

Events

17-23 Feb	Half term. Charters Youth Centre activity programme and sewing workshops at Sunningdale Parish community room
27 March	Neighbourhood Plan referendum and Parish Council election
7-21 April	School holidays – Kiosk reopens at the Rec
8 May	Annual Parish Meeting – 7.30pm held in the Women’s Institute
29 May-1 June	Circus Normandie returns
1 June	Big Lunch event organised by the Parish Council
28 June	BEN Fete at the Recreation Ground
July	Jazz Festival – details to be announced later.

Circus Normandie is a traditional family circus featuring jugglers, aerial straps, Chinese pole, western plus Tolly and Company of clowns!! We have invited them back to Sunningdale, impressed by the skills and professionalism of the troupe. For more information and to book please visit www.circusnormandie.co.uk

New Developments at the Rec. Two new pieces of equipment for the older children were installed in late 2013 – an aeroskate and aerospeed cableway, both challenging pieces of play equipment. In the Playground a new net pyramid has been installed to replace the older one which had become unsafe. Give us your views on what we might install next as we keep innovating with S106 developers’ contributions allocated to Public Open Space.

Tennis continues on our well-lit courts. You can find others to train or play with by contacting Simon Grassi sandsgrass@aol.com website: www.charterstennis.co.uk

Dates of Parish Council meetings: 11 Mar, 8 April, 13 May AGM, 10 June, 8 July.
Planning meetings: 4 March, 1 April, 29 April, 27 May, 24 June. All meetings are open to the public and you are most welcome to attend.

Parish Council office hours

Mon- Thurs 09.00 – 14.30

Fridays: 11.00 – 14.30

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Sunningdale Parish Council

Parish Newsletter

February 2014



The Ascot, Sunninghill and Sunningdale Neighbourhood Plan (NP) will be presented to residents for referendum on **27 March 2014**. The referendum question is a simple yes/no vote on the entire NP. If fifty per cent or more of those voting vote ‘yes’ the NP will come into force and become part of planning policy for our area, influencing future planning decisions. **We urge you to go out to vote on 27 March.**

If a majority of those voting vote ‘no’ there will be no NP for our area. Not having a NP does not mean that development won’t happen. Development will take place but without the policies in the NP, so that future planning decisions will be made only on the basis of RBWM’s policies and national guidance.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been developed over the past three years through the commitment and sustained effort of a group of community volunteers who engaged fully with the public to obtain and record views and preferences. The area still retains much of its village feel, with green and leafy surroundings which make it an attractive place to live and work in, and much of the public response emphasised a desire to retain and protect these qualities.

The plan puts in place policies for the years up to 2026 which will ensure that our area develops and grows in a way that is sustainable economically, socially and environmentally, which enhances and improves the communities we live in and ensures that we create a legacy to be admired and enjoyed by future generations. Full Plan: <http://ascotandthesunnings.com/about/the-ascot-sunninghill-and-sunningdale-neighbourhood-plan/> Summary (6 pages) [http://www.sunningdale-pc.org.uk/AS&S NP Highlights Summary.pdf](http://www.sunningdale-pc.org.uk/AS&S%20NP%20Highlights%20Summary.pdf)

The Plan area comprises the two parishes of Sunninghill and Ascot, and of Sunningdale. 66.5% of the Neighbourhood Plan area is in the Green Belt.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) enshrines the principle of “a presumption in favour of sustainable development” on the basis that the nation needs more homes built. A Neighbourhood Plan cannot be used to prevent development but it provides an opportunity to identify the best ways to deliver it by directing development towards local community wants and needs, with the right types of homes in the right locations, also protecting our environmental and cultural assets.

The main aims of the Plan are to:

- Protect our green and leafy environment and our trees
- Retain the openness of the gaps between our villages
- Ensure that the right types of homes are built in the right locations to protect the character of our area
- Deliver a better mix of housing types
- Encourage local biodiversity and the protection of green corridors
- Support our high streets and protect local employment

We encourage you to read the Plan and see the range of policies – environmental policies, housing and design guidelines, economy and transport policies as well as the Strategic Sites Policies. Sunningdale specific policies are:

Sunningdale Broomhall Centre NP/SS5. This policy allows for the delivery of a new mixed development of high quality design on the site that includes the RBWM-owned car park near the junction of the A30 and Chobham Road. Any proposal will have to include a Development Brief and engage in consultation with the local community. Development proposals will be expected to include: improvement to road access, safe pedestrian walkways and an increase in the parking capacity.

Sunningdale Station and Waitrose Carpark NP/SS6

This allows for the station car park to be double decked to provide more parking capacity and for a small number of modest size shops to serve the needs of commuters. Any proposal to double deck the Waitrose Car park would be subject to consideration of traffic congestion.

Sunningdale Park NP/SS8

Policy requires community consultation as part of a Development Brief process on any proposals to redevelop the site. The stated preference is for the site to continue in employment use if at all possible. Any redevelopment must be sympathetic to the green and leafy character of the area.

Parish Council seeks new Councillor

A Parish Council is a corporate body and the Parish of Sunningdale has some 3,700 electors and an annual Precept of £86,000 in 2014/15. It employs the Clerk and the Grounds Manager. There are 10 Parish Councillor Members with one vacancy at present. Elections will be held on 27 March, alongside the NP Referendum

The Parish Council meets once a month to take decisions affecting all aspects of life in the Parish. There are monthly Planning meetings when Councillors carefully examine planning applications and represent the views of residents at Appeals. At the present time we are representing you at the Blacknest Park Appeal and Woodlands appeal where we seek to prevent developers gaining financially from the removal of protected trees. We seek to represent the views of local residents, schools, church, and traders association on a variety of matters affecting our local community. We work with the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead on a range of matters from planning applications and Appeals, devolution of services, road maintenance and many other issues.

A successful local council depends for its success on the councillors, as well as the Chair and the Clerk, each playing complementary roles to ensure that Council devises appropriate policies and the clerk carries them out. To find out more email Sunningdale.parish@rbwm.gov.uk

Official Guide to Sunningdale 2014 - if you want an additional copy of this splendid guide pop into the parish office.

RBWM Out of hours service to report any tree cutting. There is a new out of hours service requested by residents concerned at tree felling in our area, phone after 7pm on 01753 853517 or during the day contact 01628 683800

Borough Local Plan Preferred Options consultation concludes on 7th March. There are important issues at stake as the Borough seeks to meet its housing numbers. You may come into the office to see the hard copy of this document which will govern planning policy for the whole of RBWM.

Parking in RBWM Carpark. There have been delays in implementing the new parking scheme but it should be operational shortly. Local businesses will be issued permits. 40 free places are reserved for short-term shoppers.

Street lights – can you help us identify any street lights that remain on or fail to light. Ring or email the Parish Council with the number of the column and location.