

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 26 March 2018 at BAYWORTH Chapel

Present:

Councillors

Colin Weyer, Paul Wooldridge, Mike Wykes, Andrew Veal and Elizabeth Bennett

In attendance:

County Councillor Bob Johnston
District Councillor Emily Smith
Brian Rixon – Clerk to the Parish Council

31/18 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

County Councillor Bob Johnston commented that:

- The route for the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway continues to be discussed with the current emphasis on it starting from Lodge Hill.
- He has put a motion down for the Pension Board in respect of the three yearly review of investment strategy.

District Councillor Emily Smith reported that

- The Community Liaison Group for the North Abingdon Development was advised that the current plans show two community areas – one near the centre and the other nearer to Lodge Hill.
- Community Grants will be available in two rounds this year and the first is from 25 April to 6 June.

Emily was asked about the timing for any enforcement action regarding Bayworth Park, and advised the Council that there is a 90 day period between the Notice being served and any action being taken.

Shirley Robinson attended the meeting to ask if any further information was needed regarding the planning application for a garage at Pond Cottage. The Council commented that the application was due for review this week and discussed what time of day would be convenient to visit the site.

32/18 Apologies for absence.

Parish Councillor James Greenman. District Councillor Debby Hallett.
Absent – Parish Councillor Oliver Isaacs.

33/18 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

Cllr Mike Wykes – Village Hall matters.

34/18 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 26 February 2018.

The minutes were approved and signed.

Signed Chairman. Date

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35/18 Flood Prevention Measures

The County Council officer visited Bayworth to review the clearing of the two culverts under Quarry Road. He concluded that the culvert had been properly jetted but that the problem lies in the partially blocked ditch to the East of the road.

The clerk contacted the adjacent landowners who, following advice from their land agent, consider the responsibility does not lie with them as the ditch is not on their land.

The Council discussed the situation and agreed that the clerk should seek advice from the Vale of White Horse District Council.

36/18 Defibrillators emergency telephone system.

Cllr Colin Weyer has delivered a flyer to houses within range of the Boars Hill defibrillator asking for volunteers who are willing to respond in the event of a cardiac arrest in the area. So far he has received one formal and three informal responses.

Cllr Andrew Veal will undertake a similar exercise in Sunningwell and will liaise with Cllr Weyer.

ACTION Cllrs Colin Weyer and Andrew Veal

37/18 Traffic Calming near Beaulieu Court

Cllr Mike Wykes confirmed that a meeting took place between the Parish Council and the County team. Cllr James Greenman and Cllr Mike Wykes attended as did Tony Thomas.

Options to address the problem included:

- Moving the 30mph signs further east from the village;
- Attempting to reduce the speed limit to 40mph for the rest of the road;
- Moving the white gates further east;
- Putting a tarmac surface on the informal "passing place".

It was also noted that tyre tracks have gone very near a gas meter and consideration should be given to installing bollards to protect the meter.

The County officers will now evaluate the cost of the different actions and report their findings to Cllr James Greenman.

ACTION Cllr James Greenman

As no mention was made of the damaged sign being re-installed, this will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

38/18 Village Hall lease

Cllr Oliver Isaacs was not at the meeting and so no update on the progress of the lease was available. Cllr Colin Weyer will contact him for further information.

ACTION Cllrs Colin Weyer and Oliver Isaacs

39/18 Land adjacent to the Village Hall.

During March the clerk contacted Carter Jonas for information on the land adjacent to the village hall. Cllr Paul Wooldridge will now speak to Ed Smith, of Carter Jonas, to discuss the matter further.

ACTION Cllr Paul Wooldridge

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40/18	Lodge Hill
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The clerk received a letter from Johan Koster on 9 March in which he asked what support he might expect from the Parish Council regarding the various possible developments around the Lodge Hill area. The clerk replied that Lodge Hill was regularly on Council meeting agenda, and discussions were held in respect of possible developments to make the interchange a full diamond interchange, to develop a park & ride site, address traffic concerns and the allocation of land for a cycle and bus route from Dalton Barracks.

The clerk also confirmed that Mr Koster's email was copied to each councillor and the Chairman would reply with a more specific reply as soon as possible.

ACTION Cllr James Greenman

41/18	Community/Neighbourhood Planning
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The clerk received a letter on 6 March from Jeremy Flawn who is acting for the Vale of White Horse District Council in providing cover for the Vale's Neighbouring Planning Officer role. He asked if the Parish Council could provide an update of where it is with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The clerk advised Mr Flawn that he had forwarded the letter to Cllr James Greenman who will reply in more detail.

ACTION Cllr James Greenman

42/18	Planning concerns – Red Copse gateway and Bayworth Park enforcement
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No update has been received on either of these matters.
District Councillor Emily Smith kindly offered to speak to Zoe Spring, the Officer dealing with the Red Copse matter.

43/18	Planning applications
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P18/V0479/HH Pond Cottage Erection of garage
The council support the application
P18/V0444/HH 2 Woodland Cottages Outbuilding for holiday letting.
The council has no objection.

It was agreed that planning applications will now be allocated on a rota basis, rather than the previous voluntary basis, to a lead councillor who will ensure the review is completed by the deadline.

44/18	Clerk's salary
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The council confirmed that the clerk's salary should move to the next level on the NJC scale, SCP27, as stipulated in the contract of employment. This will mean a pre-tax increase of £17.20 per month.

45/18	Accounts for payment.
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Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, and Office Expenditure	558.84
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	109.40
Bank transfer	Community First Oxford	Annual subscription	55.00
Bank transfer	Oxford Green Belt Network	Annual subscription	15.00
Bank transfer	Ox Assn Local Councils	Annual subscription	169.22
Bank transfer	Storm Fireworks	Deposit for November 2018 display	312.50
Bank transfer	Mark McCracken	Flood prevention clearing of grids	60.00

46/18	The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 30 April 2018 at Bayworth
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The Chairman closed the March meeting at 8:55p.m.