

Sonning Common Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee held on Monday 13 September 2021 in the Village Hall.

Present: Ms Boorman (chairman), Mr Rawlins, Mr Stoves, Mr Howe, Mr Cann, Mrs Pearman, and Mr Collings, Parish Clerk.

- PRC 21/044 Apologies for absence: to receive and accept any apologies for absence.
- PRC 21/045 Declarations of interest: to receive any declarations of pecuniary interest and/or requests for dispensations from members regarding any item on the agenda.
- PRC 21/046 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).
- PRC 21/047 To receive a presentation from members of Sonning Common Tennis Club regarding proposals for the club's future.
- 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 (see decision paper attached).
048.02/To consider and make recommendations to full council on the process for the handover of Memorial Park to the parish council (see paper attached).
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.
048.04/To receive an update on the lighting project from Mrs Varnes.
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.
- 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.
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.
- PRC 21/050 To receive any updates and recommendations from Mrs Pearman, on behalf of the Memorial Park Working Party.
- PRC 21/051 Matters for future agendas.

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

- PRC 21/033 Apologies for absence: Mr Settle.
- PRC 21/034 Declarations of interest- none.
- PRC 21/035 Public Question Time – none present.
- PRC 21/036 Update from Mr Cann concerning the council's asset and risk registers for parks and recreational assets - postponed to next meeting.

- PRC 21/037 Future management of SCPC's part of Old Copse – Ms Boorman advised that she is still obtaining input from various parties. Noted that there is a lack of wildlife corridors.
- PRC 21/038 Potential creation of a new woodland on the brownfield ex 'camp site' west of Old Copse. After discussion it was resolved to:
1. Contact the Woodland Trust to seek a meeting to cooordinate plans across both woods.
 2. Commission Mark Ward to carry out the annual safety survey of our wood and report back.
 3. Contact the owners of the old 'camp site' to ascertain their plans and how these could affect our wood.
 4. To obtain costs and design options for three notice boards, similar to that at Widmore pond, to explain the key features found in the woods.
 5. Check the formal OCC Public Rights of Way map to establish which paths are actually PROW.
- PRC 21/039 Priorities for grant-funding opportunities for Memorial Park were discussed. It was agreed to continue to seek donors for benches and tables and to ask the MPWP to prioritise needs.
- PRC 21/040 Updates on:
- a. Lighting application for Memorial Park – awaiting response from SODC Planning. Cost quotes to be obtained in parallel.
 - b. Landscaping plan – the need to get planting urgently was noted. Plan and cost to be supplied by Mr Rawlins and Mrs Varnes. £10K available from the Vistry payment.
 - c. Play area tender and public consultation process -progressing to plan.
- PRC 21/041 A discussion was held on a suggestion to open the MP for a week in October. After considering all views expressed it was resolved by 3 votes to 2 that we should stick with the planned spring 2022 opening only.
- PRC 21/042 Updates from the Memorial Park Working Party Electricity on site; bin locations agreed; drainage being explored; need for signage and to complete planting.
- PRC 21/043 Matters for future agendas - none.

Meeting closed at 22.00. Next meeting: Monday 11 October 2021 at 19.00 hours.

Chairman: Dated: