

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Sonning Common Parish Council**
On Monday 12th June in the Village Hall, Sonning Common

Present: Mr Stoves (Chairman), Ms Boorman, Mrs Diwell, Mr Howe, Mr James, Mrs McLellan, Mr Rawlins, Mr Robinson, Mr Scannell, Mr Bidgood and Mr Collings (Parish Clerk), Mrs Underwood (Deputy Clerk), and Cllr Bartholomew for item 026.

24/022 Apologies for absence: Mr Varnham and Mrs Pearman

24/023 Public Question Time: Mr Kedge addressed the Council concerning the proposed CIL Policy and his concerns that it was giving one Committee all the power and that it should be amended. Mr Kedge also commented on the uses of CIL money and that it can be spent on maintenance. Mr Robinson commented in reply that all recommendations from the Finance Committee will go to full Council for approval.

Mr Rinta-Suksi asked the Council for more information about the proposed solar lights at Memorial Park. Mr Rawlins explained the plan to have solar up lights fitted around the track. Mr Rinta-Suksi asked if a survey had been done amongst the residents as he could not see the benefit of up lights and that it was not the best way to spend the Council's money. He also raised concerns about the safety element and that down lights would be better. Mr Rawlins in reply stated that a survey had been done and that currently the Council could not afford down lights.

24/024 A discussion was held around the proposed CIL policy which was resolved by all members to accept.

24/025 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved:

025.01 Planning Committee meeting held on 22nd May 2023.

025.02 Parish Council meeting held on 15th May.

025.03 Finance Committee meeting held on 17th May 2023 were not approved as Ms Boorman requested amendments to be made to the minutes.

24/026 County Councillor's Report - Cllr Bartholomew's report as circulated was noted.

24/027 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Rawlins' report as circulated was noted.

24/028 Parish Clerk's Report – noted.

24/029 A discussion was held concerning the Annual Governance and Accountability Report and the Auditors report and comments. Mr Robinson commented that the Finance Committee had approved the budget and that the council had approved these minutes and the Finance Committee's decisions. Mr Rawlins commented that he had numerous issues with the Auditors comments and requested that Auditor revise the report. The AGAR was approved by members of the Council.

24/030 Ms Boorman presented to the Council on behalf of the Memorial Park Working Party details concerning a grant application to Tarmac for funding for items at Memorial Park. It was resolved to proceed with this application.

Ms Boorman also reported to Council that the Village Day held at Memorial Park on Saturday 10th June was a great success.

24/031 Mr Bidgood presented an update on behalf of Cycleway Working Party that a page will be added to the Parish Council website to update residents on the progress of the Cycleway.

- 24/032 Mr Bidgood presented an update on behalf of the Village Centre and Transport WP explaining that progress had been made concerning the telephone box and a position of where it would be situated had been agreed upon.
- 24/033 Mrs Underwood updated the Council on Sonning Common Youth Club and informed the council that they were struggling to recruit a member of the team and looking to recruit some coaches as well for a Thursday evening.
- 24/034 The Council resolved to approve the presented Bullying & Harassment; Complaints; Equality & Diversity; Lone Workers; Public Complaints and Vexatious Complaints policies by Mrs Underwood.
- 24/035 Mr Collings informed the Council that no progress had been made on the national Civility and Respect Pledge and that this item would be carried forward to the next meeting.
- 24/036 A discussion was held around recruiting an Assistant Parish Clerk and it was agreed that more work needed to be done on this proposal and this item would be carried forward the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.30. Next meeting: Monday 17th July 2023 at 20.00

Chairman:

Dated: