

Sonning Common Parish Council
Revised Minutes of the Meeting for the
Village Centre and Environment Committee held on
Monday 24th January 2022 at 19.30 hrs in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr Howe; Ms Boorman; Mr Bidgood; Ms Diwell; Mr Stoves; Mr Rawlins; Mrs Pearman; Mr Hargreaves; Mrs Underwood (Finance and Office Administrator).

- VCEC 21/085 Apologies for absence: None.
- VCEC 21/086 Declarations of pecuniary interest: None received.
- VCEC 21/087 Minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved.
- VCEC 21/088 Public Question Time: No members of the public attended.
- VECE 21/089 Mr Howe opened discussions on potential new double lines and renewal of existing lines in Wood Lane and Woodlands Road. After discussions it was proposed to apply for new parking restrictions in the village centre and for the restoration of existing road markings. This was resolved with one abstention.
- VCEC 21/090 Ms Boorman opened discussions on the Oxfordshire County Council Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) and explained the purpose of the LTCP. After a discussion it was proposed and agreed by all that Ms Boorman will write a response to LTCP and will then send this to all the Committee via email for approval before the response is submitted to OCC. Mr Rawlins arrived at 8.06pm.
- VCEC 21/091 Ms Boorman opened discussions regarding links to the village and started to identify these links on a map. It was discussed and agreed to continue identifying these links and that this is an on-going project, and the Committee will continue to be updated.
- VCEC 21/092 Ms Boorman explained to the Committee that she would like to plant wildflowers and four new trees on Widmore Lane Triangle and would like to write to the residents for their support. It was proposed and agreed by all that a letter would be sent to the residents in the area seeking their support.
- VCEC 21/093 **Youth Club:** Mrs Underwood informed the Committee that Youth Club has had consistently high attendance and that the entry fee is being increased from 1st February 2022 to £2.00.
- VCEC 21/094 **Village Halls:** Mrs Underwood updated the Committee that all 3 quotes for replacing the floor in Sonning Common Village Hall had been received. After a discussion it was proposed to accept the quote from Berkshire Carpets T/A Todds Flooring. This was resolved with Mr Bidgood opposing the decision.
- VCEC 21/095 **Village Centre:** Covered in item VCEC 21/089
- VCEC 21/096 **Allotments:** Mr Rawlins informed the Committee that the Poor's Land Charity is still trying to resolve an issue before any decision can be made on a path to the allotments.
- VCEC 21/097 **Widmore Pond:** Ms Diwell asked if it would be possible to ensure that the hedges and trees are trimmed back this year before the birds start nesting and the growing season gets underway to ensure that the views of the pond are not obscured. Mrs Underwood agreed to ask the Grounds Contractor to look at this.

VCEC 21/098 **Traffic Management:** Mr Bidgood informed the Committee about the new Highway Code changes and asked if this information could be put on the Council's Facebook page to update residents. Mrs Underwood agreed to ask the office to do this.

VCEC 21/099 **Budget/Finance:** No matters to report.

VCEC 21/100 **Environmental Matters:** No further matters to report.

VCEC 21/101 Matters for future agenda:

Meeting Closed: 9.03pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 21st March 2022

Chairman: Dated: