

# Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council

On Monday 15 January 2024 in the Village Hall Sonning Common

Present: Mr Stoves (Chairman), Mr Bidgood, Ms Boorman, Mrs Diwell, Mr Howe, Mrs McLellan, Mrs Pearman, Mr Rawlins, Mr Scannell, Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) Ms Dodds (Henley Standard) and Mr D Kedge observing.

- 24/119 Apologies for absence: Mr James and Mr Robinson. No declarations.
- 24/120 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. No questions.
- 24/122 Minutes of the following meetings were approved:
- 122.01 Parish Council held on 11 December 2023.
  - 122.02 Finance Committee held on 13 December 2023.
  - 122.03 HR Committee held on 3 January 2024.
- 24/123 County Councillor's Report – circulated.
- 24/124 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Rawlins talked through his circulated report.
- 24/125 Parish Clerk's Report – noted.
- 24/126 National Civility and Respect Pledge – all have signed up except Mr James who is on sick leave. Question was raised as to whether all employees should be required to sign up. Logistics of doing so to be explored.
- 24/127 DP2023.13 - proposal re phone box. After considerable discussion it was resolved that all the activities proposed other than the shelving should proceed.
- 24/128 To review Internal Audit Report of 15 December - deferred.
- 24/129 It was resolved to approve the Budget and set a Precept of £281,942.00 for FY 2024/25.
- 24/130 Memorial Park WP update – work with contractor continues towards resolution of outstanding problems with surfaces etc.
- 24/131 Cycleway project update – nothing new to report.
- 24/132 Village Centre & Transport WP update – we have been advised of a number of visits by parking Enforcement Officers, but none have actually been observed! Mr Bidgood will pursue.
- 24/133 SC Youth Club update – club remains very popular and busy. Mr Rawlins commented on the club's grant application.
- 24/134 Matters for future agendas – update from RUFC; phone box shelving costs.
- 24/135 Confidential meeting re Personnel matters without Press & Public.
- Meeting closed at 21.15. Next meeting Monday 12 February 2024.

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