

# Sonning Common Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee held on Monday 11 October 2021 at 19:00 in the Village Hall.

Present: Ms Boorman (chairman), Mr Rawlins, Mrs Pearman, Mrs Varnes, Deputy Parish Clerk and two members of the public.

PRC 21/044 Apologies for absence: apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr Stoves, Mr Settle, Mr Howe and Mr Cann.

Parish councillor Mrs Pearman, a representative of the Memorial Park Working Party, was voted onto the committee to make the meeting quorate.

PRC 21/045 Declarations of interest: none.

PRC 21/046 Public Question Time: two members of the public were present.

PRC 21/047 To receive a presentation from members of Sonning Common Tennis Club regarding proposals for the club's future.

Mr Pinder and Ms Last, from Sonning Common Tennis Club, sought the committee's support with plans to refurbish the club's tennis courts at Bishopswood Sports Ground.

Members agreed to provide the club with a statement of support for grant applications; encouraged it to apply to the parish council for grant support; and offered advice and support generally on applying for grants.

PRC 21/048 Memorial Park:

048.01/To consider and make recommendations to full council on a supplier - preferred by the Play Area Working Group - to install a new play area at Memorial Park.

After discussion members resolved to recommend supplier 2 to the full council on Monday 18 October 2021 to supply and install the play area at Memorial Park to a design specification agreed by the play area working party. This recommendation to be subject to approval from Tarmac and satisfactory design and contract negotiations.

048.02/To consider and make recommendations to full council on the process for the handover of Memorial Park to the parish council.

After discussion members agreed a specific process to recommend to full council for the handover of Memorial Park to the parish council from the groundworks' contractors.

It was agreed that Mrs Snowden, the Memorial Park project co-ordinator, should compile a list of specific criteria against which the suitability of the site for handing over to the parish council could be measured.

048.03/To receive an update on landscaping plans from Mr Rawlins and Mrs Varnes and to consider making recommendations to full council, as appropriate.

Mrs Varnes and Mr Rawlins provided an update on the Memorial Park landscaping project.

048.04/To receive an update on the lighting project from Mrs Varnes.

Mrs Varnes provided an update on the Memorial Park lighting project.

048.05/To consider priorities for applying for grant funding for Memorial Park - including suggestions from the Memorial Park Working Party - and to make recommendations to full council, as appropriate.

Mrs Pearman recommended, on behalf of the Memorial Park Working Party, that toilets and a café should be prioritised for grant-funding.

PRC 21/049 Old Copse:

049.01/To receive an update from Ms Boorman and Mr Stoves on the management of the council-owned part of Old Copse and to make recommendations to full council, as appropriate.

Members agreed to defer this item to a subsequent meeting.

049.02/To receive an update from members on a proposal to create a new woodland on the brownfield, former war-time camp site west of Old Copse.

Ms Boorman notified the committee that she would contact the owners of this site to find out what their aspirations were for it.

PRC 21/050 To receive any updates and recommendations from Mrs Pearman, on behalf of the Memorial Park Working Party.

Updates and recommendations from the Memorial Park Working Party were addressed earlier in the meeting.

PRC 21/051 Matters for future agendas.

None.

The meeting closed at 20:40.

Date of next meeting: Monday 08 November 2021 at 19.00 hours

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