

Minutes of a meeting of Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council held at the Parish Council Office, The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot, SL5 7JF, on Tuesday 9 April 2019 at 7.00pm

Members Present: Councillors B Hilton (Vice-Chairman), P Deason, J Gripton, C Herring, D Hilton, S Jones, C Lester, P Morris, S Humphrey, B Story

In attendance: Elizabeth Yates, Clerk to the Council and Jayne Strand, Administrative Assistant and Mr Kevin Mist, RBWM

7344 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Robert Ellison, Brian Humphreys, Ajay Nehra, Allison Sharpe and Robin Wood.

7345 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Vice-Chairman asked to receive any Declarations of Interest in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct. Councillor Peter Deason declared that he was an Associate Governor at St Michael's Primary School, Sunninghill and therefore had an interest in minute reference 7252.

7346 PRESENTATION FROM KEVIN MIST ON THE OAKS LEISURE CENTRE

Mr Mist, Community Project Lead, Community Services Directorate, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, presented an update on the plans for the Oaks Leisure Centre, Sunningdale. A planning application had been submitted to the Borough's Planning department in February 2019 and so far it had received nineteen letters in support and three against. Mr Mist explained the changes in the building since his last presentation in August 2018 which included alterations to the fascia of the building, a reduction in its height, a viewing café by the swimming pool area and changes in the internal materials to be used, such as less glass overlooking the badminton courts and the use of brushed concrete. He explained about the parking provision and emphasised the need for traffic management, as well as detailing the range of activities that would be available in the centre, many of which would expand provision for older people through the opening of the centre in the day time. SportsAble had advised on accessibility issues and an understanding as to the co-use of the centre with Charters School was in place. Mr Mist felt that if the planning application was approved then enabling works would start in the summer holiday period, with the substantive building works commencing in November, subject to the finances having been finalised. Once Mr Mist has been through all the plans and details, Councillor Barbara Hilton asked for a show of hands from members giving indicative support to the proposal. All present were in favour and, subject to detailed consideration of the planning application 19/00324, a formal letter of support from the Parish Council would follow.

7347 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 12 February, were approved as a correct record and signed as such.

7348 FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No formal announcements were received. Councillor Barbara Hilton read out a statement from the Chairman in which it was noted that notice had been received from the Borough's Returning Officer that two Parish wards, Sunninghill & South Ascot and Cheapside, were to be contested in the Local Elections to be held on 2 May. The election for Parish Councillors in the Ascot Parish ward was uncontested, with one new Parish Councillor, Sneh Verm, elected unopposed.

As this was the last Parish Council meeting of the Parish Council year, Councillor Barbara Hilton thanked the Parish Councillors on behalf of the Chairman for their services over the past four years and informed them that the new Parish Council will meet for the first time on 14 May when a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and other officers of committees would be elected. Until this May meeting, the Parish Councillors remained in their existing positions.

7349 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 none were present.

7350 PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Planning Committee minutes of 19 February, 12 March and 2 April were presented by Councillor Barbara Hilton. The Leisure and Cultural Committee of 5 March were presented by Councillor Barbara Hilton.

7351 THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that the interview process had been completed and discussions were ongoing regarding an appointment.

7352 THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

The Clerk provided an update on the funding of green corridor surveys. Further to minute 7303 she and Councillor Robin Wood had met with representatives from Silwood College and Ascot in Wildlife in order to discuss the logistics of the project and an outline agreement had been reached. Silwood College would be the point of contact on the project, who would work with Wildlife in Ascot to deliver the projects aims. As set out in a previously circulated paper, priority would be given to areas most at risk of development and the project would be funded on a phased basis, upon receipt of staged invoices. Members queried where some of the proposed locations for the initial surveys were and wanted confirmation that they were within the Parish. The Clerk agreed to request a map showing the survey locations to send to members. It was agreed that the project manager would be invited to report back to the Parish Council at the September Parish Council meeting.

An update was then given on the meeting between Councillors Phil Carter, Spike Humphrey, Robin Wood and the Head Teacher and School Bursar from St Michel's Primary School, Sunninghill regarding the funding of the proposed outdoor learning room. Councillor Barbara Hilton asked if planning permission would be needed as the structure was less than 30 square meters. Councillor David Hilton said that he would check this with the Borough's Planning department. The previously circulated report was then discussed and Councillor Spike Humphrey gave feedback on the meeting. Members questioned whether having power would increase the potential use of the building and whether alternative funding streams had been sought. The Clerk added that the school has been through a tender process and found a building that meet both their educational requirements and funding regulations. The Parish Council would also need to consider the financial arrangements with the school so that the funds could be used for the purchase of the building in accordance with the Parish Council's financial and insurance/ asset management regulations. Councillor David Hilton agreed to discuss this with the appropriate Borough officers. The Vice-Chairman asked if members were satisfied with the report received and, subject to planning permission and financial regulation requirements, were in support of using Community Infrastructure Levy funds for the provision of an outdoor learning room at St Michael's school. This was agreed. Councillor Peter Deason did not take part in the vote.

7353 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor David Hilton gave feedback on the road works taking place within the Parish, informing those present that there had been a public meeting with the Scottish and Southern Electricity Board, who were carrying out these works in order to supply the housing development at Longcross in Surrey. Many residents and businesses had been disappointed by the lack of notification of the works which would be stopped during the exam period at Charters School in Sunningdale.

Councillor Peter Deason asked if Councillor Hilton knew of the traffic survey van that had been parked in Sunninghill, he did not.

7354 OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Christine Lester stated that she has been approached by the Burleigh Wood Management Committee requesting more yellow lines on Burleigh Road. The Clerk agreed to raise this request with the Borough.

Councillor Pat Morris stated that he had noticed that there were a large number of posters (with accompanying cable ties) being put up on lampposts in Sunninghill which were not removed when out of date. The Clerk said that she would contact the Borough's Street Care Team to ask for them to be removed.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Councillor Barbara Hilton, Vice-Chairman