

Minutes of the Meeting of
Sonning Common Parish Council

Held on Monday 9th September 2024 at 8.00pm
in the Village Hall, Sonning Common

Present: Ms Boorman (Chair), Mr Scannell, Mr Rawlins, Mr Bidgood, Mrs Diwell, Mrs McLellan, Mr James, Mr Howe, Mrs Pearman, Mr Collings (Parish Clerk) Mrs Moss (Administrator) and Ms McHugh (Henley Standard).

MINUTES – PART ONE

- 25/047 **Apologies for absence** – Mrs Underwood (Deputy Clerk), Mr Stoves, Mr Robinson, and Cllr Bartholomew – No Declarations
- 25/048 **Public Question Time** – 4 Members of the Public present – No questions
- 25/049 Draft Minutes of the following meetings were reviewed and approved as correct for publication -
- 049.01 Parish Council Meeting on 8th July 2024
- 049.02 Finance Committee Meeting on 14th August 2024
- 049.03 Planning Committee Meeting on 19th August 2024
- 25/050 **County Councillor’s Report** – Noted
- 25/051 **District Councillor’s Report** – Cllr Rawlins gave comments on the circulated report.
- 25/052 **Parish Clerks Report** – Noted
- 25/053 **External Auditors Report and Certificate** – It was resolved by all Councillors to accept the External Auditors Report.
- 25/054 **Update from Parks and Environment Working Party** – Ms Boorman updated Councillors about the ongoing work with Eco SoCo regarding bulb and tree planting.
- 25/055 **Update from the Village Centre & Transport Working Party** – Mr Bidgood updated Councillors about the new CCTV which is being installed this week.
- 25/056 **Update from the Memorial Park Working Party** – Mrs Pearman updated Councillors about Drainage at Memorial Park, which needs further discussions and the cost of repairing the mulch under the swings.
- 25/057 **Townlands Steering Group** – Noted

25/058 **Poppy Appeal 2024** – Mr Bidgood has spoken to CoOp, who are happy to have Poppy Sales instore at the tills. Mrs Pearman said this will also feature in the Sonning Common Magazine.

25/059 **Introduction to considering a Facilities Building on Memorial Park** – The Memorial Park Working Party are exploring the most cost-effective proposal for a building which would provide toilets and a possible café/meeting/indoor space. Councillors all voted to ask them to continue this important work, and Councillors were asked to provide any questions by Friday to Memorial Park Working Party so that they can produce a full proposal. It was requested by some Councillors to have an extra meeting to discuss this further before the next Council Meeting, which the Chair said they will consider.

MINUTES – PART TWO
Confidential Session
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Meeting closed at 21:05

Next Meeting - Monday 14th October at 20:00

Chair: **Dated:**