

# SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 29 Jul 2019 at BAYWORTH Chapel

### Present:

**Councillors** Colin Weyer, Paul Wooldridge, James Greenman and Paul Darby.

**In attendance:** County Councillor Bob Johnston.  
Brian Rixon – Clerk to the Parish Council

### 89/19 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

In response to enquiries from a local parishioner, the Council confirmed that contrary to what he implied:

- no databases of contact information are kept of members of the public.
- the recent Summer Picnic on the village green had been advertised on the front page of the Council website for several months, was on the four notice boards and large banners were displayed in Sunningwell and Bayworth. In addition, Parish Councillors personally delivered leaflets to every dwelling in the parish.
- the Council website has been updated every month since 2015, when the current website was created. Every agenda and set of minutes for the past four years is available under headings entitled “Agendas” and “Minutes”.

**Bob Johnston** gave an update on the current partnership between the Vale of White Horse District Council and Cherwell District Council. He also explained that the County is attempting to incorporate more “e business” within its systems.

### 90/19 Apologies for absence.

District Councillor Debby Hallett.  
Parish Councillors Elizabeth Bennett and Mike Wykes.  
Parish Councillor Oliver Isaacs – absent.

### 91/19 Declarations of members’ interests in respect of any item.

None

### 92/19 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 24 Jun 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed.

### 93/19 Review of the 2019 Summer Picnic on the village green

The Council is very grateful to Sheila Greenman and her team for the great enthusiasm and effort that was put into arranging the event. Sadly, there was a poor attendance on the day, and this could have been due to the hot weather, the lack of a dog show and the concurrent cricket club event.

Given the relatively high cost incurred, the Council is considering the possibility of the event being held biennially in future

The Council is seeking a new organiser for future events, or it possibly could be based on local groups joining together to arrange a show. Those interested are invited to contact the Council.

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<b>94/19</b>	<b>Sunningwell Pond review</b>
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Dr Jeremy Biggs, of the Freshwater Habitats Trust and the European Pond Conservation Network, has been appointed to undertake a review of the pond and advise the Council on specific actions for improving the environment.

<b>95/19</b>	<b>The Quarry footpath 372/8</b>
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The public rights of way officer for Oxfordshire County Council has responded to the Parish Council's query on the current state of the footpath. The County Council shares the view of Sunningwell Parish Council that the footpath should be reopened as soon as possible. With high competing demand on the central capital funds it is likely that the current footpath closure will be extended beyond the present end date of October 2019.

<b>96/19</b>	<b>Bayworth Triangle Benches</b>
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The Council has been investigating the repair or replacement of the two hardwood benches and, besides having sought costs on replacement, will now investigate the power sanding and oiling of the thick hardwood planks. The Council also notes the relatively poor state of the third bench but recognises that this is a commemorative bench supplied and maintained by residents.

**ACTION Cllr Paul Darby**

<b>97/19</b>	<b>Pavement on Brumcombe Lane</b>
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The County Council says there has never been a pavement on the bend in Brumcombe Lane and the area there is a service strip.

<b>98/19</b>	<b>Leaking water main near Bayworth Park.</b>
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Heavy vehicles going over the reported bump and water leak have changed the contours of the road surface and mud is showing through. The clerk has contacted Thames Water again and they say an engineer will recheck the site with a view to bringing forward the scheduled repair date of 25<sup>th</sup> September. The need for a road closure complicates the process.

**ACTION Clerk**

<b>99/19</b>	<b>Planning Applications.</b>
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The Parish Council has reviewed the following two applications and has no objection

- P19/V1551/HH 1 Dark Lane, Replacement of conservatory roof.
- P19/1613/FUL Broomfields, Amendment of proposed garage size.

An application to develop the Coach House, at the Old Rectory, has been withdrawn for the time being.

<b>100/19</b>	<b>Accounts for payment.</b>
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Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure, Land Registry	547.16
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	118.60
Bank transfer	Ketsy Magic	Village Picnic entertainment	180.00
Bank transfer	Sheila Greenman	Preparation for village picnic	423.55
Cheque	N Green	Plants for Bayworth Green	22.00
OALC	Cllr Paul Darby	Training course for new councillors	102.00
Bank Transfer	Vale of White Horse DC	Election expenses	100.00
Bank transfer	Mark McCracken	June mowing and strimming	105.00
Bank transfer	Ian Hutt	Village green Jun mowing	228.00
Bank transfer	M R White	Village green Jun short mown area	264.00

<b>101/19</b>	<b>The next Parish Council Meeting will be on <span style="color: red;">Monday 30 Sept 2019</span> at Bayworth Chapel.</b>
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*The Chairman closed the July meeting at 9:05p.m.*