

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 24 Jun 2019 at BAYWORTH Chapel

Present:

Councillors Colin Weyer, Paul Wooldridge, James Greenman, Elizabeth Bennett, Mike Wykes, and Paul Darby.

In attendance: District Councillor Emily Smith. Mike Woodward.
Brian Rixon – Clerk to the Parish Council

74/19 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

Mike Woodward asked what the current strategy is for the Sunningwell village pond. James Greenman explained that he arranged separate meetings with two consultants, and each was asked to present a proposal. The clerk was asked to seek an update.

District Councillor Emily Smith gave an update on the status of the local plan with emphasis on the County's unmet housing need, and the Oxford City requirements. The latest district councillors' report is due shortly.

Bob Johnston was unable to attend the meeting but sent in a written report, commenting on the County's plan to give Oxford City an agency agreement to run the Park and Ride sites under a common management regime. The County's Waste and Minerals Plan Part 2 is delayed due to the large number of responses. The County Cabinet has signed off a new Domestic Waste strategy with the aim of increasing the recycling rate to 70%.

75/19 Apologies for absence.

County Councillor Bob Johnston. District Councillor Debby Hallett.
Oliver Isaacs – absent.

76/19 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

None

77/19 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 13 May 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed.

78/19 Benches for Bayworth Triangle

Cllr Paul Darby is finalising the proposal for three new benches on Bayworth Triangle.

79/19 The pavement on Brumcombe Lane

Councillor Paul Darby expressed concern that the pavement in front and to the side of 5 Brumcombe Lane is no longer evident. The clerk was asked to write to Oxfordshire County Council to ask them to review the matter and re-instate the pavement. **ACTION Clerk**

80/19 Verges and ditches

Cllr Paul Darby commented that the grass verge by the road down from Boars Hill is very soft and could result in vehicles going into the ditch. The Council advised that verges are a County Council responsibility. Cllr Darby will report the matter on Fix My Street.

81/19 Quarry footpath 372/8

Cllr James Greenman has received a complaint, from a parishioner, that a letter sent six months ago to the County footpaths officer did not result in a reply to his concern about the quarry footpath. The Clerk was asked to write to the County to seek an answer. **ACTION Clerk**

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82/19	Village Green Wall and Village Hall Car Park
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Both projects are progressing. Cllr Paul Wooldridge is waiting for a price and confirmation of availability from the preferred contractor regarding the village green wall repair. Cllr Colin Weyer is seeking advice from Oxfordshire County Council regarding the village hall carpark surface proposal and its link to the road.

83/19	Standing Orders
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The council unanimously agreed that the clerk should issue the latest version of the Standing Orders document, safe in the knowledge that these can be amended at any time. Issuing the latest versions each year ensures the council is compliant with audit requirements. ACTION Clerk

84/19	Financial Regulations
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Similar to the previous minute, the Financial Regulations document was approved in the same vein. ACTION Clerk

85/19	The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway.
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Cllr James Greenman suggested the Parish Council should join the North and West Parish Expressway Group (NAWPEG). A discussion followed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would join NAWPEG and support the No Expressway stance on condition that, in case this stance did not succeed, NAWPEG would also prepare a fall-back plan in support of one or more of the eastern routes.

Similarly, it was agreed that the Council would join the No Expressway Alliance.

86/19	Planning Applications.
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The application P19/V0290/FUL for the bungalow at 2 Sunningwell to be replaced by two dwellings was refused by the District Council as inappropriate development in the green belt.

Cllr James Greenman reviewed the latest update to P19/V0169 for 200 dwellings on land North West of Abingdon and offered no further comments to the District Council.

87/19	Accounts for payment.
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Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure, Land Registry, ESET	602.49
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	117.40
Bank transfer	Abbey Brass Band	Village Picnic entertainment	75.00
Bank transfer	Zurich Insurance	Annual premium	732.61
Cheque	Elizabeth Bennett	Refreshments for Annual Parish meeting	40.67
Cheque	MRH Services	Playground inspection and repair	51.00
Bank transfer	Arrow Accounting	Internal audit	295.80
Bank transfer	Mark McCracken	April and May mowing and strimming	300.00
Bank transfer	Ian Hutt	Village green May mowing	228.00
Bank transfer	M R White	Village green May short mown area	168.00

88/19	The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 29 July 2019 at Bayworth Chapel.
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The Chairman closed the June meeting at 9:15p.m.