

SUNNINGWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 13 May 2019 at BAYWORTH Chapel

Present:

Councillors James Greenman, Colin Weyer, Paul Wooldridge, Elizabeth Bennett, Mike Wykes, Paul Darby.

In attendance: Oliver Isaacs, Peter Coombes.
District Councillor Debby Hallett.
Brian Rixon – Clerk to the Parish Council

54/19 Questions and comments from visiting councillors and members of the public

Bob Johnston was unable to attend the meeting but sent in a written report, showing that the Vale of White Horse District Council has called for a feasibility study on reopening the Didcot to Winchester rail link. If achieved it would make the movement of containers from Southampton to the midlands more competitive.

More recently he has been briefed on the Lodge Hill slip roads where Highways England are asking for more traffic modelling. This could delay the opening of the slip roads until summer 2021.

55/19 Apologies for absence.

County Councillor Bob Johnston. District Councillor Emily Smith.

56/19 Declarations of members' interests in respect of any item.

None

57/19 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 15 April 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed.

58/19 To receive Councillors' Declarations of Office and their Register of Members' Interest Forms

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms were signed by James Greenman, Colin Weyer, Paul Wooldridge, Elizabeth Bennett, Mike Wykes and Paul Darby. These forms will be kept in the Parish Council files.

The Register of Interest Forms were received from Elizabeth Bennett, Michael Wykes, Paul Wooldridge and Paul Darby. The clerk will await forms from Colin Weyer, James Greenman and the yet to be co-opted member before sending all forms to the Monitoring Officer of the Vale of White Horse District Council (Deadline 4 June)

59/19 To elect the Chairman of the Council for the coming year

Councillor Paul Wooldridge nominated Colin Weyer and he was elected unanimously. The Acceptance of Office Form was signed.

60/19 To elect the Vice Chairman of the Council for the coming year

During discussion it was suggested that Oliver Isaacs should be considered for this role. The Chairman postponed the election of a vice chairman until later in the agenda (63/19) once Oliver was co-opted to the Council.

61/19 To co-opt the seventh member of the council

The Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Oliver Isaacs to the Council.

Signed Chairman. Date

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62/19 To receive the co-opted Councillor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office
The Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was signed.

63/19 To elect the Vice Chairman of the Council
The council then unanimously agreed to elect Councillor Oliver Isaacs as Vice Chairman of the Council and the appropriate Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was signed.

64/19 Village green events
The clerk suggested he should contact the two grass cutting contractors to ask that the village green be mown at the appropriate times before the Summer Picnic on Saturday 29 June. This was agreed.

ACTION Clerk

65/19 Carter Jonas regarding the re-positioning of the gate to the Pilkington Trust land.
This relates to the proposed resurfacing of the village hall car park and the need for the gateway to the adjacent plot of land to be moved. The matter is ongoing.

66/19 Benches for Bayworth Triangle.
Councillor Paul Darby reported that the initial estimate he had received was not realistic so the Council agreed that Paul should investigate further and report back to the council. He is keen to use local businesses.

ACTION Cllr Paul Darby

67/19 Pavement in Bruncombe Lane
A parishioner has raised a concern that the pavement outside 5 Bruncombe Lane has been incorporated into the garden. Cllr Paul Darby will seek further information and report back to the Council.

ACTION Cllr Paul Darby

68/19 Village Hall lease.
Cllr Oliver Isaacs has received some amendments and has sent them to John Simms for consideration.

ACTION Cllr Oliver Isaacs

69/19 Planning Applications.
None

70/19 Accounts for payment.			
Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary, Office Expenditure.	577.62
Bank transfer	HMRC	PAYE	118.00
Bank transfer	Sunningwell Scene	Financial support for Easter edition	200.00
Bank transfer	Mark McCracken	April mowing and strimming	135.00
Bank transfer	Ian Hutt	Village green April mowing	228.00
Bank transfer	M R White	Village green April short mown area	168.00

71/19 Signing of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/2018
All councillors received the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and the supporting accounts schedules, by email a week before the council meeting. These were discussed and it was agreed the Chairman should sign the return. The clerk is scheduled to have a final meeting with the Internal Auditor and, assuming he approves the return, it can then be forwarded to the External Auditors.

72/19 Village green wall and village hall carpark projects.
Two quotations have been received for the car park surface – one is for a tarmac finish and the other for a gravel bonded surface. The council suggested the need for a performance loading report to ensure minimal damage from farm vehicles using the right of way.

Cllr Mike Wykes proposed, and it was agreed, that the council should seek a professional design

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from a civil engineering firm, and then give the specifications to tenderers.

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The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday 24 June 2019** at Bayworth Chapel.

The Chairman closed the May meeting at 10:15p.m.