

Minutes of the Meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council

Held on Monday 16 October 2023 at **20.00** hrs in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr Stoves (Chairman), Mr Bidgood, Ms Boorman, Mrs Pearman, Mr Rawlins, Mr Scannell, Mr Varnham, Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) and Cllr M Giles for item 076.

- 24/071 Apologies for absence: Mrs Diwell, Mr Howe, Mr James, Mrs McLellan and Mr Robinson. No declarations.
- 24/072 Public Question Time – no questions.
- 24/073 Minutes of the following meetings were approved:
073.01 Parish Council held on 17 July.
073.02 Finance Committee held on 9 August.
- 24/075 County Councillor’s Report – as circulated - noted.
- 24/076 District Councillor’s Report – Cllr Giles commented on the report circulated.
- 24/077 Parish Clerk’s Report – noted.
- 24/078 National Civility and Respect Pledge – Members present signed to confirm that they subscribe to the pledge and have watched the recorded code of conduct training.
- 24/079 DP2023.07 - Decision Papers – it was resolved to add the proposed format for SCPC Decision Papers (as contained in Decision 2023.01 unanimously approved by council at its meeting on 11 September 2023 with minor subsequent amendments) as an Appendix to SCPC’s standing orders.
- 24/080 DP2023.08 - Memorial Park Lighting – it was resolved approve funding of £17K.
- 24/081 DP2023.09 – Traffic Surveys – it was resolved to approve actions and funding.
- 24/082 DP2023.10 – Grounds Maintenance Contract – it was resolved to approve extension of current contract.
- 24/083 Memorial Park WP – Meeting was updated on the result of the Tarmac grant request, was advised of ongoing problems with drainage on the play area and was asked to note plans for Village Day on 9 June 2024.
- 24/084 Verbal update from the Cycleway project – no significant news.
- 24/085 Verbal update from Village Centre & Transport WP – Mr A Morris has been co-opted into the WP.
- 24/086 SC Youth Club update – it continues to be well attended.
- 24/087 It was resolved to give formal approval to the 2023/24 budget as agreed by Finance committee and the meeting was briefed about 2024/25 Budget and Precept plans.
- 24/088 Matters for future agendas -obtaining an update on IV’s plans. Agree updated Standing Orders.

Meeting closed at 21.30. Next meeting: 13 November 2023.

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....