

Sonning Common Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the

Parks and Recreation Committee

held on Monday 9th August at 1845 hrs in the Village Hall, Wood Lane,
Sonning Common.

Present: Mr Rawlins (Vice Chairman), Mr Settle, Mrs Pearman, Mrs Jenkins (Deputy Clerk).
Mr Howe joined the meeting at 19.15

- PRC 21/024 Apologies for absence: to receive and accept any apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted for Mr Cann and Ms Boorman.
- PRC 21/025 Declarations of interest: to receive any declarations of pecuniary interest and/or requests for dispensations from members regarding any item on the agenda: None.
- PRC 21/026 Public Question Time: members of the public may raise questions about and comment on general matters and/or items on the agenda. This session is limited to 15 minutes (3 minutes per person). No public present.
- PRC 21/027 To receive an update from Mr Cann concerning the council's asset and risk registers for parks and recreational assets: This item was deferred to the next meeting of 13/09/21 due to Mr Cann's absence.
- PRC 21/028 To receive progress report on plans for the future management of SCPC's part of Old Copse. This item was deferred to the next meeting of 13/09/21 due to Mr Stove's absence.
- PRC 21/029 To receive an update from the MP Working Party on matters and recommendations relating to the ongoing management of Memorial Park:
- Update from Mrs Pearman: Phase one is almost complete. Height restriction barrier still to be installed, however the whole site is currently secured by Heras fencing. SSE have taken instruction to connect the electricity and power supply to the north of the field.

Two urgent matters:

1. Lighting plan still needs to be returned for planning permission prior to opening. Deadline April 2022. Mrs Varnes to provide an update to the Memorial Park Working Party.
2. Landscaping with particular reference to the Woodland Trust trees must be organised by the autumn and Green Gym notified of a date. Mr Jones also has 60 Oak trees to offer to site and there is £10,000 from Vistry to spend on trees to line the Sonning Grove Road. Mr Rawlins and Mrs Varnes to action.

Mr Settle requested a time for the committee to be familiarised with the site. Mrs Pearman will organise.

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PRC 21/030 To consider how best to develop the Memorial Park budget for 2022/23 to be agreed by full council:

Mrs Pearman noted that CIL monies are still due to be received.

Mr Settle queried the scope of the budget for a café/toilets and asked how much funding is available for the list of Phase Two budget items and how these items fit with the overall vision for the site. It was agreed that the Finance Committee should give an update on available funds and that the Phase 2 budget list should be prioritised by the Memorial Park Working Party.

PRC 21/031 To receive an update on the Memorial Park play area project:

Mrs Jenkins provided an update. The Tender documents are now live on 'Contracts Finder' and the anticipated times scales are set. Project completion is due on 1st April 2022.

PRC 21/032 Matters for future agendas.

- Mr Pinder from Sonning Common Tennis Club would like to give Sonning Common Parish Council a presentation regarding funding for tennis club repairs at its meeting of 20th September 2021.
- Agenda items 21/027, 21/028 deferred to next meeting of 13th September.
- Agenda item 21/030 to be discussed further at the meeting of 13th September.

Meeting Closed: 20.05

Date of next meeting: Monday 13 September 2021 at 1845 hours.

Chairman: Dated: