Minutes of a meeting of Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council held at the Parish Council Office, The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot, SL5 7JF, on Tuesday 13 September 2016, commencing at 7.00pm.

Members Present: Councillors B Hilton (Vice-Chairman), P Deason, R Ellison, D Hilton, S Jones, C Lester, P Morris, S Humphrey, A Nehra, M Turton, R Wood.

In attendance: Elizabeth Yates, Clerk to the Council and Julian Sharpe, Borough Councillor

6512 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Councillors Phil Carter, Brian Humphreys, Duncan McKay, Allison Sharpe and Barbara Story.

6513 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
The Vice-Chairman asked to receive any Declarations of Interest in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct. Councillor Peter Deason stated that he had a non pecuniary interest in minute 6520.

6514 MINUTES
The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 2 August, were approved as a correct record and signed as such.

6515 PRESENTATION FROM THAMES HOSPICE
Debbie Raven, the Chief Executive Officer of Thames Hospice and Stephanie Peters, Head of Marketing and PR, presented an overview of the services currently offered within the Paul Bevan Hospice, located at the Heatherwood Hospital Site, and those services offered at the Hatch Lane site in Windsor. Ms Raven explained that Thames Hospice had carried out a review of the future demand for their services, in conjunction with stakeholders and partners, and discussed the plans that had been put in place to meet this demand. These plans centered on the option to purchase a new site in Windsor, on which a 28 bed hospice could be built, subject to planning permission and funding. A multiplicity of services could then be offered from this site from 2020. The current lease on the Paul Bevan Hospice would be released in December 2016 with the services provided there relocated in the interim, to the Hatch Lane site.
The Vice-Chairman thanked Ms Raven and Ms Peters for their presentation.

6516 FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Vice-Chairman announced that the Queen’s Office had written to thank the Parish Council for the poster that had been displayed to mark the Queen’s 90th birthday.

6517 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was not adjourned for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow members of the public, if present, to address the Council about matters of local concern as no members of the public were present.
Matthew Leung, a reporter from Ascot News, introduced himself.

6518 PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES
The Planning Committee minutes of 9 and 30 August were presented by Councillor Barbara Hilton.
The Leisure Committee minutes of 16 August were presented by Councillor Robert Ellison.
Councillor Ellison informed Members that the Leisure Committee were going forward with the second phase of tree works at Tom Green’s Field, had submitted a TPO application for the tree works identified within the recent arboricultural report at Blythewood, had sought advice regarding anti-social behaviour mitigation measures at Victory Field, had received an outline design, including a dove, for the war memorial and approved the layout for the former line of conifer trees at the cemetery.
The Victorian Street Fayre Committee minutes of 26 July and 24 August were presented by Councillor Barbara Hilton.
6519 PRIDE IN ASCOT PROJECT
Councillor David Hilton informed Members that the project name had changed to ‘We ♥ Ascot’ and handed out the draft documentation regarding the project (minute 6443). He called on Members to assist with the distribution of flyers to local households and to engage with traders in Ascot High Street. The Clerk was asked to compile a list of volunteers from which Councillor Hilton would apportion the work.

6520 SUNNINGHILL PARKING AND CONGESTION
Councillor Peter Deason presented the Borough’s proposals for the widening of Sunninghill High Street and alterations to parking arrangements, to try and improve traffic flows and balance the needs of residents, shoppers, visitors and traders within Sunninghill Village. He declared that he lived along one of the streets being considered for resident parking permits.

Councillor Deason explained the reason behind the proposal to widen the carriage way from the bus bay to the Queens Road junction by 1.2 metres, leaving a residual width of 1.8 metres, so as to allow for two way traffic, whilst retaining parking on the High Street. The committee agreed with the sentiment of the proposals but supported Councillor Deason’s suggestion of a raised crossing, a loading bay and keeping the bus bay where it was.

Councillor Deason went on to explain the proposed changes to parking which included the release of more spaces on Queens Road, business parking permits, white lines on Kings Road, resident parking permits for The Terrace and School Road and allocated parking for residents from those streets in the School Road Car Park.

Councillor David Hilton suggested that changes to parking arrangements were implemented on a phased basis, were made as uncontroversial and clear as possible and then reviewed.

Councillor Robin Wood asked how any alterations to parking arrangements would be enforced.

Councillor Michelle Turton expressed her concern about equity amongst resident parking permits and suggested that the bend in the road opposite the Carpenters Arms was also considered.

Members thought that white lines should only be over the drives on the Kings Road, with one hour resident parking/ one hour general parking for those households without a drive. Parking by the Post Office should also be reviewed.

Members thought that permits should be restricted to two per household for The Terrace and School Road, with a maximum of two spaces allocated to those residents within the School Road car park. Timings were not considered.

Members asked for the pavement to be marked on Upper Village Road.

The Vice-Chairman asked Members to email Councillor Peter Deason, Robert Ellison or Borough Councillor Julian Sharpe if they had any further comments or suggestions and asked Councillor Deason to inform the Borough of the Parish Council’s suggestions.

6521 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS
Councillor David Hilton, in his capacity as a Borough Councillor, informed Members that a stakeholders meeting was to be held on 11 October regarding the Heatherwood Hospital development. A paper regarding this, drafted by Councillor Peter Deason, was handed out to Members in preparation for the Parish Council meeting to be held on 25 October, to which Janet King, Director of HR and Corporate Services, Frimley Health NHS Foundation trust, was invited. Concerns were expressed by those present about the development, concerns which could be further considered following the stakeholders meeting, and forming the focus for discussion at the October Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Hilton went on to update Members on the Ascot Rejuvenation project, following a stakeholders meeting held on 6 September, particularly regarding the possible community facility in Ascot High Street. Councillor Hilton stated that proposals would go to public consultation and Members asked if such a consultation could be set within the context of the rejuvenation project as a whole.

Finally, Councillor Hilton informed Members of proposed changes to health care through the ‘Sustainability and Transformation in Health’ in collaboration with 44 English regions and the emerging priorities for the Parish area.

6522 OTHER BUSINESS
Councillor Robert Ellison informed Members that he was chasing the Borough regarding the proposed flagpole for Sunninghill Village (minute 6328.)
Confidential agenda item.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

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Councillor Barbara Hilton, Vice-Chairman