

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 26 June 2017 at BAYWORTH Chapel Hall

Present:

Councillors

James Greenman, Paul Wooldridge, Elizabeth Bennett and Oliver Isaacs.
Paul Wooldridge joined the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Mike Woodward and Rachel Willis
Brian Rixon (Clerk).

76/17 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

Mike Woodward said that he attended a meeting with the County Council footpaths officer regarding the Quarry footpath and the possibility of it being re-routed. Mike understood there was a delay awaiting a response from the Parish Council. The Chairman explained that we had written to the County Council after the discussion at the April council meeting. We received an acknowledgement but are yet to receive the promised response letter, even though we have sent a reminder.

Rachel Willis asked if there is any progress with renovating the Bayworth Triangle footpath. The Chairman reported that we are still awaiting a third quotation.

77/17 Apologies for absence.

County Councillor Bob Johnston (report received and read out).
District Councillors Emily Smith & Debby Hallett.
Parish Councillors Andrew Veal and Mike Wykes.

78/17 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

None

79/17 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 15 May 2017.

The minutes were approved and signed.

80/17 To elect the Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr James Greenman completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman. This was witnessed and signed by the Clerk.

81/17 Children's playground

Repairs were carried out on some of the equipment by MRH Services following a recent inspection. MRH commented on the condition of a wooden bridge across the ditch leading from Dark Lane into the cricket ground near the playground.

This is not considered the responsibility of the Parish Council but Cllr Oliver Isaacs will inspect the bridge and report back to the July Council meeting.

ACTION Cllr Oliver Isaacs.

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82/17 Village Green Summer Picnic

The village green event format proved effective and was enjoyed by many parishioners. The costs have come in under budget and donations of £235.45 were received towards the purchase of the village green.

It seems the picnic was well attended by Sunningwell and Bayworth parishioners but perhaps not many from Boars Hill. As the events are intended to be fully inclusive to all parts of the parish, Cllr Elizabeth Bennett will notify the Boars Hill Association. Cllr James Greenman will prepare an article for the Sunningwell Scene and make the point that events are for all areas of the parish. **ACTION Cllrs James Greenman & Elizabeth Bennett**

Formal thanks were minuted for Sheila Greenman, Sue Thomas, Jo Veal, Elizabeth Bennett and Simon Blower.

83/17 Village Green firework event – Saturday 4th November

An initial discussion was held about the firework event scheduled for Saturday 4th November. The firework display has been booked and the deposit paid. The proposed timing for the evening is to light the bonfire at 6 p.m. and have the fireworks display from 7 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided again. Cllr Oliver Isaacs will consider the purchase of an urn for the mulled wine and will investigate the possibility of having a food vendor.

ACTION Cllr Oliver Isaacs.

Cllr Elizabeth Bennett will review children's refreshments.

ACTION Cllr Elizabeth Bennett.

84/17 Footpaths

Bayworth Triangle

Cllr James Greenman will chase the third quotation for restoring the footpath across Bayworth Triangle.

Quarry footpath 372/8

A meeting was held by interested parties (not including the Parish Council) to discuss the possibility of re-routing the pathway. The Parish Council wrote to the County Council on 4th May and is awaiting a reply from Arthur McEwan-James, the footpaths officer. The council made further contact twice in June.

Footpath 372/10 Quarry Road towards Green Lane

Concern was raised that the entrance to this footpath is very overgrown both on the footpath itself and into Quarry Road. The clerk will ask Mark McCracken to clear the area.

Mark will also be asked to see what can be done about the tree roots protruding above the grass surface near the entrance to the village green.

ACTION Clerk

85/17 Deer Farm

The school management has met Mr Alden who is keen to have a good relationship with the school.

The Parish Council is pleased to see the land is being managed. The council has not objected to the planning application for a barn near the school but has made representations about how it may affect the community nearby.

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86/17 Grass verges

The clerk contacted the County Council about the timing of the grass verge cutting and was advised it will be late July or early August.

