

Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council held on Monday 14 Novem 2022 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Stoves (Chairman), Ms Boorman, Mr Bidgood, Mrs Diwell, Mr James, Mr Rawlins, Mr Robinson and Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) and Cllr D Bartholomew and Mr P Waterman.

- 23/061 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests – none.
- 23/062 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders – no questions.
- 23/063 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved:
- 063.01 Planning Committee held on 17 October.
 - 063.02 Parish Council held on 17 October.
 - 063.03 Finance Committee held on 12 October.
- 23/064 County Councillor’s Report - Cllr Bartholomew commented on his emailed report.
- 23/065 Mr Bidgood described progress with the Cycleway project and answered questions.
- 23/066 District Councillor’s Report - Cllr Rawlins commented on his emailed report and reminded of the availability of Councillor Grants of up to £5K.
- 23/067 SC Youth Club meeting was advised that the club continues to thrive.
- 23/068 Decision Paper 2022.06 – Ms Boorman explained the paper and the decisions proposed therein. It was then resolved to approve each of the proposals which are:
- Proposal 1: That the Village Centre and Environment Working Committee becomes the Village Centre and Transport Working Party and that the Parks and Recreation Committee becomes the Parks and Environment Working Party
- Proposal 2: That the following working parties have remits amended as below:
- Village Centre remit: The Widmore Pond and Allotments removed.
 - Parks and Environment remit: Play areas at Lea Road, Baskerville Road and Churchill Crescent; Sonning Common Skatepark; The SCPC wood between Old Copse and the RUFC ground; Widmore Pond and Allotments. Memorial Park removed.
 - Memorial Park Working Party remit: Includes future of Kidmore End Memorial Hall.
- Proposal 3: That all Working Parties will observe one generic Terms of Reference as in Appendix 2. All issues that affect their areas should be brought first to the Working Parties for discussion.
- Proposal 4: A new parish council Clerks Report to be produced set out using the format of the new Parish Committees and Working Parties.
- 23/069 Village Centre Working Party – Mr Bidgood outlined thinking about the refurbishment of the old telephone kiosk and received feedback about options for the work and the re-siting when complete.
- 23/070 Parish Clerk’s Report – as in Appendix 4 of DP 2022.06.
- 23/071 The draft SCPC Members Handbook was circulated for review.
- 23/072 Matters for future agendas – Budget for 2023/24; Possible Village fete on 10 June 2023; Setting up website pages for working parties; progressing the Civility and Respect Pledge.
- Meeting closed at 21.15. Next meeting: 12 December 2022

Chairman:Dated: