

# SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 30 January 2017 at BAYWORTH Chapel Hall

### Present:

#### Councillors

James Greenman, Colin Weyer, Paul Wooldridge,  
Elizabeth Bennett, and Mike Wykes

#### In attendance:

County Councillor Bob Johnston,  
District Councillor Emily Smith.  
Brian Rixon (Clerk)

### 1/17 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

#### Mike Woodward

has met with the County footpath officers regarding footpath 8 near the Quarry. The new owners of land in the area have agreed to support a footpath diversion that changes the route from going through the quarry to following a new route by the edge of the fields. The Parish Council is in support of the proposal.

#### County Councillor Bob Johnston

reported that £27m has been allocated by the government for a further study on the proposed Oxford Cambridge Expressway and will consider the possibility of it starting from Lodge Hill and going through Radley to Wheatley.

There is a County Budget meeting in February and there might be a 4.99% precept increase with 3% allocated for adult social services.

Unitary Authority discussions and consultations are continuing. If all 6 councils are replaced by one Unitary Authority then a new Council with 120 councillors would have to be elected.

The North Abingdon housing development may be predicated on the Lodge Hill Interchange proposals going ahead. The County's bid for capital has been rejected so it has no money for the interchange.

#### District Councillor Emily Smith

Indicated that the Bayworth Park appeal dismissal was well received.

There have been complaints about recycling problems and these will be referred to in the next District Councillors' newsletter.

### 2/17 Apologies for absence.

Andrew Veal and Oliver Isaacs.  
District Councillor Debby Hallett

### 3/17 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

Mike Wykes is secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee.

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**4/17 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 28 November 2016.**

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

**5/17 To consider any Matters Arising from the minutes of 28 November.**

**Transport report**

Councillor Paul Wooldridge raised the subject of the Transport Report.  
The clerk confirmed that the consultant has now been paid in full.

James Greenman has put the appendix into digital form and will send a copy to the clerk.

**ACTION Cllr James Greenman**

James Greenman, as agreed by council, has passed the report to SPADE and it is waiting for feedback from its members to see if any part of the report is relevant to their approach.

**Nicola Blackwood MP**

The clerk was asked to write to Nicola Blackwood MP to ask her view on funding for the Lodge Hill Interchange. Also to ask her view on a possible lorry park on the A34 and to clarify her understanding of the sequence of events to facilitate any Oxford to Cambridge Expressway.

**ACTION Clerk**

**6/17 Purchase of the Village Green**

We are still awaiting HMRC approval to enable gift aid to be claimed on the donations.  
We are chasing progress on the contract from the Diocese's solicitor.  
The Trustees held their first meeting as required under the trust document rules and procedures.

**7/17 Parish Boundary Consultation**

The Parish Council has submitted a response to the Vale of White Horse District Council's proposals on boundary changes. The letter was circulated to all councillors at this meeting.

**8/17 Traffic Calming on Foxcombe Road**

The maximum cost to reduce the speed limit in the built up area of Foxcombe Road has increased from the original £5,000 to £10,500, mostly because of the change to the roundel built into the surface of the road. The County Highways advisor is now investigating the cost to remove the roundel rather than change it to 30mph.

The council agreed the clerk should write to Anthony Kirkwood to go ahead with the speed reduction proposals.

**ACTION Clerk**

**9/17 North Abingdon proposed housing development**

With council approval the outline planning application for a development of up to 900 houses was passed to SPADE.

**10/17 Oxfordshire Unitary Authority consultation**

After some discussion it was agreed that the parish council has no official comment to make at this stage.

**11/17 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Colin Weyer advised the council that due to pressing work commitments he will not be able to devote the necessary time to continue to lead the Neighbourhood Plan project within the timescale required. It has to be a parish councillor who leads the project as it cannot be totally delegated to a local interest group. The chairman will give it due consideration over the next month and ask the council to discuss it at the February meeting.

**ACTION Cllr James Greenman**

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**12/17 Village Hall lease**

Cllr Paul Wooldridge has recently received a reply from David Shorten but felt that having the conversation by email is difficult. It was agreed that Cllr Mike Wykes would speak to David to explain the council's position. **ACTION Cllr Mike Wykes**

**13/17 Parish Footpath report**

Cllr Mike Wykes considered the plan to divert footpath 8 around the quarry to be a sound proposal.

The kissing gates installed on the footpath 15 from Foxcombe Road to Bayworth have not completely solved the problem with cyclists but have reduced it.

St John's College has installed a new fence along the edge of their wood but already one rail has been sawn through. Mike has reported this to the college but intends to repair the fence himself.

**14/17 Planning Applications**

**P16/V1704/FUL Bayworth Park**

The Planning Inspectorate dismissed the appeal ref APP/V3120/W/16/3158507 which sought to have conditions 4 and 5 removed. These related to the retention of parking facilities and the re-instatement of landscaping.

**P17/V0183/LB Beaulieu Court Cottage**

To remove an internal 20<sup>th</sup> century panel door and frame at the bottom of a stair way. To remove the concrete render on the internal walls associated with the door. The Parish Council has no observation to make.

**P17/V0155/LDE Blakes Oak Farm**

An application that seeks a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development for the existing depot which has been in continual operation for a sufficient period to now become lawful. In reviewing the application the local planning authority is unable to take any comments on the planning merits of the proposal.

**15/17 Accounts for payment.**

Bank transfer	Clerk	Jan Salary and Office Expenditure	498.16
Bank transfer	HMRC	Jan PAYE	102.00
Bank transfer	Bayworth Baptist Chapel	Nov hall hire	24.00
Cheque	1680 Mark McCracken	Bayworth triangle	40.00

**16/17 Any other business.**

Cllr Paul Wooldridge reported that, following the district council's recent work to improve the water flow through Bayworth has meant the ditches are flowing well. The ditch between Bayworth and Sunningwell, however, is now partially blocked. It was agreed the clerk should ask Mark McCracken to clear the ditch. **ACTION Clerk**

**17/17 The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 27 February 2017 at Bayworth Chapel Hall starting at 7.30pm**

*The Chair closed the January meeting at 9:30 p.m.*