

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 25 September 2017 at BAYWORTH Chapel

Present:

Councillors

James Greenman, Colin Weyer, Paul Wooldridge and Elizabeth Bennett.

In attendance:

County Councillor Bob Johnston. District Councillor Emily Smith
Mike Woodward. Rachel Willis
Brian Rixon (Clerk).

113/17 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

There were two parishioners present and matters discussed included:

Sunningwell Pond. Mike Woodward commented on the state of the pond and asked if the Council has any plans to improve the area. The Chairman advised that we are due to undertake a scheduled general tidy up and weed clearing exercise shortly and have future plans to remove the concrete lining and re-line the pond in clay. This should significantly improve the environment in the pond. The Council will also review the appropriateness of the current maintenance arrangements.

Bayworth Triangle footpath. Rachel Willis asked what progress has been made in replacing the footpath. The Chairman said we are close to deciding which of two quotations to accept.

County Councillor Bob Johnston reported

- a cautious local government reaction to the Central Government's aim to reduce the number of new houses planned.
- The Oxford Cambridge Expressway could be open by 2027. The current stage aims to produce a narrow range of options and to start the design process.
- There is an indication that the Vale of White Horse District Council plans to safeguard the route of a cycle track from Dalton Barracks to Lodge Hill

Councillor Emily Smith, in relation to the Local Plan Part 2, is concerned that the Dalton Barracks proposed housing development is based on having the Lodge Hill Park and Ride service which could significantly increase the number of cars on the local roads. Emily will raise her objections at the next Local Plan Committee meeting. *(Since the meeting the VoWH has announced a period of public consultation on LPP2 between Wednesday 11 October and 5p.m. on Wednesday 22 November 2017. The Parish Council will be working with SPADE to arrange a drop in session for residents to discuss and review LPP2)*

Cllr Bob Johnston added that County Officer Arran Winston would be prepared to liaise with Sunningwell Parish Council early next year when more detail will be available.

114/17 Apologies for absence.

District Councillor Debby Hallett.

Parish Councillors Oliver Isaacs, Andrew Veal and Mike Wykes

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115/17 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

None

116/17 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 31 July 2017.

The minutes were approved and signed.

117/17 Village Green Purchase

Cllr Paul Wooldridge has completed the purchase of the Sunningwell Parish Village Green from the Diocese. The total cost was within budget at £40,000 plus £3,368 of legal and agent fees.

The Chairman said we should now formalise the appointment of Bob Evans as honorary Curator.

ACTION Cllr James Greenman

118/17 Parish Boundary review

Cllr Colin Weyer will draft a letter for the Council to send to Steven Corrigan, the Democratic Services Manager at the Vale of White Horse District Council, by the deadline of 16 October in preparation for the meeting later in October.

ACTION Cllr Colin Weyer

119/17 Bayworth Triangle Footpath

Rachel Willis will seek confirmation on the detail of the proposed path using concrete rather than wooden edging and feed the quotation information back to the Council. The Council will then be ready to award the contract.

120/17 Bayworth Park

Cllr Paul Wooldridge has notified the Vale of White Horse District Council of concerns that plot 13 on the site has a base built over the mains gas line. He understands that the Vale has written to the site owners.

121/17 Village Hall Lease

Cllr Oliver Isaacs is ready to pass the matter to solicitors to prepare the lease and had asked the Council to advise on which firm to use.

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Paul Wooldridge would speak to John Simms, who has dealt with the Village Green purchase, to see if his firm will also deal with the Hall lease and to ask him to give an indication of cost rates.

ACTION Cllr Paul Wooldridge

122/17 Foxcombe Road traffic calming

The speed reduction project for Foxcombe Road is nearing the implementation stage.

The discussion in Council led to the question of further measures to inhibit speeding in Boars Hill and the rest of the parish. All councillors were asked to give the matter some consideration and then send any recommendations, or comments, to the clerk before the next meeting.

ACTION All Councillors

Rachel Willis offered to seek the views of Bayworth residents, and give feedback to the clerk.

123/17 Firework Event Saturday 4 November

The clerk will check with Cllr Oliver Isaacs to see if the Council needs to do anything further at this stage. Cllr Elizabeth Bennett is willing to supply drinks and snacks for children, and 100 mince pies for adults.

The Council agreed that the building of the bonfire would start at 10 a.m. on Saturday 4 November and that any wood could be delivered to the green from now onwards.

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124/17 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr James Greenman is continuing his conversation with Hilary Lombard of Community First Oxford.

125/17 Planning Applications

No applications under review

126/17 Accounts for payment.

Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure	505.64
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	109.20
Bank transfer	Mark McCracken	Grass cutting and strimming in July August	245.00

127/17

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday 30 October 2017
at Bayworth Chapel Hall**

The Chairman closed the September meeting at 9:50 p.m.