

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Sonning Common Parish Council**
On Monday 17th July in the Village Hall, Sonning Common

Present: Mr Stoves (Chairman), Ms Boorman, Mrs Diwell, Mr James, Mrs McLellan, Mr Rawlins, Mr Robinson, Mr Scannell, Mr Bidgood, Mrs Pearman, Mrs Underwood (Deputy Clerk)

- 24/038 Apologies for absence: Mr Howe and David Bartholomew
- 24/039 Public Question Time: No members of public presented any questions to council.
- 24/040 Minutes of the following meetings were presented and approved:
040.01 Planning Committee meeting held on 12th June 2023.
040.02 Parish Council meeting held on 12th June 2023.
040.03 Finance Committee meeting held on 14th June 2023.
- 24/041 County Councillor's Report - Cllr Bartholomew's as circulated and noted.
- 24/042 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Rawlins' report as circulated was noted.
- 24/043 Parish Clerk's Report – as circulated and noted.
- 24/044 Mrs Pearman presented and updated a report on the Memorial Park Working Party and an update on the Tarmac grant application. Mrs Pearman made reference to the hard work and contribution of Mrs Penny Snowden who has worked tirelessly on the Memorial Park project saving the Council thousands of pounds with her diligence and negotiation skills. Mrs Pearman thanked Mrs Snowden for all her hard work and the Council whole heartedly agreed.
- 24/045 Mr Bidgood introduced a presentation on the Cycleway survey which Mr Varnham then presented to Council that showed that 98% of respondents to the survey agreed with the proposed Cycleway. Mr Bidgood proposed a motion to requesting the full support of Council for the activities of the working party. It was resolved by all to support the Cycleway in its activities.
- 24/046 Mr Bidgood presented an update on behalf of the Village Centre and Transport Working party. He informed the Council that Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department had been in touch to say that a works order had now been placed for the new and refreshed traffic linings in the Village centre.
- 24/047 Mrs Underwood presented an update on the Youth Club informing the Council that they were trying to find new coaches for a Thursday evening.
- 24/048 The Civility and Respect pledge was deferred until September's meeting with a request for a training plan to be raised as a high priority in the Clerks Report.
- 24/049 It was resolved by all Councillors to delegate all the Councils powers to the Finance Committee until September's meeting.
- 24/050 Matters for future consideration: to review and update Clerks Report and Memorial Park Clarification motion.

Meeting closed at 21.02. Next meeting: Monday 11th September 2023 at 20.00hrs

Chairman:

Dated: