

# SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on WEDNESDAY 27 January 2016 at SUNNINGWELL VILLAGE HALL

### Present:

#### Councillors

Paul Wooldridge (in chair), Andrew Veal,  
Colin Weyer, Oliver Isaacs and James Greenman

#### In attendance:

Elizabeth Bennett, Val Shaw (Wootton Parish Council),  
Bob Nicolls and ten other parishioners.  
Brian Rixon (Clerk)

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### Questions and Comments from members of the public.

#### Bus Services

Several parishioners attended the meeting to express their concern about the removal of bus subsidies by Oxfordshire County Council. They asked what the current subsidy is and whether a solution lies in merging with other bus routes or considering a minibus service sponsored by local businesses such as supermarkets.

Paul Wooldridge reported that he had attended a meeting with Thames Travel, and Val Shaw also attended. Val said the current subsidy is £75,000.

Thames Travel was sympathetic but, without the subsidy, is not able to keep the service going or reroute another service through the Parish.

Paul said that the Council will discuss the bus situation during the council meeting and it is likely to continue to protest to Oxfordshire County Council. Meanwhile the parishioners were advised that a petition from them to the County Council was one way to express their concerns, but this needed to be done quickly as the final OCC budget meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

#### County Councillor Bob Johnston.

Bob was unable to attend but sent a written report, in which he said he had lobbied hard for the 44 routes but fears the worse. He has asked if the section 106 monies that have been allocated for bus services could be applied to the 44 route.

In general the County Budget proposals include £69 million pounds of cuts. Council tax will go up by 3.99% but the £5.8 million thus raised will be almost entirely consumed by paying the living wage to the County's carers.

#### Community Asset

Bob Nicolls asked if the Council had been able to further consider the idea of registering the land between the village hall and Boars Hill as a community asset. The Chairman said the matter is on the agenda for further discussion and action.

Signed ..... Chairman. Date .....

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**2/16 Apologies for absence.**  
County Councillor Bob Johnston, District Councillors Emily Smith and Debby Hallett.  
Parish Councillor Hilary Lynam-Smith.

**3/16 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.**  
There were none.

**4/16 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 25 November 2015.**  
The minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

**5/16 To consider any Matters Arising from the minutes of 25 November.**

**Oxford-Cambridge Expressway**

Cllr Andrew Veal agreed to keep a watching brief on this matter.

**ACTION Cllr Andrew Veal**

**6/16 Co-option to the Parish Council.**

Following the resignation of Cllr Joanne Blower the Council followed the legal procedures to announce a vacancy. No call to election was received by the District Council and so it confirmed that the Parish Council was free to co-opt a seventh member to the council.

Paul Wooldridge nominated Elizabeth Bennett and this, seconded by Colin Weyer, was then passed unanimously.

Elizabeth completed and signed a "Declaration of Acceptance of Office" which was witnessed and signed by the clerk. A Register of Interests form will be completed and sent to the clerk.

The Council expressed its gratitude to Joanne Blower for all her work on the Council.

**7/16 Transport Survey**

Bob Hindhaugh sent his apologies for a short delay in completing the Transport review that was commissioned by the Parish Council to consider the likely effects on the parish should a park and ride facility be built near Lodge Hill. The report will now be ready early in February.

**8/16 Community Asset**

Cllr Oliver Isaacs offered to prepare and submit an application to The Vale of White Horse District Council to consider registering the land between Sunningwell and Boars Hill as a community asset.

Bob Nicolls had kindly submitted a draft proposal and Oliver will use this as source material for his application.

**ACTION Cllr Oliver Isaacs**

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## 9/16 Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations in June 2016

The Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Tim Stevenson, wrote to encourage the Parish Council to support celebrations for The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

The Parish Council discussed this and agreed to adapt the summer fete to this event. Cllr Elizabeth Bennett agreed to co-ordinate the event and will seek help with the organisation. Progress will be reported at the February Parish Council meeting.

**ACTION Cllr Elizabeth Bennett**

The clerk will write to Tim Stevenson to keep him informed of the proposed event.