This concerned the councillors so the clerk was asked what the alternatives are, if any. The legal position is that a parish council may not cut grass on land it does not own or have responsibility for. Negotiations could take place for the parish to take over the verge cutting provided it paid for it and contractors were properly licenced etc.

At the June council meeting the clerk was asked to write again to the County Council and repeat out concerns about safety on the roads. In particular making the point that, now the bus services have been significantly removed, parishioners have to walk from Bayworth and Sunningwell to Lodge Hill to catch buses to their work.

87/17 Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr James Greenman is still discussing this with Community First Oxfordshire.

88/17 Lodge Hill Diamond Exchange.

The Lodge Hill junction still lacks full funding.

The proposed housing developments in North Abingdon have clauses that mean only 20% of the dwellings can be built before the junction planning is completed.

The new MP, Layla Moran is involved closely in the process and its impact on local traffic. A meeting is planned for the end of July and Sunningwell Parish Council will be attending.

89/17 First meeting of Land North of Abingdon Liaison Group.

Cllr Mike Wykes was due to give Council an update on this liaison group but, at short notice, was unable to attend the council meeting.

Mike is a member of this liaison group and has asked for a clear presentation on the rationale relating to the traffic impact on Sunningwell.

90/17 Community Infrastructure Levy.

Cllrs Paul Wooldridge and Elizabeth Bennett attended a meeting with Peter Brampton and were advised to notify the district council of our proposed projects to be funded by S106 monies. There is now doubt that CIL money will be available and this needs clarification. Cllr Paul Wooldridge is due to attend another meeting on 26 July.

91/17 Neighbouring Parish Councils Liaison Group.

The parish council wrote to the parish councils for Radley, South Hinksey, Kennington and Wootton suggesting a liaison group could be formed. We have received replies from Radley, South Hinksey and Kennington saying the idea will be presented at their next council meeting.

Layla Moran, MP supports the idea and has indicated that she would try to attend such liaison meetings.

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92/17	Village Hall Lease.
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Progress with the new lease is slow due to time constraints. Cllr Oliver Isaacs agreed to take this matter over and see it through to completion. **ACTION Cllr Oliver Isaacs.**

93/17	Planning Applications
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MAY P17/V0050/O North West of Abingdon Deadline 29 May
Outline application for 900 dwellings.
Cllr James Greenman reviewed the application, commenting on Lodge Hill, lighting and the environment.

P17/V1306/FUL Tilsley Park Deadline 14 Jun
New artificial turf pitch with fencing and 6 floodlight columns
Cllr James Greenman reviewed the application and, although not objecting, raised concern over the cumulative effect.

P17/V1384/HH Dovecote Barn, Bayworth Deadline 16 Jun
Utility and kitchen extension
Cllr Oliver Isaacs raised no objection to the proposals but suggest no further development.

JUNE P17/V1340/FUL Church Farm, Dark Lane Deadline 13 Jun
Farm building with approach
Cllr James Greenman offered no objection to the proposals but make recommendations on disease control and traffic movements due to the location of the school. Also that as many tree as possible are retained and attempts made to blend the building into the green belt. Permitted developments rights should not be created and a covenant should be added to prevent conversion to housing.

P17/V1336/0 NW of Abingdon Deadline 28 Jun
Outline application for 200 houses
Cllr James Greenman submitted his response.

94/17	Accounts for payment.
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Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure, ESET security	563.84
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	109.60
Bank transfer	Ian Hutt	Mowing village green	210.00
Bank transfer	Bayworth Baptist Chapel	May hall hire	24.00
Bank transfer	Mark McCracken	Apr & May grass cutting & strimming	365.00
Bank transfer	Opera Anywhere	Village picnic performance	300.00
Bank transfer	Jo Veal	Village green picnic expenditure	44.01
Bank transfer	Sue Thomas	Village green picnic expenditure	63.17
Bank transfer	Sheila Greenman	Village green picnic expenditure	219.89
Bank transfer	Simon Blower	Village green picnic expenditure	40.73
Bank transfer	Silver	Village picnic performance	250.00

95/17	The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 31 July 2017 at Bayworth Chapel Hall
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The Chairman closed the June meeting at 9 p.m.