



SUNNINGDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Letter from the Chairman

Dear Sunningdale Residents

By the time you are reading this article, we will be in June 2021 and a full 14 months since the beginning of what has been a most extraordinary period of everyone's lifetime.

I am aware that some of you have lost cherished friends and family members and my heartfelt sympathies go with you. It is to be hoped that the measures that have and are still being taken in our everyday life will keep us safe from this point forward and would urge all of you to keep to the government advice when moving around the village and further afield.

For the parish council, it has been a year of many changes. Playgrounds closed then opened to the heartfelt thanks of so many parents and grandparents; Tennis courts closed – opened – closed – opened – closed and then finally opened once again on the 29 March 2021 for what we hope will be the constant for the future. Our parish office team has been working throughout, remotely at times and when needed from the offices at Broomhall Recreation Ground and I hope that all of you that have needed our assistance on whatever issue over the last year have made contact either by phone or email. I do know that many of you have done just that.

Our council members have continued to work hard through the year, attending council and committee meetings via the zoom virtual meetings and it has been good to see some of you being able to access these meetings too – whether to discuss planning applications or concerns around the village. Due to the change in the government legislation, the council meetings will be returning to physical face to face meetings from June 22 and will follow the COVID Secure guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing requirements. These meetings are open to the residents, so if you wish to attend, please ensure you have checked the information on the council website and notice boards.

During the lockdown, the council has taken the opportunity to review many of the services which are provided and has taken many actions, some of which are:

- Management of the Kiln Lane Cemetery has expanded to include the closed graveyard at Holy Trinity Church after representations from the residents and the Church. This work commenced on the 1 April 2021 and visitors to the church and graveyard have already commented on the improvements being made.
- Many of you contacted us about the planters on Chobham Road near the new parking, so action was taken to work with RBWM to bring the management of these



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back to the parish council. On review, the existing planters have been deemed unfit for purpose and an order has been placed for new planter benches to replace them. We have a slight wait until they are delivered, but they are on their way.

- 2 new council members joined the council November and December 2020 to fill vacancies. Not letting the dust gather around them, they have already started work on projects to improve the cycling and walking around Sunningdale and the surrounding areas and to work with the council officers on the long-term plans for council assets and property. All these new ideas will be coming out to you and we look forward to hearing your feedback.
- Planning reviews and comments continued to be a large part of the council work, with the planning committee reviewing and commenting on 186 applications from April 20 to March 2021 which included some significant applications for the village – unfortunately not all that the parish council could ‘win’.

Looking ahead, we will be sending out a resident’s survey to all households in the coming weeks and would appreciate a huge response to assist in the preparation of our next 3 to 5 year plan which is currently in development. We want to know what you want for your village – now, next year and into the future. We want to know what services you are happy or not with – delivered by the parish council and the borough council. And we want to know your opinions on how we can improve our environment – green and otherwise for the future generations.

Our council year started with our Annual Council Meeting on 4 May 2021. I was privileged to be once again voted in as the council chairman for another year and on accepting this office I committed to the council and to all the residents to uphold the principles of public life:

Selflessness Integrity Objectivity Accountability
Openness Honesty Leadership

In taking on the Chairmanship of the council I commit to not only working with the council members and officers, but with all the residents who wish to be involved in continuing the work done over so many years to improve the village we all live in. Therefore, please do feel free to contact me either via email:

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Keep safe and well.

Anne-Catherine Buxton

Chairman of Sunningdale Parish Council.