**ACTION Clerk**

## 10/16 Footpath 372/15 from Boars Hill to Bayworth

Cllr Paul Wooldridge has progressed a solution with Oxfordshire County Council to address the health and safety issues caused by cyclists using the footpath. Kissing gates will be installed in two locations with OCC funding some of the cost. The Parish Council voted to pay the balance up to a maximum of £2,500.

## 11/16 Bus services

Cllr Oliver Isaacs considered it unrealistic to challenge the removal of the bus subsidies. The Parish Council does not have a statutory duty to provide public transport services but should seek to support the community. Cllr Paul Wooldridge will contact OCC on the current contracts and renewal dates and see if pressure can be put for route 4 to include the 44 route on some journeys.

**ACTION Cllr Paul Wooldridge**

## 12/16 Village Green Notice Boards and Willow Tunnel

Cllr Hilary Lynam-Smith was unable to attend the meeting, as she was unwell, so this item will be carried forward to the February agenda.

## 13/16 Web site

Cllr Andrew Veal reported that the structure is now in place. He asked all councillors to submit information to him for inclusion on the website.

Cllr Colin Weyer will prepare an item on the Neighbourhood Plan process and a map of the parish. The clerk will upload the minutes for the last year.

**ACTION All councillors**

## 14/16 Shelving in storage garage.

A proposal with measurements will be presented to the February meeting.

**ACTION Cllr James Greenman**

The agreed repainting of the white gates and oiling of the village green signs is waiting for appropriate weather conditions.

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<b>15/16</b>	<b>Parish Council Standing Orders</b>
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The Standing Orders document had been circulated to all councillors for consideration and was adopted subject to minor adjustments such as time limits on debates etc.

*ACTION Cllr Paul Wooldridge and Clerk*

<b>16/16</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>
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P15/V2758/LDP Hinksey House, Hinksey Hill OX1 5BQ  
Certificate of lawfulness for car port, garage and garden room

P15/V2691/HH Cornerways 32 Brumcombe Lane Bayworth OX13 6QT  
To Paul 7 Dec. Deadline 24 Dec. *No objection. Review: Cllr James Greenman*

P15/V2832/HH 10 Green Lane Bayworth OX13 6RG  
Demolition of garage, conservatory and rear single storey extension.  
Construction of garage with bedroom above and new rear single storey extension  
To Oliver 16 Dec. Deadline 15 Jan. *Review: Cllr Oliver Isaacs – No objection*

P15/V2893/HH The Grey House Lincombe Lane OX1 5DU  
Extensions and alterations.  
To Oliver 12 Dec. Deadline 10 Jan. *Review: Cllr Oliver Isaacs – No objection*

P15/V2898/HH 18 Sunningwell OX13 6RB  
Demolition of porch and conservatory.  
Erection of single storey extensions to front, flank and rear. Two storey rear ext.  
Ancillary building.  
To Paul 21 Dec. Deadline 14 January Just a change in roof on approved application.  
*Review: Cllr Paul Wooldridge – No objection*

P15/V2961/LB The Old Rectory OX13 6RB  
Conversion of outbuilding into single residential unit  
*Review: Cllr Paul Wooldridge – No comment*

<b>17/16</b>	<b>Accounts for payment.</b>
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1596	Clerk	Jan /Dec	Salary and Office Expenditure	521.20
1597	HMRC		PAYE	101.20
1598	White Horse Contracts		Third dam	6396.00
1599	Vale of White Horse		Emptying dog waste bin	80.38

<b>18/16</b>	<b>Any other business.</b>
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The price for emptying the dog waste bin has increased to £80 each quarter. No further bins will be installed by the District Council so the question as to whether we should cancel the current bin contract will be on the February agenda.

Cllr Elizabeth Bennett offered to be the Council's representative on the Oxford Green Belt Network (OGBN).

<b>19/16</b>	<b>The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on <span style="color: red;">Wednesday 24 February 2016</span> At Sunningwell Village Hall starting at 7.30pm</b>
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*The Chair closed the January meeting at 9:25 p.m.*