

Sunningdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council

Tuesday 13 October 2015

At 7.30 pm at the Pavilion, Broomhall Lane

135/15 **Attendance:** Anne-Catherine Buxton, Robin Booth, Anne Brindle, Michael Burn, Lilly Evans, Yvonne Jacklin, Rosemarie Nash, Valerie Pike, Mary Sayer,

Apologies: There were none. In attendance: Julian Goringe. RBWM Councillors Christine Bateson and Sayonara Luxton attended for item 138/15 only.

136/15 **Declaration of interest:** There were none

137/15 **Approval of Minutes of Council 8 September.** These were signed as a true record of the meeting

Matters arising: 1003 signatures had been obtained on the weight limit restriction petition which meant that the petition proceeds as an agenda item of RBWM cabinet, at which Mary Sayer as lead petitioner can speak. MS and all were thanked for excellent effort to gather so many signatures.

138/15 **Cllr Christine Bateson and Sayonara Luxton, Borough Councillors**

* CB spoke of the Berystede Roundabout which is being installed at the cost of £100,000 starting in November and the works lasting for 5 months.

* Dry Arch Road tunnel. RBWM to install a concrete curb so that pedestrians and cars can go through simultaneously but the commencement is delayed because of likely impact on local traffic of Berystede Roundabout work.

* A30 and Chobham Road gas works – work on-going as the leak is not completely resolved. National Grid is now working by Shrubbs Hill Lane and Bedford Lane. CB emphasised the importance of letting her know of severe impacts. She will ask for a daily update which AM will put on the SPC website.

* Chobham Road crossing – layout is being drawn up. It had been promised before Christmas. A meeting held on 12 October looked at what can be done regarding increased traffic along Chobham Road. Officers to report on what is possible, including the extant planning permission which includes traffic lights, and proper evaluation on traffic flows.

* Chobham Road weight restriction. It is being difficult to enforce the 18 ton limit and problems arise as there are no lights on the signs on Chobham Rd side.

* CB to ask Parking Officers to patrol the disabled parking bays outside Lewis'.

* Devolution – improve communication and treat Parish Councils as partners was the key message from the Devolution Workshop. Better communication could help in such matters as when new lights are being installed and commissioned, problems with street cleaning where the contractors failed to clean certain streets. This matter to be followed up by SL.

* Magnolia House – Dr Price and MH team are working with the Borough to get the application prepared in a manner that should be approved.

* Future projects from the capital budget can be put forward to our Councillors in the near future. It was suggested we examine the lamp posts along the A30 as additional columns may need to be changed. SL noted the long-term project of having a leisure centre and swimming pool in this area if the demand was there.

* Bus shelter opposite The Ambassador will proceed. If we could get advertising on it, this would enable it to happen faster.

* Borough Local Plan – many layers of consultation, which then inform the plan. RBWM is a Borough with high level of Green Belt which they seek to protect.

- 139/15 **Finance:** The finance report was circulated.
 It was noted that second half year Precept of £43,730 had been received.
 It was agreed to make a donation of £200 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.
 A-CB proposed that seasonal lights be installed on the Chalet and pergola so as to make the playground more appealing during the dark months. Also Monika will open the chalet on Fridays during the winter to provide a service that appeals to children. Lights would be on a timer. It was felt to be a good idea and was unanimously approved, with the cost not to exceed £600.
- Figures for income and expenditure were approved.
- 140/15 **Changes in Councillor responsibility**
 YJ and MB put their names forward to be joint chairs of Planning.
 RN put her name forward as Vice Chairman of Council. Council approved these appointments.
- 141/15 **New Councillor.** Council resolved unanimously to invite Julian Goringe to become a Parish Councillor. He will be appointed to Council in November.
- 142/15 **Feedback from meetings held**
- a) **Training Day with Liz Howlett.** YJ, MB and AB spoke of how it had been a very helpful and informative that had enhanced their understanding of the legal role of Council and Councillors.
 - b) **Devolution Workshop** – RB felt it had been well organised and a helpful way of discussing the issues and communicating these to the Borough. Devolution meant better delivery of services and not taking on responsibility for these services. VP believed a mind set change was required on both sides that should lead to better communication and understanding of the issues.
 - c) **Parish Conference.** ACB spoke of a harmonious Conference where useful information had been shared. AM to put on the website two powerpoints – one on recycling and on street lighting which show the savings being achieved. AM
- 143/15 **Parish Council Committees**
- a) **Finance Committee** – Council **approved** the increase in fees (cemetery, allotment and room rents) as set out in the Committee Minutes to apply from April 2016. RB spoke to the forecast paper showing excess reserves of £21,728 which is available to be spent on worthwhile or necessary projects. He called for Council to put forward proposals for consideration. Council noted the expenditure on the repair of the bus shelter. All
 - b) **Projects Committee** – LE noted that the work on the emergency Plan for Sunningdale is now completed with the exception of a few phone numbers not confirmed. The IT strategy is being reviewed to take forward any outstanding items. Councillors were encouraged to come forward with additional ways of improving sustainability. Further investigation is required on the cost of installing the Christmas lights which the Borough will no longer be funding in 2016.
 - c) **Official Guide** - work is being done with 2 printers and designers. Then the rates for advertising can be set and attracting advertising can begin. The emphasis is on Sunningdale as a great place to live. Later the content will be shown to Council, but MS /AB will report to Projects on 12 November to overview the content.

- d) **Christmas working group.** A meeting had been held with the businesses and several ideas had emerged, notably the desire to make the Waitrose side more lively. Businesses want to be much more engaged in the event. Approaches are being made to celebrities to turn on the lights.

144/15 **Recreation Committee** – RN spoke to the issues on the Committee Minutes. Council **resolved** to spend the £495 from Council funds, which is in excess of the sum currently available from S106 for the renovation project and new toddler area – as previously agreed.

Litter picking day 14 October – Hi Viz Jackets with PC logo have been paid for by Romans. Gloves and sticks are available. Refreshments will be provided at the end outside Waitrose. Waitrose staff will participate. A good community event is anticipated.

145/15 **Information Sharing**

- a) **Mayor's Charity Challenge** A-CB spoke of the Challenge to raise money for Thames Hospice and asked for volunteers.
- b) **Holcombe House Gardens** – the postal address to be given to the houses on the new development at Holcombe House
- c)
- d) **Parish Councillors** were reminded to cc in the Clerk on all Council matters and to use their private email addresses if it is not PC business
- Christmas drinks 14 December** – A-CB invited all Councillors and their partners to her home, Tudor House, for Christmas drinks. Time to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm