

## Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 13 February 2023 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Stoves (Chairman), Mr Bidgood, Ms Boorman, , Mr James, Mrs Pearman, Mr Rawlins, Mr Robinson, Mr Collings (Parish Clerk), Cllr D Bartholomew and Ms M Casals (Henley Standard) and Mr R Scannell plus four members of the public.

- 23/102 Apologies: Mrs Diwell, Mr Howe and Mrs Lewis. No declarations.
- 23/103 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. This session is limited to 15 minutes in total.
- 23/104 Mr Rick Scannell introduced himself and explained his wish to be co-opted onto the council. It was resolved unanimously that he should be co-opted, and he then joined the meeting.
- 23/105 Following an objection from Mr Bidgood that the minutes had been received too late it, was resolved defer consideration of the following until the March meeting.
- 105.01 Planning Committee held on 16 January.
- 105.02 Parish Council held on 16 January.
- 105.03 Finance Committee held on 11 January.
- 23/106 County Councillor's Report Cllr Bartholomew reviewed his emailed report commenting on what he regards as excessive expenditure by OCC.
- 23/107 District Councillor's Report Cllr Rawlins commented on his emailed report and advised that, if supported at the referendum on 23 February, the NDP will be 'made' by SODC on 14 March. Mr Stoves asked the meeting to acknowledge the huge contribution made to the NDP by Tom Fort which was given unanimous support.
- 23/109 Village Centre Working Party – Mr Bidgood advised that the 20-mph limit is now official; that parking proposals will be going to consultation soon.
- 23/110 Memorial Park Working Party – Mrs Pearman advised that final lighting adjustments are in progress as is the landscaping.
- 23/111 Cycleway - Mr Bidgood confirmed that, as reported, good progress is being made on which he was commended.
- 23/112 Parish Clerk's Report – noted. The Clerk is asked to discuss traffic and other concerns with IV.
- 23/113 SC Youth Club update confirmed that attendance remains good, and that innovative courses and activities continue to be developed.
- 23/114 SCPC Members Handbook it was agreed that with minor editing this could come up for adoption at the next meeting.
- 23/115 National Civility and Respect Pledge – it was agreed that the Clerk should see if a briefing for members could be organised in August to address the training need.
- 23/116 Matters for future agendas – items arising from the meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.42 - next meeting: 13 March 2023.

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