

Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 16 January 2023 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Stoves (Chairman), Mr Bidgood, Ms Boorman, Mrs Diwell, Mr Howe, Mr James, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Pearman, Mr Rawlins, Mr Robinson, Mr Collings (Parish Clerk), Cllr D Bartholomew and Ms M Casals (Henley Standard).

- 23/086 Apologies for absence – none and no declarations of interests.
- 23/087 Public Question Time – none present.
- 23/088 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved:
 - o88.01 Planning Committee held on 12 December.
 - o88.02 Parish Council held on 12 December.
 - o88.03 Finance Committee held on 14 December.
- 23/089 County Councillor’s Report - Cllr Bartholomew reviewed his emailed report drawing attention to the huge cost to OCC of childcare.
- 23/090 Cycleway update – Mr Bidgood advised that things are progressing to an interim report.
- 23/091 District Councillor’s Report Cllr Rawlins commented on his emailed report.
- 23/092 Precept – it was resolved to approve the proposal from the Finance Committee to set the Precept for 2023/24 at £234,898.00.
- 23/093 Village Centre Working Party – Mr Bidgood reported that there is little to comment on except to note that 20 mph signs are being installed.
- 23/094 Memorial Park Working Party – Mrs Pearman reported that the MUGA is now lit and that hirers are using it.
- 23/095 Parish Clerk’s Report – noted with a request that members use the Hedge Notices where they see appropriate.
- 23/096 AONB – Mr Rawlins proposed that: ‘SCPC supports the case being made for an extension of the AONB being made by the JPAG alliance of local parishes, approves a share of costs of about £3,500 to support it and will earmark funds accordingly’. This was approved.
- 23/097 Members were asked to give feedback on the draft SCPC Members Handbook circulated at the last meeting so that it can be made official.
- 23/098 Progress towards signing up to the national Civility and Respect Pledge will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- 23/099 SC Youth Club update – it was reported that the club continues to thrive.
- 23/100 Matters for future agendas – items 097 and 098 above.
- 23/101 Confidential discussion without press and public.

Meeting closed at 21.35 - next meeting: 13 February 2023

Chairman:

Dated: