

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 25 February 2019 at BAYWORTH Chapel

Present:

Councillors

Paul Wooldridge (in Chair), Elizabeth Bennett, Oliver Isaacs.
Mike Wykes attended from 8p.m.

In attendance:

County Councillor Bob Johnston and District Councillor Emily Smith.
Paul Darby, Peter Coombes, Marion Weeks, James Weeks, Tim Law,
Belen Wilcox, Ted Wilcox
Brian Rixon – Clerk to the Parish Council

14/19 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

Tim Law asked what the current status is for the possible Park & Ride Site at Lodge Hill. Cllr Bob Johnson said the slip road planning is progressing, but the P&R is unlikely to happen before 2031. The bus lane on the A34 is just an aspiration.

Paul Darby said he has reported more than ten potholes to “Fix My Street” and his report on a fly tipping incident was responded to quickly by the County Council. He also observed that two benches on Bayworth Triangle are in a poor state – the Council said they would consider replacing them.

Peter Coombes has contacted Layla Moran about the enforcement order for the removal of the base under his new home at Bayworth Park. District Councillor Emily Smith offered to help him seek further legal advice.

James and Marion Weeks expressed their concerns about the proposed planning application for 2 Sunningwell and the Council confirmed its intention to strongly oppose the development.

County Councillor Bob Johnston explained that the “Unitary” plans have been paused. The County portion of the Council tax is likely to increase by 2.9%. The Oxfordshire 2050 consultation papers do not consider the proposed Oxford Cambridge Expressway.

District Councillor Emily Smith reported that motions had been passed on Climate Emergency and on Opposition to the Oxford Cambridge Expressway as it is currently defined. The Vale Budget is not concluded as the new homes bonus is changing. The next District Councillor surgery is in Botley on 16 March.

15/19 Apologies for absence.

District Councillor Debby Hallett.
Parish Councillors James Greenman and Colin Weyer.

16/18 Declarations of members’ interests in respect of any item.

None

17/19 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 28 January 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed.

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18/19	S106 projects
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The council is seeking prices for resurfacing the village hall carpark and repairs to the village green wall. Cllr Paul Wooldridge proposed that an engineer's review should be commissioned for the latter project. This was unanimously approved to a maximum of £2000.

19/19	Interim Audit report
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The comprehensive internal report received by the clerk was circulated to all councillors in February. The Council confirmed acceptance of the report.

20/19	Roadside hedge trimming near Beaulieu Court
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Ed Blanchard has kindly offered to trim the hedges in the area near Beaulieu Court. The Council is keen to improve road safety in that area but also needs to ensure that any hedges belonging to residences are only trimmed with the owners' approvals. Cllr Mike Wykes agreed to liaise with Mr Blanchard on this point and also ensure that the somewhat hidden gas pipe and other obstacles in parts of the hedgerow are addressed appropriately. **ACTION Cllr Mike Wykes**

21/19	Village hall lease
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As referred to in the January meeting, Cllr Oliver Isaacs will attend the Village Hall Management Committee meeting on 12 March to discuss the final version of the lease and hopefully have it signed. **ACTION Cllr Oliver Isaacs**

22/19	Public Footpaths
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The clerk was asked to write to Mr & Mrs Wilcox to seek their response to views expressed by a few parishioners regarding unofficial routes across their land, following the Notice of Landowner Deposit for Blagrove Farm in January. **ACTION Clerk**

23/19	Cricket club pavilion
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The cricket club has asked if S106 monies might be available for rewiring the pavilion. The clerk replied to their enquiry saying that S106 monies were all allocated but the Parish Council would consider a normal parish council grant application, and enclosed a grant application form.

24/19	Planning applications
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No objections were offered for the following two planning applications:

P19/V0034/LB	Beaulieu Court Cottage	Hearth liner repairs
P19/V0297/HH	Glenfield	Replace outhouse
P19/V0296/HH	Glenfield	Demolish outhouse and build garage

The Parish Council has strongly objected to the planning application
P19/V0290/FUL 2 Sunningwell Demolish dwelling and build two new dwellings

Councillors met with David Wilson Homes on 15 February to discuss the North Abingdon development. The clerk was asked to ensure the council will receive the minutes of that meeting. **ACTION Clerk**

25/19	Accounts for payment.
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Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure.	528.15
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	115.20
Bank transfer	Ox Assn Local Councils	Annual subscription	171.48
Bank transfer	Community First Oxford	Annual subscription	55.00
Cheque 1691	MRH Services	Playground repairs	369.50

26/19	The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 18 March 2019 at Bayworth Chapel from 7:30
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The Chairman closed the February meeting at 9:20p.m.