

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 27 November 2017 at BAYWORTH Chapel

Present:

Councillors

James Greenman, Paul Wooldridge, Mike Wykes and Elizabeth Bennett.

In attendance:

Brian Rixon – Clerk to the Parish Council

147/17 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

County Councillor Bob Johnston sent a written report for the meeting:

- His group of County Councillors has objected to the proposal in the Vale of White Horse District Council's Local Plan Part 2 to safeguard land in Sunningwell Parish for a possible cycle track and bus lane to Lodge Hill.
- The County is to receive £215m over the next five years. £150m for infrastructure, £60m for social housing and £5m to provide officer resource to manage the programme.
- The National Infrastructure Commission has placed great emphasis on the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway being parallel to the West-East rail link currently being developed and rolled out.

148/17 Apologies for absence.

County Councillor Bob Johnston
District Councillors Debby Hallett and Emily Smith.
Parish Councillors Andrew Veal, Oliver Isaacs and Colin Weyer.

149/17 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

Cllr Mike Wykes – Village Hall matters.

150/17 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 30 October 2017.

The minutes were approved and signed.

151/17 Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part 2

The Parish Council is very grateful to Colin Thomas, Annie Thomas, Noel Newson and other members of SPADE for their contributions and support in drafting the Parish Council's response to LPP2. This involved many hours of research and preparation including the well-attended village "Drop in public briefing session" on Sunday 12 November.

The Parish Council's response to the plan was submitted before the deadline on 22 November.

The Parish Council intends to participate in the EIP – Examination in Public.

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152/17 Flood prevention measures

Cllr Paul Wooldridge has had two meetings with David Baldwin, a consultant representing the County Council, to discuss the current condition of waterways within the Parish and arrange for the County Council to clear the drains under the roadways.

The clerk was asked to start preparing a map of the ditches and culverts in the Parish and identify the adjacent Riparian owners with a view to contacting them with a reminder of their responsibility to keep the ditches clear.

ACTION Clerk

153/17 Traffic Calming

Following the success in having the speed limit on part of the Foxcombe Road reduced to 30mph, Cllr Colin Weyer has started a dialogue with County Officers about roads within Sunningwell and Bayworth.

ACTION Cllr Colin Weyer

154/17 Bayworth Triangle Footpath renewal

The order has been placed for the renewal of the footway on Bayworth Triangle and work is anticipated to start early in January.

155/17 Outdoor Fitness Equipment

The council has had an initial conversation with a supplier of outdoor fitness equipment. The council sees some benefit in the idea but would need someone to take ownership of such a project, with the Parish Council offering a grant. Anyone reading this note and interested in taking this project forward should contact the clerk for further information.

156/17 Village Hall Lease

As the heads of terms have been agreed, Cllr Oliver Isaacs has instructed our legal advisor at Bower and Bailey to prepare the lease.

ACTION Cllr Oliver Isaacs

The Council agreed to pay the ceiling repair grant of £2,500 to the Village Hall Committee

ACTION Clerk

157/17 Sunningwell Pond

The Parish Council is grateful to Bob Evans and the Green Gym for laying a second section of new hedging on the village green. They then moved to the Village Pond and were able to clear a significant amount of pond weed, and trim shrubs around the area.

With thanks to all that joined in, it was noted that people from Sunningwell were in a minority, even though several complaints had been made about the condition of the pond.

A further session will be planned for next Spring.

158/17 Village Green

An area has been rotovated and sown with wild flower seeds.

From next season the Council has agreed to regularly close mow a significant area, near the village green entrance, to encourage activities that would benefit from such a surface.

The drain cover in the village green is in a poor condition and will be repaired.

ACTION Cllr James Greenman

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159/17 White Gates

The white gates at the entrances to Sunningwell and Bayworth were repainted in July 2016 and the Council agreed they should be done again in 2019.

160/17 Precept for 2018/19

Following discussion of a draft schedule of likely expenditure, it was agreed the Precept for the next financial year, would be set at the same level as the current year, namely £30,000.

161/17 Grievance Procedure

Following discussion of a draft schedule prepared by the Chairman and the Clerk, the Council agreed to adopt a procedure for dealing with any grievance against the Council. A copy will be forwarded to the Vale of White Horse Standards Committee.

ACTION Clerk

162/17 Planning Applications

No planning applications needed action.

163/17 Accounts for payment.

Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, and Office Expenditure	523.42
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	109.40
	Ian Hutt	Village Green mowing	210.00
Bank transfer	Mark McCracken	Grass cutting and strimming October	120.00
Bank transfer	Bayworth Chapel	Hall hire November	24.00
Bank transfer	Village Hall	Grant for ceiling repair	2,500.00
Bank transfer	Cllr Oliver Isaacs	Refreshments at firework event	377.46
Bank transfer	Cllr James Greenman	Lighting for village green events	99.98
Cheque	MRH Services	Playground equipment inspection	50.00

164/17 The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday 29 January 2018 at Bayworth**

The Chairman closed the November meeting at 8:50 p.m.