

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 30 November 2020 via an online virtual meeting

Present:

Councillors

Colin Weyer, Oliver Isaacs, Elizabeth Bennett, Paul Wooldridge, Mike Wykes, Paul Darby, and James Greenman.

In attendance:

Emily Smith.
Brian Rixon – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

111/20 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

District Chairman Emily Smith said that the lockdown seems to be working. No District input was allowed in the decision to lockdown, but the Vale will seek to have its views considered in the 16 December update.

Cllr Paul Darby asked if local businesses might be lost and Emily said there had been a 70% increase in contacts with the District's business support officers. Brexit could have an impact too.

Cllr Paul Wooldridge expressed the Parish Council's concern that planning decisions from the Vale are difficult to understand and sometimes appear contrary to the District's own guidelines. This was discussed and Emily will try to arrange a meeting between the Parish Council and the new head of the relevant public facing committee.

112/20 Apologies

None

113/20 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

None

114/20 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 26 October 2020.

The minutes were approved.

115/20 Christmas lights at the church

It was agreed the Christmas lights would be displayed in the churchyard tree adjacent to the one used last year. A cherry picker will be hired to gain access.

116/20 Quarry footpath

A response from the County Council Rights of Way Officer was promised by the end of November but was not received.

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117/20	Planning applications
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P20/V2692/HH 9 Dark Lane. Front extension and other alterations
 No objection. When visiting the site, it was suggested that Councillors might carry ID. The clerk was asked to contact the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils to see if there is a procedure to issue recognisable and secure ID cards. Action: Clerk

P20/V2619/HH The Copse House Extensions
 No objection

P20/V2905/LDE Holmwood Certificate of Lawful Use: D1 to residential
 No comments can be accepted by the Vale.

118/20	Budget and planning applications
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The current year budgeted, and actual expenditure, was reviewed and the budget for next year was discussed in some detail. It was proposed, and agreed unanimously, that the precept should remain at the same level as the current year

119/20	Payments due
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	Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure. CPRE	591.41
	HMRC	PAYE	120.00
	Mark McCracken	Mowing and strimming	300.00
	Ian Hutt	Village green mowing Aug and Sep	480.00
	M R White	Village green mowing October	168.00
	E Bennett	Locks and padlocks	105.36
	MRH Services	Playground inspection and repair	55.00
	Richard Wheeler	Village green wall	3790.50
	Moore	External audit	240.00

120/20	The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 25 January 2020 using video conferencing
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The Chairman closed the November meeting at 8:45p.m.

In 2021 meetings will continue to be held on the last Monday of each month.