



SUNNINGDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Thursday 8th March 2018 at Holy Trinity School

Attendance: Cllr Anne-Catherine Buxton (Chairperson), Cllr Robin Booth, Cllr Michael Burn, Cllr Mary Sayer, Cllr Anne Brindle, Cllr Valerie Pike

Apologies: Cllr Yvonne Jacklin

In Attendance: Cllr Christine Bateson, Cllr Sayonara Luxton, Cllr David Coppinger, Jenifer Jackson RBWM Officer, Ben Smith RBWM Officer

Present: Ruth Davies, Clerk to the Council

Also present were 26 members of the public

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened by Anne-Catherine Buxton who welcomed all present.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 12th May 2016 were approved.

2. Parish Council report

A 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. PowerPoint is attached to the minutes for reference.

3. RBWM Councillors

Christine Bateson and Sayonara Luxton presented updates to the meeting on the new parking to be provided on Chobham Road outside the parade of shops by Lewis' and the Kluckow Gallery; the refresh of the lighting throughout the borough which commenced in 2016 and is due to finish by summer 2018; the junction of Silwood Road and London Road; the safety and monitoring of the vehicles proceeding over the Chobham Road 7.5 tonne bridge and Pot holes and how to report them.

Questions and Answers which followed this presentation were:

Q: Why are the streetlights on Station Road a mixture of old and new?

A: The refresh of the lights is not yet completed, these will all be replaced by the summer

Q: Larch Avenue has only 3 street lights on it – why so few as it makes it very dark to walk along the pavements?

A: The policy of the Borough is to have fewer lights on residential streets than on main streets. If further lights are required these can be requested from the Borough through the Borough Councillors.

Q: The slip road from Broomhall Lane running parallel to the A30 next to the station is permanently filled with cars parked on permits, why is this the case now as it wasn't always this way?

A: The Borough Councillors were not sure of the answer and would come back with a response later

Q: The lamp-posts on Heathfield Avenue were altered when a development took place and one light was replaced with a sub-standard light, how was this able to occur?

A: Heathfield Avenue is private? Therefore, the lamp posts and lights are the responsibility of the residents and the comments from Ben Smith, Head of Highways was to contact their solicitors.

Q: In connection with the proposed work to take place at the junction of Silwood Road and London Road, the Borough Councillors should know that Silwood Road was always busy with traffic only being able to proceed from the Sunningdale direction due to parked cars, would it not be possible to widen this road?

A: Ben Smith responded that this is already being investigated by the Borough

Q: In relation to the Chobham Road weight limit, the sign placed informing drivers of the limit by Handels Accordion shop is too late for any over weight vehicle to avoid turning safely, could this not be moved to further out of the village to give drivers more notice?

A: All the signs in relation to the weight limit are being reviewed as part of the safety and compliance review and that specific sign will be reviewed with the comments made

4. Presentation by Jenifer Jackson, Head of Planning, RBWM

A presentation was given by Jenifer Jackson detailing the BLP was now in the inspection stage with inspector Louise Phillips, once the inspector has reviewed the submission expect to hear from her on dates for public hearings. These would be published on the website. As part of the BLP the council updated the Infrastructure Development Plan from May 2017 and published that updated version which is on the website. The updated plan identifies the infrastructure requirements to support development across the borough to 2033 with the next stage for the council to work through an infrastructure funding process and set out a process around CIL governance and future use of section 106. The Neighbourhood Plan is part of the development plan, its policies are considered in reaching decisions on planning applications and has already been used to inform the emerging BLP, particularly the projects section.

The full presentation by Jenifer is available to view, along with the notes.

Questions and Answers which followed this presentation were:

Q: The proposal for lights at Silwood Road and London Road junction is not going to solve the issues, why would the council propose this scheme?

A: The options for the junction are being reviewed and all options will be processed for the best solution, until that work is done there is no answer

Q: Would S106 developer contributions not be used to fund the work on the roads required to move traffic through this junction and roads?

A: Developer contributions are included in the budget that is allocated for the work as part of the council budget setting, but not directly allocated. The planning permission for Sunningdale Park is not yet given and contributions will be confirmed at decision.

Q: The current layout of the Silwood Road and London Road junction allows cars to turn right from the left-hand slip road when there is a queue and left from the right-hand slip, will this be addressed in the new design?

A: Yes

Q: The planning application for Sunningdale Park details that there will not be a net increase in the traffic with the new development of residential properties, how can this be the case?

