

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 18 July 2022 in the Village Hall Sonning Common.

Present: Ms Boorman (Chairman), Mr Bidgood, Mr Cann, Mr Howe, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Pearman, Mr Rawlins and Mr Robinson plus Mr Collings (Parish Clerk), Mrs Jenkins (Deputy Clerk), Cllr D Bartholomew and Ms M Casals (Henley Standard).

- 23/024 Apologies for absence: Mr Stoves and Mrs Diwell. No declarations.
- 23/025 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. None present.
- 23/026 Co-option – Mr R James described his interest in and possible contribution to the work of the Parish Council and his application to become a member of the council resolved unanimously.
- 23/027 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved:
- 027.01 Planning Committee held on 6 June and 4 July 2022.
 - 027.02 Parish Council held on 20 June 2022 – it was resolved in this item to delegate all powers of the council to its Finance Committee for the month of August.
 - 027.03 Finance Committee held on 15 June 2022.
- 23/028 County Councillor’s Report - Cllr Bartholomew commented on his emailed report.
- 23/029 District Councillor’s Report- Cllr Rawlins commented on his emailed report.
- 23/030 Parish Clerk’s Report – The departure of Mrs Jenkins from the Parish Office team was noted and members unanimously agreed to register a vote of thanks for her immense contribution over the years.
- 23/031 SC Youth Club update – noted as circulated.
- 23/032 Village Centre Working Party – Village Centre Working Party – Mr Bidgood advised that they are working on an updated design for the VC improvements based on a shorter term, more achievable plan that focusses primarily on Active Travel, there will be a proposal presented at the next meeting of council , that there is progress with OCC on yellow line marking, that a request for a meeting will been made to OCC Active Travel to progress our ideas and that a request has been made for parking enforcement to be progressed.
- 23/033 It was resolved to approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).
- 23/034 It was confirmed that the opening of Memorial Park would take place at 14.00 on Friday 22 July and that the members of the MP Working Party should be invited to attend the next meeting in September to be thanked formally for their hard work.
- 23/035 Recruitment of a new Deputy Clerk - it was agreed that this should be held over pending a review of roles in the office.
- 23/036 It was agreed to invite Airband to present their plan to the council in September.
- 23/037 Matters for future agendas – Widmore Pond matters; Financial risks from cost of utilities and grass cutting.

Meeting closed at 21.20. Next meeting: 19 September 2022.

Chairman: Dated: