

# Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 14 February 2022 in the Village Hall Sonning Common.

Present: Ms Boorman (Chairman), Mr Bidgood, Mrs Diwell, Mr Howe, Mrs Pearman, Mr Rawlins and Mr Stoves with Mr Collings (Parish Clerk), Mrs Jenkins, Cllr D Bartholomew, Ms G Harland (Henley Standard) and Mr B Robinson.

- 22/127 Apologies for absence: Mr Cann and Mrs Lewis. No declarations.
- 22/128 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders – none present.
- 22/129 Mr Brian Robinson explained his reasons for wishing to join the council as set out in his application. It was resolved unanimously that he should be co-opted so he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed into the meeting.
- 22/130 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved with comments as noted:
- 130.01 Planning Committee held on 17 January 2022 - approved.
  - 130.02 Parish Council meeting held on 17 January 2022 - approved.
  - 130.03 Finance Committee held on 12 January 2022 - approved.
  - 130.04 Village Centre & Environment Committee 24 January 2022 – not approved. Mr Bidgood insisted that the minutes be revised to show his vote against the floor repair method proposed. Re-present next month.
- 22/131 County Councillor’s Report - Cllr Bartholomew commented on his emailed report noting the decision by OCC and Cherwell DC to end their shared services arrangement.
- 22/132 District Councillor’s Report - Cllr Rawlins’ emailed and verbal report was noted.
- 22/133 Parish Clerk’s Report – noted. Meeting was advised that Memorial Park opening may be delayed until June due to work still to be completed.
- 22/134 SC Youth Club update Mrs Jenkins outlined the many activities and initiatives taking place and the growth in attendance. It was resolved to note formally council’s appreciation of her ongoing work for the club.
- 22/135 Updated Financial Regulations – it was resolved to adopt the updated version circulated.
- 22/136 Frequency of Planning Committee meetings. It was agreed that there should be one meeting per month prior to the full council meeting. If a significant or urgent matter arises a meeting may be called on the second date in the published schedule.
- 22/137 To assign responsibility for the Community Emergency Plan- this is to be taken into next meeting. Mr Robinson advised that the generator should be test run every month.
- 22/138 It was resolved to confirm for insurance purposes that the Village Gardeners are part of the Council with the Council accepting full responsibility for all their actions and duties with members to carry out appropriate risk assessments.
- 22/139 Matters for future agendas – no specifics.
- 22/140 10 o’clock motion – requested by the Parish Office to approve the recommendation by the Finance Committee that up to £18K should be provided to renew the floor of the Village Hall in August. Approved by a majority.

Meeting closed at 21.00 - next meeting: Monday 14 March 2022 at 20.00.

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