



MINUTES
of the
SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on
MONDAY 29 JULY 2021
In Sunningwell Village Hall

Present:

Councillors

Colin Weyer (Chairman), Paul Wooldridge, Elizabeth Bennett and Paul Darby.

In attendance:

Brian Rixon – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
County Councillor Bob Johnston
and two members of the public

93/21

Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

Two members of the Bayworth Residents' Association made the following comments:

- **Dog waste bin.** The dog waste bin they have installed near the Residential Park is serviced regularly by two residents and has proved to be very successful.
- **Footpaths.** Information fliers have been delivered advising parishioners how they can submit witness statements regarding non-definitive but widely used paths.
- **Traffic speeding through Bayworth.** The association is concerned about traffic speeds in Bayworth. The Parish Council Chairman, Colin Weyer, explained that the Parish Council is already promoting projects to reduce the speed limits in Bayworth and Sunningwell to 20mph and to introduce traffic calming measures in Boars Hill. Also, he has written to the Lodge Hill project manager to suggest that related traffic calming proposed for Radley and Kennington should also be considered for Sunningwell parish.
- **BRA Facebook comments.** They noted that responses to Facebook comments were copied onto the Sunningwell Scene Facebook pages, but these were from readers responding to the Residents' Association and not direct comments from the Association.
- **Parish Bonfire and Firework event in November.** They asked if BRA could organise live music for the event. This can be discussed at the September Council meeting.

County Councillor Bob Johnston noted that the County Council is seeking an environment friendly grass verge cutting regime. It is to be discussed during the summer with maps to identify verges and their current cutting provisions. Priority to be given to vision splays and the sides of cycle paths. Cllr Paul Darby will email Bob with areas of concern in the parish.

Local government reorganisation seems to be on the agenda again with one, or possibly, two unitary authorities.

94/21	Apologies for absence District Councillors Emily Smith and Debby Hallett. Parish Councillors Mike Wykes, James Greenman and Oliver Isaacs..
95/21	Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item. None.
96/21	To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 24 Jun 2021. The minutes were approved unanimously.
97/21	Notice Boards The four Parish Council notice boards are available for parishioners to display notices on matters relating to the parish, subject to suitability and available space, but access should be by contacting the clerk or parish councillors.
98/21	Footpaths Mike Wykes was unable to attend this council meeting but sent an email reporting that overgrowth has been cut back to clear an obstruction on the footpath onto Sunningwell Village Green from the road. Similar clearance was undertaken on a section at the southern exit where the path passes through a copse. Cllrs Mike Wykes and Paul Darby participated in a Vale Path Volunteers exercise to clear undergrowth and overgrowth on footpath 6 between the Lincombe Lane entrance and its junction with footpath 8.
99/21	Winter preparedness The Council received a letter from Oxfordshire County Council enclosing the salt bag proforma for the coming winter. Having assessed the current level of salt in, or near, the salt bins around the parish, it was agreed that no further supplies need to be ordered this year.
100/21	Firework display Saturday 6 November 2021 The contract for the event on Saturday 6 th November was signed by the Chairman and will be forwarded to Storm Fireworks. Although not at this meeting, Cllr James Greenman has confirmed he will oversee the building of the bonfire and the lighting arrangements.
101/21	Christmas Lights It was agreed that Christmas lights will be displayed in the church yard this year and will be discussed at the next Council meeting.
102/21	Use of Bayworth Triangle Cllr Paul Darby explained that the Bayworth Resident's Association would like to resurrect the provision of events on the Bayworth Triangle. The Council had no objection to this but pointed out that the grasses area of the triangle is owned by the Parish Council and may be used for legitimate recreational activities. As such, it is open on a similar basis to Sunningwell Parish Village Green and in particular open to all and no-one can be prevented from accessing the land for recreational purposes or be charged for doing it.

103/21	Planning Applications
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No planning applications were reviewed during the month:

104/21	Financial Report
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The following payments were authorised:

Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure.	601.31
HMRC	PAYE	122.00
Paul Wooldridge	Footpath waymarking signs	140.65
Mark McCracken	Grass cutting Bayworth Triangle, pond and white gates	240.00
Ian Hutt	Topping village green	252.00
M R White	Fine cut on village green	168.00
X2 Connect	Telephone kiosk parts for refurbishment project	1202.28
Hornbeck Landmark	Village green information board and installation	1614.00
Chilswell Contractors	First stage payment for village hall car park	15540.00
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Willa Smith	Parish Art Competition first prize	70.00

105/21	The next Parish Council Meetings will be on Thursday 30 September 2021 in Sunningwell Village Hall
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The Chairman closed the July meeting at 8:37 p.m.

*Parish Council meetings are held in Sunningwell Village Hall
on a Thursday evening on the following dates:*

	<i>No meeting in August</i>	<i>Thursday 30 September</i>
<i>Thursday 28 October</i>	<i>Thursday 25 November</i>	<i>No meeting in December</i>