

Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 19 July 2021 in the Village Hall.

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

22/048 Apologies for absence: Mr Giles and Mr Howe. No declarations.

22/049 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. Mr Fort explained his decision to resign after 12 years as a councillor, in part as a result of the loss of the Little Sparrows appeal. He was thanked and applauded for his many contributions to the council and the village.

22/050 Minutes of the following meeting were presented and approved:

050.01 Finance Committee held on 16 June 2021.

050.02 Planning Committees held on 7 and 21 June 2021.

050.03 Parish Council meeting held on 21 June 2021.

22/051 County Councillor's Report. In addition to his report circulated by email, Cllr Bartholomew advised of the completion of drainage works on Widmore Lane and of support for a Judicial review of the Little Sparrows appeal.

22/052 District Councillor's Report In addition to his report circulated by email, Cllr Rawlins enlarged on planning matters that affected the Little Sparrows appeal.

22/053 Parish Clerk's Report – noted.

22/054 Parks & Recreation Committee – Ms Boorman advised that the committee has co-opted Mrs Pearman as a member and that she will continue to run the working party. The services of Mrs Snowden are retained until the park is open.

22/055 Village Centre & Environment Committee – no report but it was agreed to support plans to develop an environmental strategy.

22/056 NDP and Planning - SCPC's responses to the Inspired Villages appeal result were discussed. It was resolved to endorse the letter that Mr Cann had sent to SODC and to develop further actions over the next weeks.

22/057 It was resolved to support a proposal from Mr Bidgood to quantify effort and cost needed to design a logo for SCPC. Mrs Varnes to assist him.

22/058 The meeting discussed how SCPC could celebrate and mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 bearing in mind that there will be a formal opening event for and at Memorial Park around Easter. It was resolved to explore what various bodies such as the WI may be planning so that progress can be made in September.

22/059 It was resolved to delegate all Council powers to the Finance Committee until the September meeting.

22/060 Matters for future agendas.

Next meeting: Monday 20 September 2021 at 20.00.

Chairman:

Dated: