

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 25 July 2016 at BAYWORTH Chapel Hall

Present:

Councillors

James Greenman (in chair), Colin Weyer, Paul Wooldridge
Elizabeth Bennett, Andrew Veal and Mike Wykes

In attendance:

District Councillor Debby Hallett
Nine parishioners
Brian Rixon (Clerk)

120/16 Questions and Comments from members of the public.

County Councillor Bob Johnston

Sent his apologies, together with a report that:

- The possible moves to a unitary council(s) have been paused until September.
- Feasibility studies have been undertaken in respect of a possible Park & Ride at Lodge Hill.

Bayworth Park

Concerns were raised that Bayworth Park seems to be a building site with the roadway widened and new bases established without planning approval. The Parish Council has objected to a current Planning Application to remove condition 4 of a past consent, P14/V0736/FUL, which restricted an area to only be used for temporary parking and not for any other purpose whatsoever. The Council also objected to a request to remove Condition 5 of that consent which said the turning area and parking spaces shall be constructed, laid out, surfaced, drained and completed in strict accordance to conditions to be submitted and approved by the Vale of White Horse District Council.

The Parish Council strongly opposes additional homes being in excess of the 18 allowed in the current site licence. It appears there are now 27 bases on site.

Bus Services

Concern was expressed as to whether the Parish Council is taking action about the removal of bus services. This is discussed later in this agenda.

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SPADE

Offered an appraisal of matters it has been reviewing regarding the Local Plan Part 1, and the Vale of White Horse District Council Consultation for potential developments sites for less than 200 homes.

The inspector is likely to call the plan sound if a few modifications are made.

SPADE asked if the Parish Council are aware and have established if it can make representations. Cllr James Greenman is liaising with SPADE on this.

The CEG exhibition was put on the SPADE Facebook page and received a lot of feedback suggesting the development shouldn't happen. SPADE say the Park & Ride will be behind Bayworth Manor and suggest Sunningwell Parish Council liaise with Radley Parish Council. The National Infrastructure Commission is performing a strategic study on the possible Oxford Cambridge Expressway. The current A34 cannot easily be improved through Botley so there could be a link from:

1. South Abingdon to Milton Common near Junction 7 of the M40; or
2. Tilsley Park to Boars Hill running between Sunningwell and Wootton up to the Swindon Road, and thus bypassing Botley; or
3. Lodge Hill to the M40 near Junction 8.

Much more transport strategy information can be found at

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/oxford-area-transport-strategy>

Traffic problem

The bend in the road, by the public house, coming into Sunningwell from the Beaulieu Court direction has been the site of recent near misses. It is discussed later in this agenda.

Bayworth Triangle.

The Parish Council was asked if the bench on Bayworth Triangle could be replaced and a plaque added. Also can the tarmac path be re-instated.

121/16	Apologies for absence.
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County Councillor Bob Johnston. District Councillor Emily Smith.
Parish Councillor Oliver Isaacs.

122/16	Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.
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There were none.

123/16	To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 27 June 2016.
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The minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

124/16	To consider any Matters Arising from the minutes of 27 June.
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No matters were raised.

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125/16 Co-option to the Council

Mike Wykes was co-opted to the Council in May but was unable to attend the May meeting. At the June meeting he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and took away the Declaration of Interests Form to complete and send to the clerk.

126/16 Footpaths

Cllr Mike Wykes has taken over responsibility for monitoring footpaths in the Parish.
Path 372/15. Mike noted the problems with cyclists on the Foxcombe Road to Bayworth path and the recent installation of kissing gates. The boundary fence to Woodcraft Wood is missing and he has written to St John's College to report the matter.
Path 372/8 from the Quarry up to Boars Hill has damaged footbridges. Mike Woodward reminded the Council that the footpath is temporarily suspended until November.

127/16 Grass verge cutting

The clerk contacted the County Council Highways Department with concerns about the condition, and associated risk, of the grass verges in the parish. He was advised that mowing will now take place between 25 July and 29 August. The matter will be on the Parish Council September agenda to consider what action may be necessary for next year.

At this meeting the clerk was asked to contact the County Council Highways Department and ask for urgent action to clear the hedges and footpath opposite the public house, on the bend coming round from the Beaulieu Court direction. The dangerous nature of that bend was reported to the County in March.

ACTION Clerk

128/16 Bowditch Land

The Parish Council's attempt to raise enough funds to buy some of the land was unsuccessful. The Council will keep in touch with the agent to ascertain who has bought the land.

129/16 Bayworth Flood Prevention

The clerk has continued to keep in contact with the Senior Engineer and has now received the official notification that Bruncombe Lane will be closed for drainage works from 22 August for up to two weeks.

This involves ditch work, rebuilding a headwall, jetting the culverted sections and root cutting.

130/16 Possible bus replacement service

Cllr Paul Wooldridge has been dealing with this for some time and is currently looking at a County initiative to provide a service operating under a membership scheme where individuals can book a minibus service to pick them up at a set time and place. There are three options – individual, shared and group to operate between 10:15 a.m. and 14:30 p.m.

Cllr Wooldridge will meet Rachel Willis to discuss ways of promoting this in the parish.

ACTION Cllr Paul Wooldridge

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131/16 Possible purchase of the village green land

Following lengthy discussions with the Diocese over an opportunity for the Parish Council to purchase the village green land from the Diocese, Cllr Paul Wooldridge has prepared a letter that could be delivered to each house in the Parish. The price agreed is £40,000 subject to the ability to raise funds by the end of September. The letter asks Parishioners to pledge donations towards this project.

This was discussed by the Council and it was agreed that the letter should be issued. Councillors agreed to help with the distribution over the coming weekend.

ACTION All Councillors

132/16 Bayworth Park Mobile Home Site

The Parish Council is strongly objecting to the current planning application and is trying to ensure that the site has the correct licence and that all planning conditions and enforcements are met. The Vale of White Horse District Council is fully aware of the situation.

133/16 Planning Applications

P16/V1704/FUL Bayworth Park

The applicant wishes to remove conditions 4 and 5 of planning consent P14/V0736/FUL so that additional mobile homes can be erected. Sunningwell Parish Council has strongly opposed the current application and has pressed for enforcement action on the original conditions 4 and 5.

P16/V1702/HH Pilgrim Cottage, Sunningwell

Cllr Andrew Veal will review the application.

134/16 Accounts for payment.

July	1648	Clerk	Jul Salary and Office Expenditure	558.57
	1649	HMRC	PAYE	107.20
	1650	Mark McCracken	Bayworth, white gates, village green, pond	240.00
	1651	Vale of White Horse DC	Final dog bin invoice	30.91
August	1652	Clerk	Aug salary and office – post dated	441.60
	1653	HMRC	PAYE – post dated	102.00

135/16 Any other business.

Community Infrastructure Levy

Cllr Colin Weyer has identified an officer who may be able to advise the Council on the detail of CIL allocation and use. This will be on the September agenda.

Village Green Gate

Cllr Paul Wooldridge recommended that the village green gate should be welded around the hinge area to prevent the gates being removed. This was agreed.

136/16 The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday 26 September 2016 at Bayworth Chapel Hall starting at 7.30pm**

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