A: The planning application needs to be reviewed in it's entirety and the traffic flows will be analysed by the Highways department as part of the process prior to determination

Q: The development of the A30 shoppers' car park into residential units mentioned in the presentation as one of the key sites for Sunningdale, will this reduce the parking available in that car park?

A: The Neighbourhood plan and BLP both detail this development with the following statement that “NP/SS5.2 Any development proposals for Sunningdale Broomhall Centre must deliver the following improvements and community amenities:

- Improvements to the access to/from the A30 and to the junction of the A30 with the Chobham Road, that also take into account the likely increase in traffic congestion caused by the DERA development in Surrey
- Safe and accessible pedestrian walkways and road crossings to link Sunningdale Broomhall Centre to the A30 and to the Chobham Road
- A public open space
- An increase to the parking capacity that is currently available in the RBWM car

5. Presentation by Ben Smith, Head of Commissioning, RBWM

A presentation was given by Ben Smith regarding the role of the services maintaining the infrastructure elements of the Borough. The Borough maintain: Roads (603 km); Footways (800 km); Bridges / structures (300); Street lights (14,000); Traffic signals (55 sites); Road drains (26,000+); Public rights of way (300+ km) and Highway trees (40,000+). An update was also provided confirming the parking on Chobham Road and the commencement of work expected in June 2018 along with an expansion on information relating to the Silwood / London Road junction.

The full presentation by Ben Smith is available to view.

Questions and Answers which followed this presentation were:

Q: The consultation responses for and against not the pedestrian crossing were 65% against and 35% for, this is still a high percentage of people wishing to see the pedestrian crossing put in place. Was it deemed safe to not have a crossing on the stretch of road by the shops?

A: The schemes were offered for consultation and the results are clear. The safety of the road has been reviewed and the highways officers do not stipulate a crossing is required.

6. Cllr David Coppinger Lead Member for Planning, RBWM

Cllr Coppinger thanked the Parish Council for the invitation to the meeting and the opportunity to hear the views of the residents. He assured the attendees that the residents were being well represented by the Parish Council at the consultations with the Borough and noted that of the 2 Parishes which asked difficult questions, Sunningdale was one.

7. General Questions were invited

Q: Does the Borough council operate a “use or lose it” scheme for vacant buildings? There is one on Chobham Road which has been vacant for many years?

A: Not that the officers or councillors know of

Q: The Infrastructure Design Plan (IDP) being worked on currently by RBWM and mentioned in the presentation by Jenifer Jackson, will this cover Sunningdale Park?

A: In producing the IDP the Council has taken account of all proposed development in the BLP, which includes Sunningdale Park, to generate a list of strategic/cross borough infrastructure requirements. Specific mitigation for that development locally would come through the planning application.

Q: The Sunningdale Park application has been submitted online with comments being requested by 30th March. How is it possible for residents to comment on such a large application in a short time scale and when documents are still being added to the planning website?

A: Jenifer Jackson confirmed that a longer period of time to respond had been discussed with the Parish Council that evening and that planning were meeting with the applicants at the end of March to review what information was still missing from the application. She also confirmed that all comments were accepted up to the point of decision and that this application would need to be reviewed and decision given by a Borough Wide Development Control Panel, still to be convened.

Q: Is the ongoing addition to the planning application intentional by Berkeley and Audley Homes and if so should we not be contacting the press to highlight this as a strategy?

A: The Borough and Parish Council are not aware of any intent to mislead and would not be contacting the press on this issue.

Q: Why has the application been validated and placed on the planning website if the affordable housing documents have not been supplied?

A: This is one of the questions which will be addressed in the meeting between the applicant and RBWM Planning

Q: The Christmas lights event commenced in 2002 with lights in the trees and the lamp posts, and in 2016 this scheme was extended to include more lights on the lamp posts. Unfortunately, in 2017 there were a limited number of lights put up and the lights in the trees were disappointing. Please could the council confirm how much money is raised for the event, how much the Christmas event costs as recent increases in the precept should not be made to finance this event, and what the budget is?

A: Anne-Catherine Buxton confirmed that the precept had not been, nor would be raised to fund this or other events. If the resident or any other residents would like to know more about the funding, costs and budgets associated with this or any other event, then the Parish Council would be pleased to meet with them to give more information. An appointment should be made to visit the parish office and meet with the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Anne-Catherine Buxton, Chairman of Sunningdale Parish Council thanked all for attending.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm