

Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 18 January 2021 by video conference.

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

- 21/213 Apologies for absence – none. No declarations.
- 21/214 Public Question Time – none present.
- 21/215 Minutes of the following meeting were presented and approved:
  - 215.01 Parish Council meeting held on 21 December 2020.
- 21/216 County Councillor’s Report – circulated by email.
- 21/217 District Councillor’s Report – circulated by email.
- 21/218 Parish Clerk’s Report – noted.
- 21/219 Village Centre Working Party (VCWP) – Mr Howe advised that things have been quiet though it is hoped that a feature in the next SC Magazine will stir up interest.
- 21/220 Environment Working Party – update from Mr Stoves – nothing to report.
- 21/221 Plastic Free Communities WP – update from Ms Boorman – nothing to report.
- 21/222 Memorial Hall Field plans. Mr Cann briefed the meeting on the funding implications of plans to award a contract for the levelling works. It was resolved to approve committing the funds needed to progress to contract signing.
- 21/223 NDP II preparation - Mr Fort advised that the NDPWP is exploring how best to consult on the pre-submission plan and will keep members advised.
- 21/224 Mr Fort set out the possible costs of engaging expert support to contest the Inspired Villages appeal against refusal of planning permission. It was resolved that he be authorised to commit to such expenditures as he judges appropriate. It is planned to initiate a crowd funding appeal towards the costs.
- 21/225 Budget and Precept for 2021/22. The budget approved by the Finance Committee was reviewed and it was resolved unanimously to set the Precept for the coming financial year at £156,643.00.
- 21/226 It was resolved to authorise the Parish Office to advertise the vacancy on the Council and to seek potential co-optees.
- 21/227 Matters for future agendas.

Meeting closed at 21.20 Next meeting: **Monday 15 February 2021** at 19.45.

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