

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 25 June 2018 at BAYWORTH Chapel

Present:

Councillors

James Greenman, Colin Weyer, Elizabeth Bennett and Oliver Isaacs

In attendance:

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

77/18 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

County Councillor Bob Johnston reported that:

- The County Council is to change all street lights to LED with a potential saving of £1m per annum.
 - Cherwell District Council is seeking a partnership with Oxfordshire County Council following the need for the current Cherwell arrangement with South Northamptonshire District Council to be cancelled.
 - Oxfordshire County Council has allocated further monies to address pothole repairs.
 - The “Fix My Street” reporting service is being expanded to enable Parish Councils to become “Super Reporters”.
- ACTION Clerk**

78/18 Apologies for absence.

District Councillors Emily Smith & Debby Hallett.
Parish Councillors Paul Wooldridge, Andrew Veal and Mike Wykes.

79/18 Declarations of members’ interests in respect of any item.

None

80/18 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 14 May 2018.

The minutes were approved and signed.

81/18 Flood Prevention matters

Cllr Paul Wooldridge had raised a concern over the flow of rain water along the road down into Bayworth and also from Bayworth to Sunningwell and had discussed it with Cllr James Greenman. The clerk was asked to contact Oxfordshire County Council and raise the Parish Council’s concern that the lack of capacity in the gulleys seems to be the cause.

ACTION Clerk

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82/18 Parish Maintenance Plan

Pond. On Saturday 23 June Cllr James Greenman met Jeremy Biggs from the Freshwater Habitats Trust, and the European Pond Conservation Network, to discuss the recommended approach to maintaining Sunningwell pond. Jeremy undertook tests and will send the council a report on nutrients together with a quote for an on-going maintenance plan.

Village Green. It was agreed that the current project involving mowing the grass short in the front area of the village green, should be continued. It was noted that it has attracted positive use from parishioners.

White Gates. The gates marking the entrances to Sunningwell and Bayworth should be painted again in 2019.

Mud on roads. A positive dialogue has been established with the farmer to monitor mud on the roads.

83/18 Parish Picnic Saturday 23 June.

The Parish Picnic was a great success and it was agreed that a good format has been established for future years. Costs were carefully controlled and Cllr Elizabeth Bennett was able to collect £50 of donations for the church.

The Parish Council is very grateful to all those involved in making the event such a success.

84/18 Local Plan Part Two

Cllr James Greenman met SPADE on 23 June and prepared submissions for our scheduled presentations at the Local Plan Part 2 EiP on 25th and 26th July. He asked if Councillors are available to attend and Cllr Oliver Isaacs said he may be able to. If no Councillor is available, SPADE will be asked to present on behalf of the Council.

85/18 Traffic Calming near the Beaulieu Court entrance to Sunningwell

We now have clarity on when the "Sunningwell" sign will be reinstalled and the other signs will be cleaned by the County Council.

The other possible works would not be funded by the County Council. The detail has been circulated to all councillors and the matter will be considered at the Parish Council meeting in July.

86/18 Community Governance Review – Parish boundary

The November VoWH Community Governance meeting minutes indicated that a review of the Sunningwell Parish boundary would be undertaken. The Vale of White Horse District Council decided to have no boundary review until the Local plan and Parliamentary Boundaries changes are implemented. The decision to undertake the review has been recorded as being made before this decision was taken and is therefore being progressed. The Parish Council and our District Councillor have submitted representations seeking to have the outcome of the review delayed until after May 2019.

Following concern that a boundary change should not affect the S106 monies already agreed, the clerk wrote to Emily Hammerton at South and Vale. She replied saying that they are still checking with their legal team but their opinion is that it was a legal agreement showing the amount and who it was payable to. This could only be changed by a Deed of Variation and not by a boundary change.

87/18 Village Hall lease

As Cllr Mike Wykes was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting due to illness, this matter was postponed until the next agenda.

ACTION Cllr Mike Wykes

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88/18	Village Hall carpark surface
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This autumn Cllr Colin Weyer will seek further information on the likely costs of laying a proper surface on the village hall carpark. **ACTION Cllr Colin Weyer**

89/18	Defibrillators – emergency telephone system
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Cllr Colin Weyer has installed a new battery in the Boars Hill defibrillator.

He has only four or five volunteers for an emergency telephone system but will attempt to have the system set up. **ACTION Cllr Colin Weyer**

No progress has been reported on a system for the Sunningwell defibrillator. **ACTION Cllr Andrew Veal**

90/18	Neighbourhood / Community Plan
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The draft joint Neighbourhood Plan for Wootton and St Helen Without Parish has been issued and their councillors are encouraging liaison.

The Chairman asked the clerk to circulate the link to the Wootton plan so that Sunningwell Councillors could view it and feedback thoughts for the proposed Sunningwell Neighbourhood Plan, and liaison with neighbouring parishes. **ACTION Clerk and all Councillors**

91/18	Planning applications
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P18/V1065/FUL Broomfields Demolish house and build a replacement
 Cllr James Greenman reviewed the plans and has no objection, but proposed some conditions.
P18/V1182/HH 3 Dark Lane Conservatory
 Cllr Mike Wykes reviewed this application and recommended it should be opposed.

92/18	Accounts for payment.
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Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure, Anti-virus	556.29
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	115.00
Bank transfer	Ian Hutt	Village green grass cutting	222.00
Bank transfer	Mark McCracken	Grass mowing and strimming	240.00
Bank transfer	Community Heartbeat	Boars Hill defibrillator battery	282.00
Bank transfer	Sheila Greenman	Village picnic expenditure	109.10
Bank transfer	Jo Veal	Village picnic expenditure	52.51
Bank transfer	Simon Blower	Village picnic expenditure	23.66
Bank transfer	Sheila Robinson	Village picnic expenditure	29.00
Bank transfer	James Greenman	Gas barbecue for village events	231.00
Bank transfer	Aasvogel	Skip for pond clearance	221.00
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93/18	The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 30 July 2018 at Bayworth Chapel from 7:30
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The Chairman closed the June meeting at 8:40p.m.