

# SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 28 November 2016 at BAYWORTH Chapel Hall

### Present:

#### Councillors

James Greenman, Colin Weyer, Paul Wooldridge,  
Elizabeth Bennett, Andrew Veal and Oliver Isaacs

#### In attendance:

Brian Rixon (Clerk)

### 166/16 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

#### County Councillor Bob Johnston

Sent his apologies with a brief written report saying an update on the Oxford to Cambridge expressway is expected in the Autumn Statement on 23 November. Also the County is preparing a detailed statement on its unitary proposals for a single County wide unitary. This is expected to be sent to the Department for Communities and Local Government before Christmas. Lastly, the ruling Group has identified a further £15 million of cuts to its budget for 2017/18. It looks like being bad news for the Adult Day Centres amongst other things.

#### District Councillors Emily Smith and Debby Hallett

Sent their apologies and said their monthly report will be issued in a few days' time. Emily also reported that as of that morning she has not received an update about the grant application to the Vale for help with purchasing the Village Green. Emily has had a number of queries and complaints about the new recycling arrangements. Basically, all recyclable rubbish should go loose into the green bins, or if in a bag, the bag must be clear - so Biffa can tell if there is any contaminated waste inside.

### 167/16 Apologies for absence.

County Councillor Bob Johnston  
District Councillors Emily Smith and Debby Hallett

### 168/16 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

There were none.

### 169/16 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 31 October 2016.

The minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

### 170/16 To consider any Matters Arising from the minutes of 31 October.

Councillors Paul Wooldridge, Colin Weyer and Elizabeth Bennett are meeting with the County Council's Highways department and the police in the first week of December to discuss traffic calming measures for the Foxcombe Road.

Signed ..... Chairman. Date .....

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## 171/16 Purchase of the Village Green

Councillor Paul Wooldridge explained that progress is being made slowly. The Trust has been set up and the bank account application is near completion. A letter will soon be sent to the parishioners, who pledged a donation, asking them to send their payments. The first meeting of the trustees has to be confirmed before the year end, even though it will probably be held in the new year.

## 172/16 Bonfire and firework event held on Sunday 6 November

The bonfire and firework event was well received with about 300 people attending. Voluntary donations towards the purchase of the village green amounted to £810. The Parish Council is grateful to Elizabeth Bennett, her family and Clare Isaacs for their hard work in preparing for, and running, the event.

## 173/16 Village Green Events in 2017

The Chairman, Cllr James Greenman, wrote an article for the Sunningwell Scene that included a request for helpers for events on the village green. It was agreed that the response to that request would be reviewed before starting the formal arrangements for another summer fete and pig roast.

Another firework and bonfire evening will be held next year and Clare Isaacs has kindly offered to take a leading role. The clerk was asked to contract Storm Fireworks to provide a firework display on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017. **ACTION Clerk**

## 174/16 Neighbourhood Plan

A letter was received from William Sparling, a Senior Planning Officer with the Vale of White Horse District Council, offering a grant of £5,000 towards the Sunningwell Parish Neighbourhood plan provided we offer evidence of budget planning together with a project plan containing the intended work programme with an estimate of costs.

Cllr Colin Weyer will address the issues and bring a proposal to the January Parish Council meeting. **ACTION Cllr Colin Weyer**

## 175/16 Village Hall lease

Cllr Paul Wooldridge is still seeking a conclusion to this matter as soon as possible.

**ACTION Cllr Paul Wooldridge**

## 176/16 Photographs of Past Chairmen

Cllr Paul Wooldridge will ask the Village Hall Management Committee for permission to use a specific location in the village hall to display the photographs of past and current Parish Council chairmen.

**ACTION Cllr Paul Wooldridge**

## 177/16 Transport report

It was agreed that Cllr James Greenman would update SPADE on the findings of the Transport Report using the digital version of the main report and then scan the hard copy appendices and have them available too.

**ACTION Cllr James Greenman**

The clerk was then authorised to send the final payment to the consultant. **ACTION Clerk**

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## 178/16 Planning Applications

### P16/V2649/HH 11 Brumcombe Lane

Single storey extension with velux to the front of the property.

Cllr Oliver Isaacs reviewed this application and offered no objection.

### P16/V2796/HH The Garden House, Lincombe Lane

Infill of recessed entrance porch and erection of a new entrance.

Alterations to the self-contained ancillary accommodation.

Cllr Elizabeth Bennett reviewed this application and suggested no objection be made.

### P16/V1704/FUL Bayworth Park

Shelfside Holdings are seeking the removal of conditions on application P14/V0736/FUL and thus change the use from agricultural land to parking.

This matter has gone to appeal to the Secretary of State under reference APP/V3120/W/16/3158507

Cllr Oliver Isaacs prepared a letter of objection and this was sent to the appeal.

## 179/16 Budget and Precept for 2017

The clerk presented a cash flow statement covering the next twelve months together with a schedule of likely and possible budget items for the coming year. Individual items were discussed and the budget for the next financial year was confirmed. Consequently it was agreed the precept for next year should be set at £30,000.

## 180/16 Accounts for payment.

1668	Bob Hindhaugh	Transport report	2,850.00
1671	Clerk	Nov Salary and Office Expenditure	542.54
1672	HMRC	Nov PAYE	105.20
1673	Ian Hutt	Village Green grass cutting	198.00
1674	Bayworth Baptist Chapel	October hall hire	24.00
1675	James Greenman	Lighting hire for bonfire event	91.13
1676	Oliver Isaacs	Refreshments for bonfire event	113.06
1677	Clerk Post-dated chq	Dec salary and office expenditure	444.88
1678	HMRC Post-dated chq	Dec PAYE	102.00

## 181/16 Any other business.

The council considered the need for an external valuation of the village green land but agreed not to go ahead as the price was considered fair and reasonable.

## 182/16 The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday 30 January 2017** at Bayworth Chapel Hall starting at 7.30pm

*The Chair closed the November meeting at 9:25 p.m.*