

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 20 June 2022 in the Village Hall Sonning Common.

Present: Mr Stoves (Chairman), Mr Bidgood, Ms Boorman, Mr Cann, Mrs Lewis, Mr Rawlins and Mr Robinson plus Mr Collings (Parish Clerk), Mrs Jenkins (Deputy Clerk), Cllr D Bartholomew and three members of the public.

- 23/011 Apologies for absence: Mrs Diwell, Mr Howe and Mrs Pearman. No declarations.
- 23/012 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders.
- 23/013 Inspired Villages gave a brief presentation their draft Construction and Traffic Management Plan and took away questions of strong concern about safety if Blounts Court Road is to be used by HGVs.
- 23/014 Mr Bidgood update the council on the status of 20 mph proposals advising that there will be local consultation if the application for the village is accepted.
- 23/015 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved:
 - 015.01 Planning Committee held on 16 May 2022.
 - 015.02 Parish Council and AMPC meeting held on 16 May 2022.
 - 015.03 Finance Committee held on 11May 2022.
- 23/016 County Councillor's Report - Cllr Bartholomew commented on his emailed report.
- 23/017 District Councillor's Report - Cllr Rawlins' emailed and verbal report was noted.
- 23/018 Parish Clerk's Report - noted.
- 23/019 SC Youth Club update - Mrs Jenkins reported on the continuing success of the club.
- 23/020 It was resolved to approve each of the Risk Management Scheme 2022-2023, the Asset Register, the Code of Conduct and the statutory Balance sheet. Increase of annual Insurance Premium from the £3,468 budgeted to £7,425.09 was noted.
- 23/021 It was resolved to agree to a recommendation from the Charities Commission that the Parish Council, to be represented by the Parish Clerk, should become a Trustee of Kidmore End Memorial Hall.
- 23/022 Ms Boorman presented Decision Paper 2022.05 - Memorial Park next steps, as attached. Decision 1 was agreed by a majority vote of 5 to 2. Decision 2 was agreed unanimously
- 23/023 Matters for future agendas- update on footpath to Allotments site (Mrs Diwell) and update on Widmore Pond ownership (Clerk).

Meeting closed at 21.20 - next meeting: 18 July 2022.

Chairman: Dated:

SCPC Decision paper 2022.05

Subject: Memorial Park next steps

Proposer: Ms Boorman

Meeting date: 20 June 2022

Decisions proposed:

1. Council will endorse the opening of the park as early in July 2022 as is feasible with a target of it being no later than 22 July for the school holidays, subject to the normal undertakings that the Council Office manage such as contract management and ensure are in place, such as Insurance etc.
2. Council will confirm that its remit for managing and operating the park is limited to:
 - a. Providing a properly maintained, clean and safe recreation space for use by people of all ages.
 - b. Providing, booking, collecting and accounting for fees for the hire of the polymeric surfaced MUGA and or other parts of the site.
 - c. Levying appropriate charges on individuals/organisations that wish to make regular use of the open facilities for fee earning activities such as exercise classes or 'boot camps'.

This remit does not extend to the provision or storage of portable equipment that may be used by hirers of or players on any of the park's surfaces at this time.

Situation

Significant progress has been made towards completion of the Memorial Park site by Sport & Play and of the new play area within it by Kompan. Both contractors should be able to allow us to use the facilities early in July.

The facilities should include:

- the hireable Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) with a polymeric surface booked initially by using the halls booking system
- the open MUGA and the 3rd tarmacked area
- the tracks around the site
- the new children's play area
- the main grassed plateau.

The new footpath from Farm Close will be open and there will be signage which will provide give information graphically to be accessible to all.