

Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council

On Monday 11 September 2023 the Village Hall Sonning Common

Present: Mr Stoves (Chairman), Ms Boorman, Mrs Diwell, Mr Howe, Mr James, Mrs McLellan, Mrs Pearman, Mr Rawlins, Mr Scannell, and Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) plus two members of the public and Mr N Room representing churches.

- 24/051 Apologies for absence: Mr Bidgood, Mr Robinson and Mr Varnham. No declarations of interests.
- 24/052 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. Mr Kedge asked how it could be that the Cycleway WP is of the opinion that it will not impose work and costs on the parish office. His concern was noted and he was advised that the situation would be kept under review as matters progress.
- 24/053 Christ the King Church renovations. Mr Room described the plans and it was agreed that council will write in support of them.
- 24/054 Minutes of the following meetings were presented:
- 054.01 Planning Committee held on 7 August - approved.
 - 054.02 Parish Council held on 17 July - deferred to next meeting to allow for circulation.
 - 054.03 Finance Committee held on 12 July and 9 August- deferred to next meeting to allow for circulation.
- 24/055 County Councillor's Report – as circulated.
- 24/056 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Rawlins spoke to his report as circulated.
- 24/057 Parish Clerk's Report – noted.
- 24/058 Decision Paper DP2023.01: To incorporate Decision Paper Template into Standing Orders – Motion was discussed and its approval was resolved unanimously.
- 24/059 Decision Paper DP2023.02 Members Code of Conduct – To adopt the updated version – the motion was discussed and its approval was resolved unanimously.
- 24/059 Decision Paper DP2023.03 HR Committee – To approve its formation and Terms of Reference – the motion was discussed and its approval was resolved unanimously.
- 24/060 Decision Paper DP2023.04: - Disciplinary and Grievance – to adopt this policy – the motion was discussed and its approval was resolved unanimously. It was agreed that Mrs Underwood should be thanked for all her work in bringing it about.
- 24/061 Decision Paper DP2023.05: - to approve removal of 10 O'clock motions from Standing Orders. – the motion was discussed and its approval was resolved unanimously.
- 24/062 Decision Paper DP2023.06: - to adopt the national Civility and Respect Pledge – the motion was discussed. Its significance was recognised and its approval was resolved unanimously with agreement that at the next meeting on 16 October all members will be asked to sign up that each has watched the Code of Conduct online training and reviewed all the other material described in the paper.
- 24/063 Memorial Park WP – Mrs Pearman informed that there are some problems in the new playground with items of equipment and the Wetpour surface that are being addressed with the supplier.
- 24/064 Verbal update from the Cycleway project. Not available.
- 24/065 Verbal update from Village Centre & Transport WP. Not available.

- 24/066 SC Youth Club update – numbers still excellent. Grants have been used to purchase electric oven for cooking activities.
- 24/067 Request for members of the council to join the Emergency Team with update on plan. Mr Varnham will be asked to advise on how many people are needed and what skills are needed.
- 24/068 2024/25 Budget and Precept guidelines – work will begin in October. Members were asked to provide details of any budget requests to the RFO.
- 24/069 Matters for future agendas – setting out plans for the medium term (5 years) future.

Meeting closed at 20.50. Next meeting: 16 October 2023.

Chairman: Dated:.....