

Minutes of the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 14 March 2022 in the Village Hall Sonning Common.

Present: Mr Cann (Chairman), Mr Bidgood, Ms Boorman Mrs Diwell, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Pearman, Mr Rawlins Mr Robinson and Mr Stoves with Mr Collings (Parish Clerk), Cllr D Bartholomew, Ms G Harland (Henley Standard) and two members of the public.

- 22/140 Apologies for absence: Mr Howe. No declarations.
- 22/141 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders. No questions raised.
- 22/142 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved:
- 142.01 Planning Committee held on 14 February 2022.
 - 142.02 Parish Council meeting held on 14 February 2022.
- 22/143 County Councillor's Report Cllr Bartholomew commented on his emailed report noting progress at Widmore Triangle.
- 22/144 District Councillor's Report Cllr Rawlins' emailed and verbal report was noted.
- 22/145 Parish Clerk's Report – Appendix A attached - noted.
- 22/146 SC Youth Club update – the circulated report was accepted with a suggestion that a calendar of grant dates should be developed.
- 22/147 Parks & Recreation Committee update:
- 147.01 It was resolved to approve three proposals to:
 - A. Open Memorial Park in June (or as soon as the weather allows for the works to be completed). Once open, the main operational responsibility will be with the Parish Office – subject to the policy views and decisions of the parish Parks & Recreation Committee (and where appropriate full council). The focus of the Parish Office should be operational and will run it as a “steady state” for the first year – subject to the recognised need above for completing the agreed installations including the lighting and planting and for phases 1C and 1D to be brought on-line as soon as funds and permissions permit.
 - B. Authorise use of further capital funds of £53K from CIL to enable the opening of the Memorial Park as set out in the paper.
 - C. Approve the operational budget for the Parish Office for year 1 to ensure facilities can be safely maintained – Appendix D MP Budget Phase 1. It should be noted that the parish has received firm advice that extra procedures and costs will be required for proper ongoing maintenance so these may be subject to change.The proposal to provide a budget of £10k over the first calendar year – from CIL funds - to support activity and coaching on-site to pump-prime formation of different clubs along with different sports and activities was rejected.
 - 147.02 It was resolved to agree the revised overall landscape planting proposal for Memorial Park that has been submitted to SODC planning.
 - 147.03 It was resolved to authorise the creation of the new path from Farm Close to Memorial Park at a cost of up to £28K.
 - 147.04 It was resolved to authorise the purchase and installation on Memorial Park of a storage unit (container) at a cost of up to £5K.
- 22/148 It was confirmed that responsibility for the Community Emergency Plan will be shared by Ms Boorman and Mr Robinson.
- 22/149 It was decided to recommend to SODC that the new development on Kennylands Road should just be numbered as infill.
- 22/150 Matters for future agendas – SODC Governance review – brief to be circulated to members.
- Meeting closed at 21.20. Next meeting: Monday 11 April 2022 at 20.00.

Chairman: Dated: