

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 31 October 2016 at BAYWORTH Chapel Hall

Present:

Councillors

Colin Weyer (in chair), Paul Wooldridge, Mike Wykes
Elizabeth Bennett, Andrew Veal and Oliver Isaacs

In attendance:

Bob Nichol
Brian Rixon (Clerk)

150/16 Questions and Comments from members of the public.

Bob Nicoll

Bob reported SPADE's opinion that there is a connection between various housing developments, in that

- Without the proposed 900 houses in Abingdon, the south spur on the Lodge Hill roundabout would not have been funded.
- Without the spur the possible Park and Ride site would not be feasible.
- The Oxford City unmet housing need could lead to proposed housing in Radley College because the P&R would be nearby.
- The preferred Oxford Cambridge link road route is off Lodge Hill roundabout through Radley.
- Landowners have been asked to nominate possible sites for unmet housing need.

Bob then asked three question posed by SPADE: What are the Parish Council's thoughts and attitude? When will the Neighbourhood Plane be ready?

Can SPADE have a view of the Transport Appraisal report and use it?

County Councillor Bob Johnston

Sent his apologies with a written report covering grass cutting, the proposed lorry park, the Children's centre in Wootton, the Unitary debate and transport issues on the A34 and the links between Oxford and Cambridge.

District Councillors Emily Smith and Debby Hallett

Sent their apologies and said their monthly report will be issued in a few days' time.

151/16 Apologies for absence.

County Councillor Bob Johnston
District Councillors Emily Smith and Debby Hallett
Parish Councillor James Greenman.

152/16 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

There were none.

153/16 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 26 September 2016.

The minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

154/16 To consider any Matters Arising from the minutes of 26 September.

Cllr Paul Wooldridge asked if there is any further progress on bus services. The Clerk has recently contacted Rachel Willis who says she has emailed a few people about the County Council Comet transport leaflet which describes how to arrange transport themselves. Rachel suggested it might help to promote the service in Sunningwell Scene.

Signed Chairman. Date

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155/16 Purchase of the Village Green via a Charitable Trust

Councillor Paul Wooldridge explained that the Charitable Trust application is about to be sent in and that HMRC have agreed that it does not have to be a charity registered by the Charities Commission. The Trust will initially have three Trustees – Cllrs Paul Wooldridge and Colin Weyer and the Clerk, Brian Rixon.

The Clerk then asked for the following forms to be signed in council:

NWB45151 Non Personal Trust Current Account Application.

NWB50050 Mandate Trust and NWB87822e Online and Telephone Banking Application.

This was done and they will be posted to the bank.

As soon as the Trust's Trust Deed is completed the original document will need to be taken to the local branch of NatWest for each page to be copied and certified by a member of the branch staff, and sent to support the bank account application. All Trustees will need to be fully identified by the bank.

The clerk will then write to all the parishioners who have pledged to make a donation and ask for a cheque to be made out and sent to the council together with a completed Gift Aid form.

Cllr Paul Wooldridge will communicate this to the Diocese to formally move the process on.

156/16 Bonfire and firework event for Sunday 6 November

The arrangements for the event were discussed and confirmed. The clerk handed over keys, for the village green and the garage store, to Cllr Elizabeth Bennett.

157/16 Foxcombe Road traffic calming

Cllr Colin Weyer reported that the process is taking some time as Oxfordshire County Highways department needed an up to date speed survey which was completed some months ago and a report on the outcome had subsequently been prepared and circulated to councillors.

A local petition in favour of a 30mph speed limit has been signed by more than 60% of voters resident along the affected stretch of road but, because of absences, about 85% of those asked were in favour.

The next stage is for Oxfordshire County Highways department to hold a small consultation with the police and some local representatives. Cllrs Weyer, Wooldridge and Bennett, who live on Boars Hill, have been invited from the Parish Council.

158/16 Village Hall new lease.

Cllr Paul Wooldridge had circulated the proposed new lease terms to all councillors for comment and approval. The proposed lease has been agreed in principal with David Shorten, the Village Hall Management Committee Chairman, but a final agreement has yet to be reached.

The council agreed that the clause stating that the Parish Council would equally share the cost of capital improvements should have a phrase added to ensure the Parish Council's agreement is sought before any commitment is made.

159/16 Photographs of past Parish Council Chairpersons.

Cllr Paul Wooldridge will seek the agreement of David Shorten, the Village Hall Management Committee Chairman, for the framed photographs to be displayed in the village hall.

ACTION Cllr Paul Wooldridge

Cllr Elizabeth Bennett will ask Hilary Lynam Smith and Bob Nicoll for their photographs in matching framing to those already received.

ACTION Cllr Elizabeth Bennett

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160/16 Parish footpaths

372/15 Foxcombe Lane to Brumcombe Lane

Cllr Mike Wykes reported that the kissing gates have not stopped cyclists using the path as they can just lift their bicycles over the gate as they walk through. Cllr Paul Wooldridge said that the County Council would not agree to taller gates.

Cllr Mike Wykes went on to say that St John's College has started scrub clearance work preparatory to replacing the fences along the border of Bagley Wood where cycle tracks clearly showed access was being made from there.

372/8 The Quarry

The temporary closure runs out in November but the County Council will extend it another year. The Countryside Access Team at the County Council had been well advanced in plans to divert the footpath through adjacent farm land when it was owned by Miss Bowditch and need to talk to the new landowner, when the new ownership is known.

161/16 Transport report

The clerk advised that this report needs to be finalised. This was discussed and a decision made for the report to be circulated to all councillors for final comments. **ACTION Clerk**

162/16 Planning Applications

P16/V2649/HH 11 Brumcombe Lane

Single storey extension with velux to the front of the property

P16/V1704/FUL Bayworth Park

Shelfside Holdings are seeking the removal of conditions on application P14/V0736/FUL and thus change the use from agricultural land to parking.

This matter has gone to appeal to the Secretary of State under reference APP/V3120/W/16/3158507

Cllr Oliver Isaacs has agreed to review both applications. **ACTION Cllr Oliver Isaacs**

163/16 Accounts for payment.

1666	Clerk	Oct Salary and Office Expenditure	497.29
1667	HMRC	PAYE	105.20
1669	Elizabeth Bennett	Playground repair	30.99
1670	MRH Services	Playground inspection and resulting repairs	357.82

164/16 Any other business.

Hilary Lynam Smith sent an email on the day of the council meeting to say that she, Joanne and Lynne are delighted that the Parish Council has decided to purchase the VG. With this in mind, they therefore suggest to the Parish Council that the VG group is disbanded. It is more than happy to give all the relevant information re: signs, paths, children's grass mazes, nature corners, and willow constructions together with a list of contacts.

165/16 The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 28 November 2016 at Bayworth Chapel Hall starting at 7.30pm

The Chair closed the October meeting at 9:30 p.m.