

# Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 in the Village Hall Sonning Common.

Present: Mr Stoves (Chairman), Ms Boorman, Mr Bidgood, Mr Howe, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Pearman, Mr Robinson and Mr James plus Mr Collings (Parish Clerk), Mrs Underwood (Deputy Clerk) and Cllr D Bartholomew.

Mr Stoves opened the meeting to inform the Council that Mr Cann has resigned from the Council and thanked him for his service.

23/038 Apologies for absence: Mr Rawlins and Mrs Diwell. No declarations.

23/039 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. None present.

23/040 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved:

040.01 Planning Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August and 5<sup>th</sup> September.

040.02 Parish Council held 18<sup>th</sup> July

040.03 Finance Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> August.

23/041 County Councillor's Report - Cllr Bartholomew commented on his emailed report.

23/042 District Councillor's Report- report was acknowledged in Mr Rawlins absence

23/043 Parish Clerk's Report – deferred until next meeting

23/044 SC Youth Club update – Mrs Underwood presented report informing the council that attendance is strong but that staffing is a concern going forward.

23/045 A discussion was held concerning the AONB extension and it was resolved to pay up to £2.5k to Natural England for our share of the work undertaken. It was, however, agreed that more detail and information needs to be provided to the Council before any payments were made.

23/046 46.1 Mr Howe informed the Council that he has stepped down as Chair of the Village Centre Working Party and Mr Bidgood has been appointed the new Chair.

046.2 Mr Bidgood presented an update on the Countywide 20mph scheme and it was resolved with one vote against to accept Oxfordshire County Council's proposal.

046.3 Mr Bidgood updated the council on the proposed parking improvements in Sonning Common and it was resolved by all to accept this proposal.

046.4 Mr Bidgood updated the council on the suggested highway improvements on Kennylands Road and for a letter to be sent to Cllr David Bartholomew with these suggestions. It was resolved by all to send this letter with an additional paragraph to be added.

23/047 Mrs Underwood asked the Council if an oak tree could be purchased and planted in Memorial Park in honour of Queen Elizabeth II and it was resolved by all to purchase a tree.

23/048 Confidential matters were discussed without Press or Public present.

23/039 Matters for future agendas – Widmore Pond matters; Financial risks from cost of utilities, Community User Agreement and grass cutting

Meeting closed at 21.12. Next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

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