transfer that will be answered before any commitment is made and, if necessary, brought to the next council meeting.
- 20/143 Memorial Hall Field Working Party an update provided by Mrs Pearman was circulated and it was resolved to give formal thanks to the WP for the good work done to date.
- 20/144 Village Centre Working Party (VCWP) – the WP's proposal to spend £6.5K on preparatory works was approved. The possible ultimate cost was discussed, and it was agreed that the views of residents should guide progress.
- 20/145 Environment Working Party – Mr Stoves advised that safety work is to proceed in the woods, that the Woodlands trust should be asked to confirm their safety inspection regime and that work on Widmore Pond will go ahead once the grant situation is resolved.
- 20/146 NDP II preparation – Mr Fort advised that the public exhibition has been postponed to 29 February and that material will be circulated in advance on the website.
- 20/147 Plastic Free Communities WP – Ms Boorman advised that the next meeting is on 21 January and will be reported on next month
- 20/148 Website – no update yet.
- 20/149 Budget and Precept 2020/21 – proposals for both matters from the Finance Committee were reviewed and discussed and it was resolved to set the precept at £149,592.00. It was agreed that from the start of next FY financial reporting on capital project matters will be separated from 'normal' business.
- 20/150 Future of Parish Page. After discussion it was agreed that the office will issue a call for inputs to each WP and committee ten days before copy deadline and that individual features should be encouraged.
- 20/151 Update on Transfer of Kidmore End Hall – see 20/142 above.
- Meeting closed at 21.12 and next meeting is on Monday 17 February 2020 at 20.00.

Chairman: Dated: