

Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 15 February 2021 at 20.00 hrs by video conference.

Present: Mrs Lewis (Chairman); Ms Boorman; Mr Cann; Mrs Diwell; Mr Fort; Mr Giles; Mr Howe; Mr Jones; Mr Rawlins and Mr Stoves. Also Mr Collings (Parish Clerk), Mrs Jenkins (Deputy Clerk) Cllr D Bartholomew and Ms Harland (Henley Standard).

Before opening the meeting, Mrs Lewis paid fulsome tribute to former Chairman Mr Douglas Kedge who resigned to retire from the council. He gave tremendous service providing stability at a difficult time and standing up for accountability and openness and will be much missed. This was endorsed by all present.

21/231 Apologies for absence – none. No declarations.

21/232 Public Question Time – none present.

21/233 Minutes of the following meeting were presented and approved:

233.01 Finance Committee on 13 January 2021.

233.02 Planning Committees on 7 December 2020 and 18 January 2021.

233.03 Parish Council meeting on 18 January 2021.

21/234 County Councillor's Report as circulated by email. Cllr Bartholomew commented on the budget for 2021/22 and that the Widmore triangle flooding will be dealt with in early summer. He and Cllr Rawlins have now provided a total of £5,500 in funding for facilities on the MHF.

21/235 District Councillor's Report as circulated by email and noted.

21/236 Parish Clerk's Report – noted.

21/237 Village Centre Working Party (VCWP) – Mr Howe advised that there is slow progress with a good response to the feature in the SC Magazine.

21/238 Environment Working Party – nothing to report.

21/239 Plastic Free Communities WP – nothing to report.

21/240 Memorial Hall Field update – advised MHFWP is meeting weekly, a Letter of Intent has gone to Sport & Play who will be carrying out the earthworks soon.

21/241 NDP II preparation - Mr Fort advised that the resubmission version is nearly ready for review by SODC.

21/242 Mr Fort advised that, as already agreed, work is proceeding to ensure good representation at the appeal hearing in April.

21/243 Vacancy advertisement for potential co-optees has already produced four applications for what are now two vacancies.

21/244 Matters for future agendas – co-option and MHF contract.

Meeting closed at 21.02. Next meeting: Monday 15 March 2021 at 20.00.

Chairman: Dated: