



MINUTES
of the
SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on
Thursday 28 October 2021
In Sunningwell Village Hall

Present:

Councillors

Colin Weyer (Chairman), Paul Wooldridge, Mike Wykes and Oliver Isaacs.

In attendance:

Brian Rixon – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Three members of the public

129/21 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

There were no questions or comments.

130/21 Apologies for absence

County Councillor Bob Johnston.
District Councillor Emily Smith
Parish Cllrs Paul Darby and James Greenman.

130/21 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

None.

131/21 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 30 September 2021.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

132/21 Parish Council vacancy

A letter has been received from the Electoral Services Support Officer to say that, further to our Notice of Vacancy dated 24 September 2021, no requests for an election to be called have been received and therefore the parish council may proceed to co-option.

The Parish Council has formally commenced the co-option process.

133/21 Grant Application from the Bayworth Residents' Association

The Council discussed the amended £1,000 grant application from the Bayworth Resident's Association but considered that most of the items listed were consumables and therefore not valid items for a grant. The full application was not approved.

The Council, however, approved a £157 payment towards the Zurich Insurance premium for this year only.

134/21	Defibrillator in Bayworth
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The Bayworth Residents' Association had expressed an aim to provide a defibrillator in Bayworth. The Parish Council offered to take on the project and save the need for the Association to fund raise for a defibrillator.

The project was formally approved at an estimated cost of £2,994 which includes a special defibrillator housing and associated mounting pole to be placed near the existing notice board on Bayworth Triangle.

In recent years there have been equipment developments in the UK that allow defibrillators to be installed without needing power to heat cabinets. These devices are provided in thermal bags and a heavily insulated cabinet, and the internal heat generated, with the insulation, is sufficient to keep these devices operational.

135/21	Access to Bagley Wood
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The council received a letter dated 11th October from St John's College expressing concern that the public are crossing the fields from Bayworth and accessing the wood away from any of the five recognised entrances into West Wood and the extensive network of permissive paths within the wood. They feel the informal entrance has become a source of long-term detriment to the wood and moving off the permissive routes is causing increasing damage to flora and fauna. They therefore wish to close off the informal entrance in the interest of woodland protection, not private exclusion.

In the council meeting a suggestion was raised that the permissive path, approved by the Church Farm Partnership, that runs from Bayworth up towards Bagley Wood could be continued round the boundary to the west to meet up with the existing right of way that comes down from Boars Hill. Tom Alden said the Church Farm Partnership could consider this but there would be a cost involved.

136/21	Firework and bonfire event
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The arrangements for the event were discussed and agreed.

137/21	Traffic Calming
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The Parish Council has been informed that Oxfordshire County Council will be writing to all parishes inviting each council to request a village speed limit reduction to 20mph. This will apply to rural villages only and so Boars Hill will not be eligible.

Within the scheme the 20-mph zone along Bayworth Lane would be moved to just before the residential park. Similarly, in Sunningwell village the 20mph zone would start further out along Church Lane (beyond Beaulieu Court) near the village sign.

In Boars Hill chicanes and mini roundabouts look to be very expensive and, instead, the County Council are recommending radar speed display signs to warn drivers when they exceed the limit. These will cost around £10,000.

Cllr Paul Wooldridge said he was not willing to support these signs for Boars Hill. He considers them to be an example of "creeping urbanisation" and believes it is extremely unlikely that these cameras would help reduce the speed along Foxcombe Road.

Cllr Colin Weyer will continue with his research.

Action: Cllr Colin Weyer

138/21	Sunningwell Pond
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The Council is awaiting further information requested from the contractors.

Action: Paul Wooldridge

139/21	Planning applications
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The following planning applications were reviewed

Reference	Address	Application	Council's Response
V2741/HH	Winterslow Cottage, Lincombe Lane	Erection of new garden room	No objection

140/21	Financial Report
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The following payments were authorised:

Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure.	585.01
HMRC	PAYE	122.00
Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator battery for Sunningwell	318.00
Storm Fireworks	Final payment for 6 November event	937.50
M White	September fine cut	168.00

141/21	The next Parish Council Meetings will be on Thursday 25 November 2021 in Sunningwell Village Hall
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The Chairman closed the October meeting at 8:50 p.m.

MEETING DATES FOR 2022

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

<i>27th January</i>	<i>24th February</i>	<i>31st March</i>	<i>28th April</i>
<i>26th May</i>	<i>30th June</i>	<i>28th July</i>	<i>No meeting in August</i>
<i>29th September</i>	<i>27th October</i>	<i>24th November</i>	<i>No meeting in December</i>