

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2015 at SUNNINGWELL VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Councillors Paul Wooldridge (in chair), Hilary Lynam-Smith, Andrew Veal, James Greenman, Colin Weyer and Bill Dring.

County Councillor Bob Johnston

District Councillor Elizabeth Bennett.

In attendance: Brian Rixon (Clerk)

18/15 Questions and Comments from members of the public.

County Councillor Bob Johnston reported

1. The County budget was passed on 17 February
2. The draft Local Transport Plan, LTP4, has been released for consultation. It includes a full interchange at the Lodge Hill junction on the A34. Consideration is being given to a new Park and Ride nearby.

Richard Hall.

Richard Hall came to the meeting to ask if there is any progress on re-establishing footpath 372/8 though the old quarry. He is not satisfied that enough is being done by Oxfordshire County Council. Cllr Paul Wooldridge reported that he has tried walking the pathway since the last meeting. He confirmed the route is blocked and that the Council will write to the County Officer again.

ACTION Clerk

19/15 Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Joanne Blower.

20/15 Declarations of members' interest in respect of any item on this agenda.

Cllr Hilary Lynam-Smith on any flood related matters.

21/15 To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 28 January 2015.

The minutes were approved and signed.

22/15 To consider matters, not on this agenda, arising from 28 January's minutes.

- Cllr Hilary Lynam-Smith confirmed that this year's pig roast has been booked.
- A letter will be sent to MRH Services confirming an inspection contract for the playground.
- Geoff Cross would be grateful for the original plaque to be transferred to the new pond bench.

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23/15 Parish Council Election 7 May 2015.

The clerk reported that he has received the initial information about the election procedures and will keep the Councillors updated. He will display the official notices as soon as they are received from the District Council. ACTION Clerk

Anyone in the Parish who wishes to stand for election can obtain information from:

- The Sunningwell Parish clerk by emailing sunningwellpc@btinternet.com, or telephoning 01869 244769.
- or the District Council website:
<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/localdemocracy/elections/elections-2015>

Nomination forms must reach the District Council by 9th April.

24/15 Village Hall Storage for the Council.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, David Shorten, notified the clerk that the storage area is ready for occupation and has put the Parish Council's key in the post.

25/15 Village Hall Lease

Cllr Paul Wooldridge has written to the Village Hall Chairman to arrange a meeting and is awaiting a reply.

26/15 Village Green grass seeding.

The current village green agricultural contractor has given a quotation to rotavate the agreed area, and then reseed it with conservation grass.

The second contractor, who maintains Bayworth Triangle and areas in Sunningwell, has agreed to regular mow the new area.

There will be a need to lock the main entrance and put a temporary "fence" around the area. A notice will be displayed to ask people to use the nearby public footpath entrance.

The Council discussed all this and agreed a budget of £1,200. This will include buying stakes and orange netting to "fence" off this area. This equipment will eventually go into council storage as it will be useful for village green events.

ACTION Cllr Bill Dring

27/15 Village Green Wall.

Cllr Paul Wooldridge is arranging to meet David Mason on site. David is the Diocese Director of Glebe and Buildings.

28/15 Village Green Gazebo

Cllr Bill Dring presented an outline estimate for building a gazebo in treated wood and with cedar roof tiles. The Council discussed this and ask Cllr Dring to obtain a full quote based on a specific size and also an alternative cost if using slate tiles. Cllr James Greenman agreed to seek a comparative quotation from another supplier.

ACTION Cllrs Bill Dring and James Greenman

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29/15 White Gates on village road entrances.

Geoff Cross has indicated he is available to repaint the white gates. Cllr Bill Dring will arrange a quotation from him.

ACTION Cllr Bill Dring

30/15 Road surface – Penn Lane to Sugworth junction

The Council is still awaiting feedback from the County Council.

31/15 Footpaths

The Council is in communication with the County Council.

32/15 Third Dam

Cllr Hilary Lynam-Smith has discussed the matter, of a third weir wall, in detail with White Horse Contractors who have presented a quotation for £5,330 plus vat plus a further £550 plus vat for service checks if utility service plans are not provided. The Council asked the clerk to write to Peter Dela, at the District Council, to obtain the appropriate forms and ask if grants are available.

ACTION Clerk

33/15 Parish Council website

Cllr Bill Dring has seen a website that he thinks would be a good model for the Council to mirror. It was agreed he would circulate it to all Councillors for approval and comments.

ACTION Cllr Bill Dring

34/15 Boars Hill Defibrillator monitoring

Cllr Colin Weyer will follow this up with the Care Home where the defibrillator is installed.

ACTION Colin Weyer

35/15 Local Plan

Cllr James Greenman is still working on a list of information to be included in the plan, and will circulate it to all the Councillors.

ACTION Cllr James Greenman

36/15 Lodge Hill Interchange on the A34

The Council agreed that a Traffic Engineer should be asked to quote for a report on the possible effect the expansion of the Lodge Hill A34 junction would have on the Parish. Also on the effect if a new Park and Ride facility was located near the junction

ACTION Cllr Paul Wooldridge

37/15 Accounts for payment

1522	Clerk February	Salary and office expenditure	423.66
1519	HMRC	PAYE	79.20
1520	Norman Green	Plants for Bayworth Triangle	20.00
1521	OALC	April Course on Village Greens	42.00

38/15 Any Other Business

Bayworth Chapel

The Clerk will ask Planning for an update on the question of partial change of use to office space.

ACTION Clerk

Annual Parish Meeting 13 May

The invitations should be sent out as soon as possible.

ACTION Clerk

39/15 The Next Parish Council Meeting

will be on **Wednesday 25 March 2015** at **Bayworth Chapel** from 7:30

The Chair closed the February meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Signed Chairman. Date

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