

Members are summoned to the meeting of Sonning Common Parish Council

Date: Monday 16 May 2011
Venue: The Village Hall, Wood Lane, Sonning Common
Time: 20.00 hrs - late start to allow time for prior Annual Meeting

AGENDA

- 12/18 Apologies for absence
- 12/19 Declarations of Interests by Members on Agenda Items
- 12/20 Public Question Time under Section 30 of Standing Orders
- 12/21 To receive Minutes of previous meetings:
 - 21.01 Planning Committee held on 18 April 2011
 - 21.02 Parish Council held on 18 April 2011
 - 21.03 Finance Committee held on the 4 May 2011 to ratify.
- 12/22 Matters arising from those minutes
- 12/23 To receive the County Councillor's Report
- 12/24 To receive District Councillor's Report
- 12/25 Village Hall and Car Park
 - 25.01 Public Toilets progress update
 - 25.02 Car Park signage costs update
- 12/26 Footpaths, Green, Flower beds, Play areas and Open Spaces
 - 26.01 Play Area Inspection Reports
 - 26.02 Allotments – water charges dispute update
 - 26.03 Path from Abbeycrest Nursing Home to Millenium Field. A request was made to the Planning Committee to support tarmacing the path from the home to the Millennium Field to ease the effort of wheeling residents to sit in the field. Abbeycrest's manager advised that it can be done by their contractor at no cost to the Parish Council but asks for a letter from the Parish Council to support this idea rather than proceeding unilaterally. The Planning committee was of the opinion that it would be a benefit to all in the area. Council is asked to instruct the Clerk to write the letter.
- 12/27 Village Hall Solar Gain reduction.
 - 27.01 Clerk to present three quotations received and a recommendation for approval.
- 12/28 New Working Parties as requested by the Finance Committee meeting of 4 April 2011.
 - 28.01 The Finance Committee discussed how best the Parish Council might use available financial resources to improve the security and comfort of residents and engender pride in village amenities. It noted that a well presented environment is also a major contributor to minimising vandalism and petty crime. It was felt that in areas such as:
 - 1. Play area security
 - 2. Footpath improvements
 - 3. Notice-boards

there is still a great deal to be done and that appropriate projects should be initiated as soon as possible. The Finance Committee therefore asked the Clerk to include the following motion in this agenda:

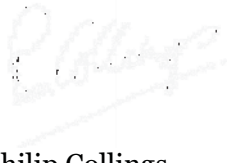
28.02 That the Parish Council should set up three new Working Parties (Advisory Committees as defined by Standing Order 19) each with the brief to come up with outline costed proposals for specific improvements in each of the above three areas with a view to reviewing their suggestions and giving initial sanction at the 18th July Council meeting. A suggested generic remit for Advisory Committees to adhere to will be circulated at the meeting.

12/29 Quality Parish Council. As a fully elected Parish Council it is now possible to begin the accreditation process for Quality Parish Council status with the benefits that accompany it. Accreditation requires that the Parish Clerk hold CiLCA - the Certificate in Local Council Administration. This requires some 40 hours of study, coursework and examination.

29.01 The Council is requested to authorise the Clerk to register for and undertake these studies in addition to his normal duties.

12/30 Matters for future consideration

The next Meeting will be on 20 June 2011 at 20.00 hrs.



Philip Collings
Parish Clerk