

# SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 18 March 2019 at BAYWORTH Chapel

### Present:

**Councillors** Paul Wooldridge (in Chair), Elizabeth Bennett, Mike Wykes.

**In attendance:** County Councillor Bob Johnston.  
Paul Darby, Belen Wilcox, Ted Wilcox  
Brian Rixon – Clerk to the Parish Council

### 27/19 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

**Paul Darby** said he has obtained an estimate to replace the two benches on Bayworth Triangle but is also investigated the cost of repainting the existing metal frames and replacing the wood with a treated hardwood. The Chairman thanked him for his efforts and asked him to update the council when he has the final prices.

**Ted and Belen Wilcox** sought the Council's support in encouraging people to only use the definitive footpaths when walking across their farmland. This matter is on the agenda and is reported below in Minute 33/19.

**County Councillor Bob Johnston** commented on the developing Oxfordshire 2050 Plan (LPT4) with possible congestion charging in larger towns. He also referred to a ministerial statement regarding infrastructure to be put in place, including a new bridge at Culham.

### 28/19 Apologies for absence.

Parish Councillors James Greenman, Colin Weyer and Oliver Isaacs.

### 29/19 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

None

### 30/19 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 25 February 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed.

### 31/19 Roadside hedge trimming near Beaulieu Court

Cllr Mike Wykes has spoken to the residents in the area near Beaulieu Court where it is proposed that the hedges should be cut, and ascertained that there is no objection. The verge on the Beaulieu Court side of the road will not be cut as there are gas meters and supply pipes attached to the building walls close to the bank.

### 32/19 Village hall lease

The meeting due to have held on March 12th has been rearranged for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, with the aim of discussing the final version of the lease and hopefully having it signed.

**ACTION Cllr Oliver Isaacs**

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## 33/19 Public Footpaths

The Council agreed to fully support Ted and Belen Wilcox in their quest to ensure only the footpaths shown on the Oxfordshire definitive map are used within the Parish. Their land has over 5.5 kilometres of these official footpaths and they are regularly checked and maintained so that walkers can enjoy the local countryside.

County Councillor Bob Johnston fully supported the stance.

People and dogs walking elsewhere over land that Mr and Mrs Wilcox, and their tenants, farm are running a health and safety risk, and are damaging crops and the important wildlife preservation corridors that the farmers work hard to protect and manage.

## 34/19 Dog fouling in the Parish

The Council has received complaints about dog mess within the Parish – particularly on Sunningwell Parish Village Green, Bayworth Triangle and Pen Lane. The Parish Council takes dog fouling very seriously.

Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 a person who is in charge of a dog must clean up after it when it fouls any footpath, highway, verge or other open space to which the public have access.

## 35/19 Bayworth Triangle benches

The Parish Council is grateful for Paul Darby's help in assessing the state of the two older benches on Bayworth Triangle and in proposing refurbishment or renewal. The Council has approved the project subject to obtaining an appropriate quotation for formal acceptance by the Council before work proceeds.

## 36/19 Replacement of wooden bridge from Dark Lane to the Playground

Although the Parish Council is not responsible for the footpath that crosses from Dark Lane towards the playground on the cricket field, it is concerned that the wooden bridge is in a poor state. The Council is arranging for this bridge to be replaced.

## 37/19 Planning applications

No new planning applications needed to be considered.

The clerk reported that a tree preservation order has been issued for 2 Sunningwell where applications have been put in to replace the current building with two dwellings.

## 38/19 Accounts for payment.

Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure.	549.12
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	113.40

## 39/19 The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday 15 April 2019** at Bayworth Chapel from 7:30

*The Chairman closed the March meeting at 8:55p.m.*