

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Sonning Common Parish Council**  
On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in the Village Hall, Sonning Common

Present: Ms Boorman (Chair), Mr Scannell, Mr Stoves, Mrs McLellan, Ms Diwell, Mr Rawlins, Mr Bidgood, Mrs Pearman, Mrs Underwood (Deputy Clerk and RFO) and Cllr Bartholomew for agenda item 25/026 only.

- 25/023 Apologies for absence were received and accepted on behalf of Mr Howe and Mr Robinson. No Declaration of Interests were received.
- 25/024 Public Question Time: No members of the public were present.
- 25/025 The minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved:
- 025.01 Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024
  - 025.02 Finance Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- 25/026 County Councillors Report – Cllr Bartholomew presented his report and answered a question from Ms Boorman concerning OCC grant opportunities for EV Charging.
- 25/027 District Councillors Report – Cllr Rawlins presented his report and answered a question from Mr Stoves in relation to the planning application and entrance at Thames Valley Gym.
- 25/028 Parish Clerks Report – Mrs Underwood presented the Clerks report on behalf of the Clerk. Ms Boorman thanked Mrs Underwood for stepping up during the Clerks absence and wished the Clerk a speedy recovery.
- 25/029 The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2023/2024:
- 029.01 The Annual Internal Audit Report was presented and approved by all.
  - 029.02 The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) was presented, approved by all and signed.
  - 029.03 The Accounting Statements (Section 2) was presented, approved by all and signed.
  - 29.04 The Chair set the commencement date for the exercise of Public Rights for 17<sup>th</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- 25/030 Judith Hart was approved all as a Trustee to represent Sonning Common on the board of Trustees for the Robert Palmer Alms-houses in Sonning.
- 25/031 The General Risk Assessment for 2024/2025 was presented and approved by all and signed by those members present.

25/032 Ms Boorman gave an update to Council from the Parks and Environment Working Party. She explained that in collaboration with Eco Soco they had a Bio-diversity survey done of Sonning Common which they had now received and will have looking at the details of the results and present the information at a future meeting.

25/033 Mr Bidgood presented an update on the Village and Environment Working Party. Mrs Pearman raised her concern over pedestrians not being given priority by drivers in the village and suggested asking the local schools to design some posters along this theme. Mr Bidgood responded by saying that it had already attempted to do this when the 20mph speed restrictions were introduced and had not received any response and unfortunately would not have any time to pursue this.

25/034 Mr Bidgood informed the Council there were no updates to give at this present time.

25/035 Mrs Pearman presented an update to Council on the Memorial Park Working Party. Mrs Pearman informed the Council that the Working Party were working on encouraging more activities at the park, that the swings were being installed on the small plateau and nearly complete and that the Village Day, despite the cold wind, was a huge success and well attended and that they had received some good donations from the people attending.

Mr Bidgood thanked all the organisers of the Village Day for making it an enjoyable day and Mrs Underwood echoed his thanks and that of Rob Butler as well for his support.

Meeting closed at 9.11pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm

Signed by the Chair .....

Date .....