

Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council

On Monday 11 December 2023 in the Village Hall Sonning Common

Present: Mr Stoves (Chairman), Mr Bidgood, Mr Howe, Mrs McLellan, Mrs Pearman, Mr Rawlins, Mr Scannell, Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) and Cllr D Bartholomew for item 106.

- 24/103 Apologies for absence: Ms Boorman, Mrs Diwell, Mr James and Mr Robinson. No declarations.
- 24/104 Public Question Time – none present.
- 24/105 Minutes of the following meetings were approved:
- 105.01 Parish Council held on 13 November 2023.
 - 105.02 Finance Committee held on 8 November 2023.
 - 105.03 HR Committee held on 28th November 2023.
- 24/106 County Councillor’s Report – Cllr Bartholomew talked through his circulated report highlighting concerns about OCC’s priorities and describing continuing efforts to fix the blue badges problem for FISH drivers.
- 24/107 District Councillor’s Report – Cllr Rawlins talked through his circulated report noting the problems arising from the refusal of planning permission to MECE.
- 24/108 Parish Clerk’s Report – noted and agreed that allotment availability should be made known more widely and that the radius for applicants should be 5 miles.
- 24/109 National Civility and Respect Pledge - signing almost completed.
- 24/110 Council was advised that Mr James will sponsor the Emergency Plan on his return.
- 24/111 Memorial Park: Mrs Pearman reported that work continues on drainage and that the refusal of permission to MECE may have a serious impact on future funding plans and collaboration.
- 24/112 Cycleway project update – Mr Bidgood commented on the circulated report and is pursuing working with other councils.
- 24/113 Village Centre & Transport WP update – Mr Bidgood commented on the circulated report and was congratulated on what has been achieved thus far.
- 24/114 SC Youth Club update – the club is thriving.
- 24/115 It was resolved to ratify the updated Standing Orders as circulated.
- 24/116 To confirm meeting dates for 2024 – circulated and requires further work on committee dates.
- 24/117 It was resolved to confirm Mrs S Underwood as a signatory to SCPC’s NatWest bank account.
- 24/118 Matters for future agendas budget and precept for 2024-25.

Meeting closed at 21.05. Next meeting: 15 January 2024.

Chairman:

Dated: