



SUNNINGDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Thursday 12 May 2016 at Lynwood Village

Attendance: Anne-Catherine Buxton (Chairperson), Yvonne Jacklin, Robin Booth, Valerie Pike

Apologies: Mary Sayer, Anne Brindle, Michael Burn, Julian Gorringe

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened by David Main, CEO of Ben Lynwood Village, who welcomed everyone to Lynwood. He spoke of the outstanding facility that has been built, and the sense of community that is developing amongst the Independent Living Residents. The intention is for the Village to be part of the community and the restaurant and coffee shop is open to the public.

The Chairman, Anne-Catherine Buxton, invited reports from Charters, Holy Trinity and the Police.

Charters School

Martin Palmer, Joint Head of Charters School, spoke of the successful year that Charters had had.

Holy Trinity School

Pamela O'Brien, the Headteacher, was unable to attend as the date conflicted with a Governor's meeting. She sent a report. The school continues to be very popular and over-subscribed, with 232 pupils on the roll. A new classroom was being built for the 'bulge' for early years pupils in 2015 and this is now completed and put to good use

Police Report

Sergeant Martin Littlewood was unable to attend. His report was read out.

The neighbourhood team remains at Ascot despite the formal closure of the front counter, open for a few hours Monday to Thursday with the help of volunteers. This is a neighbourhood engagement point, where you can get advice, pass information or report a crime. Email AscotNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or by phone on 101

2. Parish Council report

Presentation on behalf of the Parish Council was given by Anne-Catherine Buxton with a PowerPoint attached to the main achievements of the Parish Council over the last year.

3. RBWM Councillors

Christine Bateson and Sayonara Luxton spoke of what they had achieved for the community in Sunningdale. These points were included in the PowerPoint presentation.

4. Save our Sunningdale

Presentation of the issues by Cllr Yvonne Jacklin.

There followed a full discussion on the traffic lights proposal. Borough Officers Jenni Jackson, Borough Planning Manager, and Ben Smith, Borough Head of Highways, attended the meeting to give clarity to the issues and to answer questions. They explained that the traffic lights application came from Runnymede Borough Council as a result of the DERA development at Longcross which is obligated to improve traffic flows in Sunningdale as a result of that development. The meeting was outspoken in opposing the traffic lights scheme which is likely to have adverse impacts:

- The scheme would involve loss of customer parking which would have a detrimental impact to local retailers, reliant on customers being able to park (or they go elsewhere).
- Traffic lights require many signs which make it more urbanised and likely to change the character of the area.
- Increased congestion along A30 with 2 sets of traffic lights so close to the railway level crossing.
- Avoidance of the traffic lights would cause even more traffic into 'rat-runs' which include several schools.

Residents were asked to make their views known to the Parish Council and to the Borough, and to attend the Rural Development Control Panel on 1 June when this will be determined by the Borough.

The meeting closed at : 9:30pm