

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 24 September 2018 at BAYWORTH Chapel

Present:

Councillors

James Greenman, Colin Weyer, Paul Wooldridge, Mike Wykes and Oliver Isaacs.

In attendance:

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

109/18 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

District Councillor Emily Smith explained that the planning application deadline for Foxcombe Hall (Peking University) has been extended and the application has been called in to the Planning Committee rather than be decided by council officers.

Emily also gave an update on the Local Plan Part 2 inspection.

County Councillor Bob Johnston was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report to be read out, commenting on:

- The County Council's plan to adopt a new style of working to save in excess of £33 million. Entitled "Fit for the Future" it has a number of elements including rationalising the 450 different IT systems currently in use.
- The County Council's plan to replace all street lighting with LEDs and save £3m a year.
- The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway.

110/18 Apologies for absence.

County Councillor Bob Johnston and District Councillor Debby Hallett.
Parish Councillors Elizabeth Bennett and Andrew Veal.

111/18 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

Mike Wykes regarding Village Hall matters.

112/18 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 30 Jul 2018.

The minutes were approved and signed.

113/18 Willow Tree by the pond

The Council has arranged for the willow tree to be professionally pollarded on 24th and 25th October.

A further branch has snapped but a swift response by the electricity company resulted in it sending a team to trim that part of the tree away from the power cables. The Parish Council is grateful to Lee and Debbie King for identifying the problem and contacting the Electricity company.

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114/18 Tree of Remembrance

The Parish Council has responded positively to the County Council offer to provide a tree and plaque to the parish as part of the Nation's commemoration of the centenary of the armistice of World War One.

Cllr James Greenman will contact Bob Evans to agree the format for the planting of the tree on the village green after the church service on Sunday 11th November 2018. A further six disease resistant elm trees will be planted in the same area when they can be purchased.

ACTION Cllrs James Greenman

115/18 Firework and bonfire event on Saturday 3rd November 2018

Cllr James Greenman will oversee the building of the bonfire on the Saturday morning and set up the lighting system. He will also prepare leaflets to be distributed by the other councillors. Councillors Paul Wooldridge, Mike Wykes and Colin Weyer are available to help with the Saturday morning preparations. Councillor Elizabeth Bennett has wood and a guy for the fire and will organise mince pies, crisps and soft drinks. Councillor Oliver Isaacs will prepare the mulled wine.

ACTION Various councillors

116/18 Pothole reporting

On 11th July the Parish Council responded positively to the County Council's offer to enhance their "Fix My Street" program. Councillor Mike Wykes then emailed on 1st August to try to arrange the offered training but has received no response. Councillor Paul Wooldridge also tried to progress the project. He will send his correspondence to District Councillor Emily Smith who kindly offered to speak to the County representatives.

117/18 Replenishing salt bins

It was agreed that salt supplies are needed for the Bayworth Triangle bin and for the one near Beaulieu Court. The clerk was asked to complete the relevant proformas to arrange for bagged salt to be delivered to both locations.

ACTION Clerk

118/18 Traffic survey

The Parish Council discussed the possibility of a further traffic survey on the main entrances to the parish and for raw data to be collected on volumes of traffic together with speed and ANPR information. Councillor Colin Weyer agreed to start preparing a brief following confirmation from Councillor James Greenman of the locations to be monitored.

ACTION Cllrs James Greenman and Colin Weyer

119/18 Highway ditch between Bayworth and Sunningwell

The clerk was asked to check if the District Council enforcement office had conducted a land registry search on the land immediately behind the ditch.

ACTION Clerk

120/18 Village Hall lease

The terms of the village hall lease were discussed and are still subject to negotiation.

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121/18	Defibrillators – emergency telephone system
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This is still being progressed.

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As there is still some concern over the certainty of these funds, District Councillor Emily Smith offered to speak directly with the relevant council officers.

123/18	Planning applications
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P18/V1964/Foxcombe Hall (Peking University) College buildings
Cllr Paul Wooldridge will oversee the review of the plans.

124/18	Accounts for payment.
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Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure.	526.62
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	113.40
Bank transfer	Ian Hutt	Village green grass cutting	222.00
Bank transfer	Mark McCracken	Grass mowing and strimming	177.00
Bank transfer	Mark White	Shorter cuts on an area of village green in June	144.00
Bank transfer	RoSPA	Annual Playground Inspection	84.00
Bank transfer	Moore Stephens	Annual external audit	484.80

125/18	The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 29 October 2018 at Bayworth Chapel from 7:30
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The Chairman closed the September meeting at 9:25p.m.