

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 30 July 2018 at BAYWORTH Chapel

Present:

Councillors

James Greenman, Elizabeth Bennett, Paul Wooldridge, Mike Wykes and Andrew Veal

In attendance:

County Councillor Bob Johnston
Tony Sermon and Mike Woodward
Brian Rixon – Clerk to the Parish Council

94/18 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

Mike Woodward commented that the low wall by the culvert under the road opposite the Chapel has been hit by a vehicle and has fallen into the ditch. The Parish Council will contact Oxfordshire County Council and suggest it be replaced with a more visible barrier such as a post and bar fence.

Tony Sermon commented that one owner on Bayworth Park is about to be evicted following the District Council's correct action in opposing the locating of a base and home without planning permission.

The willow tree by the pond has been significantly damaged by the weather. The Parish Council will arrange for a tree surgeon to pollard the tree. If need be the County Council will be contacted to clear any fallen branches from the highway.

County Councillor Bob Johnston commented further on:

- The County Council changes to street lighting.
- Cherwell District Council's potential partnership with Oxfordshire County Council.
- The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway corridor decision being postponed until the autumn.

95/18 Apologies for absence.

District Councillors Emily Smith & Debby Hallett.
Parish Councillors Colin Weyer and Oliver Isaacs.

96/18 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

Mike Wykes regarding Village Hall matters.

97/18 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 25 Jun 2018.

The minutes were approved and signed.

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98/18 Pot holes on the roads

On July 11th Cllrs Paul Wooldridge and Elizabeth Bennett met Vanessa Buckley and Tracy Morton from Oxfordshire District Council to discuss an enhancement to their “Fix My Street” website whereby “super users” would receive training and equipment to inspect and mark potholes requiring more urgent repair.

Cllr Mike Wykes volunteered to take part and it was agreed that Cllr James Greenman should ask Tony Thomas if he would like to be involved. Cllr Paul Wooldridge will then write to Vanessa to further the arrangement.

ACTION Cllrs James Greenman and Paul Wooldridge

99/18 North Hinksey Parish Council – discussion on the Oxford Cambridge Expressway

Cllrs James Greenman and Elizabeth Bennett accepted an invitation to attend the North Hinksey Parish Council meeting on 19th July. The Oxford Cambridge Expressway was discussed.

100/18 Local Plan Part 2 Examination in Public Tuesday 24 July to Thursday 26 July

Cllr James Greenman represented the Parish Council on one of the days and SPADE undertook that role on the other days, as well as speaking separately from their own perspective.

The Parish Council minutes its thanks to Annie and Colin Thomas, and Bob Warne, for the fantastic way they represented the Council.

The QC for the Vale of White Horse District Council thanked the representatives for having a considered approach to the proceedings.

The next stage is the South Wantage area in September with the whole plan being approved by the end of the year.

101/18 Community Governance Review – Parish Boundary (North Abingdon)

Cllr James Greenman attended the review on 26th July when Abingdon Town and Botley Councils also attended. A lot was learned about the process. It will now go out to public consultation before the committee decision in October 2018.

102/18 Flood prevention – Bayworth to Sunningwell

As mention in the public section at the start of the meeting, the culvert wall near Bayworth Chapel has been damaged. The clerk will contact the County Council.

The clerk is also seeking an update on the discussions between the landowner and the District Council on clearing the section of ditch immediately outside of Bayworth on the road to Sunningwell.

The Council then discussed the possibility of the Parish Council arranging to clear the area of ditches immediately before and after culverts. The clerk reminded the council of the constraints on working “on the highway” and was asked to check on the County rules and advice.

ACTION Clerk

103/18 Village hall lease

Cllr Oliver Isaacs was, at short notice, unable to attend the council meeting but asked the council to consider the proposal, from the village hall committee, that the section on paying for capital expenditure should be amended to say “any work which the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee deem to go beyond routine maintenance and small scale improvement of the premises”.

A lengthy discussion followed with some councillors feeling the wording would be acceptable as both parties could be relied upon to take a reasonable stance. Cllr Paul Wooldridge expressed a stronger view, based on his professional experience, warning against imprecise clauses in what was already a generous lease. The conclusion was that Cllr Oliver Isaacs should not rely on a short summary but should hear the detail in person. Cllr James Greenman would update him on the situation and the matter should be concluded at the September Council meeting.

ACTION Cllr James Greenman

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104/18 Village green

The top gate to the green is considered vulnerable to unauthorised access and so the clerk has arranged for a contractor to resolve.

The Council discussed the area where the grass has been cut short during June and July and concluded that it was successful and should be continued.

The firework event is confirmed for Saturday 3rd November at 6:15 for 7p.m.
 Cllr James Greenman is not available that weekend to supervise the building and lighting of the bonfire. Cllr Andrew Veal indicated he may be available. Cllr Elizabeth Bennett will oversee the refreshments.

105/18 Defibrillators

Responding to a general comment from the Ambulance service that many defibrillators are housed in telephone kiosks that are unclean and thus the effective use of the defibrillator is compromised. Cllr Andrew Veal considers the Sunningwell installation to be perfectly acceptable.

New pads have been ordered and the project to create an emergency telephone system is being progressed in Sunningwell.

106/18 Planning applications

P18/V1670/RM North Abingdon 200 dwellings
 Cllr James Greenman will review the plans.

P18/V1664/HH Pinsgrove, Chiswell Lane. Rear extension and general upgrading.
 Cllr Oliver Isaacs will review this application.

P18/V1182/HH 3 Dark Lane Conservatory
 The application was approved.

107/18 Accounts for payment.

Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure.	528.15
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	115.20
Bank transfer	Ian Hutt	Village green grass cutting	222.00
Bank transfer	Mark McCracken	Grass mowing and strimming	80.00
Bank transfer	Mark White	Shorter cuts on an area of village green in June	336.00

108/18 **The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 24 September 2018
at Bayworth Chapel from 7:30**

The Chairman closed the July meeting at 9:45p.m.