

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 28 Oct 2019 at BAYWORTH Chapel

Present:

Councillors

Colin Weyer, Elizabeth Bennett, James Greenman, Mike Wykes and Oliver Isaacs.

In attendance:

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

123/19 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

Oxfordshire County Councillor Bob Johnston said he has chased the footpath officer regarding the steps on the Quarry footpath. He is seeking a more accurate price estimate and may be able to allocate some funds from his budget. The Parish Council has previously indicated a willingness to contribute financially.

The County and Oxford City Councils are planning and consulting on the installation of more bus gates. Also, consideration is being given to a working place parking levy.

Bob reported that District Councillor Emily Smith has talked with Highways England who are ready for the consultation stage of the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, but are still waiting for ministers to sign the paperwork. Also, the Vale of White Horse District Council has signed off the Local Plan Part 2 including Didcot Garden City and the Wantage inner ring road. The Vale now wants to focus on policy incorporating their own plans.

District Councillor Emily Smith sent her apologies for the meeting but asked that we mention that she and fellow District Councillor Debby Hallett have arranged a surgery on Monday 18 November at the Oxford Garden Centre from 10a.m. to noon.

124/19 Apologies for absence.

District Councillors Emily Smith and Debby Hallett.
Parish Councillors Paul Wooldridge and Paul Darby.

125/19 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

None

126/19 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 30 Sep 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed.

127/19 Firework Event Saturday 2 November

It was agreed that the building of the fire would begin at 9:30 on the Saturday morning. A supply of wood has already been received on the village green.

Councillor Elizabeth Bennett will oversee food preparation and waste bins. Councillor Oliver Isaacs has already purchased thermo cups and mulled wine spices and will order the wine.

ACTION Cllrs Oliver Isaacs and Elizabeth Bennett

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128/19 Christmas Event

Councillor Paul Wooldridge has already spoken to the vicar, Rob Glenny and passed information to Councillor Oliver Isaacs who has contacted the vicar and the manager of the public house. Council agreed that Councillor Isaacs may purchase lights for the tree in the churchyard, at a cost around £260 and an electric extension cable.

The suggested date for the event was Sunday 1 December at 6p.m. but Cllr Isaacs will confirm arrangements and email the rest of the council.

ACTION Cllr Oliver Isaacs

129/19 VE Day 75 8th to 10th May 2020

It was agreed that the Council will arrange an event and, perhaps, link it with the Elm tree planting.

Cllr James Greenman will ask the group that arranged the last summer picnic if they might be able to organize the day.

ACTION Cllr James Greenman

130/19 District Council Festival Grants

Cllr Paul Darby has contacted the District Council grant section and registered for information updates.

131/19 Oxford Cambridge Expressway

The meeting at Sunningwell Village Hall was very well attended.

Cllr Colin Weyer discussed with Colin Thomas, from SPADE, the ongoing aims and costs of reviewing the proposals for the Oxford Cambridge Expressway. This could involve advice on air quality and drone photography of the possible routes.

Cllr Weyer suggested to the Council meeting that a grant of £2,500 should be made to SPADE and this was agreed subject to Cllr Weyer having a further conversation on the detail with Colin Thomas.

ACTION Cllr Colin Weyer

132/19 Sunningwell Pond Consultant

On 2 October the pond consultant said he was now able to start the project.

As no further communication has been received, Cllr Colin Weyer said he would telephone and discuss the matter.

ACTION Cllr Colin Weyer

133/19 Village Green wall rebuild

Cllr Paul Wooldridge sent his apologies for this council meeting but reported that the appointed contractor has pulled out of the project for health reasons. A new contractor has agreed to start in May next year.

ACTION Cllr Paul Wooldridge

134/19 Village Hall lease

Cllr Oliver Isaacs has contacted the Council's solicitor and awaits the next update.

ACTION Cllr Oliver Isaacs

135/19 Neighbourhood Plan

The matter was discussed in some detail again and with the lack of parishioner volunteers, and the uncertainty of what issues the Council could develop policies on, it was agreed that a Neighbourhood plan should no longer be pursued and should be dropped from future agendas.

136/19 Planning applications

P19/V2326/FUL 2 Sunningwell. Demolish bungalow and replace with two large houses. This amended application was strongly objected to by the Council.

P19/V2401/FUL Bayworth Park. Regularisation of right of way.

Although the Council considered that this should have been done prior to the erection of three new homes over the route, it was agreed that no formal response be made to the application.

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137/19 Accounts for payment.			
Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure.	541.15
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	118.00
Bank transfer	Mark McCracken	September strimming	105.00
Bank transfer	Ian Hutt	September Village green mowing	228.00
Bank transfer	Storm Fireworks	Balance of payment for firework display	937.50

138/19 The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday 25 Nov 2019 at Bayworth Chapel.**

The Chairman closed the October meeting at 8:35p.m.

Signed

Chairman.

Date

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