

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN BEGBROKE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 7th AUGUST 2017 at 6.30pm

1 Present:

1.1 Present

1.1 Cllr Malcolm Ryder (Chair) Cllr David Wintersgill (vice Chair); Cllr Leslie Allen; Cllr Ellis Davies; Cllr Lindsay Gregory; Jeffrey Wright - Clerk; Cllr Maurice Billington - Chairman Cherwell District Council, Cherwell District Councillor & Oxfordshire County Councillor; Cllr Nigel Simpson Cherwell District Council.

Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Beverly Napier; Cllr Sandra Rhodes- Cherwell District Councillor; Cllr Alan MacKenzie-Wintle.

2 Read and Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting 3rd July 2017 were confirmed as a true record.

3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality

3.1 None declared

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Orchard House – Cllr Billington had met Dan Weeks OCC and discussed. Clerk has written to OCC Definitive Footpath Dept. for definition of land ownership for the period the footpath was originally dedicated.

4.2 Website – little progress as Cllr Ryder had been working on the village hall IT systems.

4.3 Litter bin – Partridge Place – little progress as Kidlington PC were concerned about the cost of bin emptying. The committee considered this a specious argument with the number of bins already in Kidlington and especially as litter was probably left by people from Kidlington walking towards Begbroke. Litter has been thrown in the shrubs by Roundham Crossing. Litter in the lane has been picked up by Begbroke councillors and residents. On one occasion, at least a wheelbarrow full of rubbish and on another, a plastic sack full. Cllr Simpson is also investigating if the Canals and Rivers Trust could assist.

5 A44 and Begbroke Science Park

5.1 No matters raised.

5.2 Other matters – none.

6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County Councillor – reported that the Unitary Council plan had now been dropped.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor reported on the extension of the Cherwell consultation until 10 October 2017 at 5pm. He also said that the planning consultant employed by Kidlington PC could not be used for another parish as advice was it could be a conflict of interest.

6.3 Other contributors – none.

7 Council Representatives. (Two representatives if possible)

7.1 BVHMC Report (Ellis Davies) Reported that the committee had agreed to security cameras and the toilet upgrades, the defibrillator was now installed, the front entrance clock still needed replacement, there was a barn dance planned for 14 October and Brian Habberfield was the new Treasurer. A member suggested that solar panels on the hall roof may be an effective way to reduce energy costs.

7.2 London Oxford Airport Consultative Meeting. (Malcolm Ryder) No attendance at a meeting but it was reported that a resident had complained about the increasing size of aircraft using the airport.

7.3 Kidlington Area Community - Lindsay Gregory had received the necessary information and had contacted Kidlington Area Community Forum at Police HQ.

8 New Business

8.1. Village matters

8.1.1 The overgrown foliage on the roundabout was again causing visibility problems to pedestrians and vehicles. Clerk to report to Oxfordshire Highways.

8.1.2 A Minibus from Begbroke Science Park had failed to stop at the roundabout. A complaint with video evidence had been made to the University.

8.1.3 Clerk is to report the pot holes in the service road to Oxfordshire Highways.

8.1.4 Residents were concerned that shooting was taking place in a field near footpath 7 – clerk to contact Mr Juniper from Strutt Parker. Some of the bangs may have been bird scarers.

8.1.5 S3 and 7A bus services. Clerk reported that following a review by Stagecoach, The S3 service would be reduced at times to two/hour and a 7A service introduced from Yarnton to Oxford Parkway – but not connecting Begbroke. Stagecoach had consulted Yarnton but not Begbroke. Clerk had made a submission to Stagecoach but had had no reply. Cllr Wintersgill reported that the Barton Bus was being well used and now collected/returned passengers to Rowel Drive. Cllr Billington to discuss bus services with Ian Hudspeth.

9 Planning

9.1 Notification of Cherwell Planning Policy Consultation. CR1443 – A discussion was held on how to respond to the consultation now delayed until 10 October. Many valid points were raised especially that Oxford had not done enough to satisfy its alleged housing need and that many sites could be used for housing, especially those nearer to the city. It was considered that the “Northern Gateway” should be housing and not industry. Frieze farm would be ideal for housing instead of a golf course which could be sited elsewhere. There were city sites such as Blanchford’s in Headington near to healthcare employment centres such as hospitals that could be built on to provide low cost housing rather than being reserved for employment and Southfield Golf Course. Lower density housing was proposed in some areas and these would not be affordable and purchased by London or other commuters. Infrastructure and transport problems were also raised. The roads were busy enough especially at Wolvercote and Cutteslowe roundabouts as well as long traffic delays on the A40 between Headington and Eynsham. Stagecoach was already reporting that they were having to deal with the worsening traffic congestion in to and out of Oxford at busy times and to put together a robust timetable with buses turning up on time. The committee thought the proposals not justified – just CDC agreeing to The University’s plans to build on their land in the green belt. It was reported that if the plans go to an enquiry with a Planning Inspector, the parishes would be able to address the enquiry. Committee to consider further and have an extra-ordinary meeting later in the month.

9.2 17/01489/F Mr West 30 Woodstock Road East - erection of single storey rear extension. There were no objections.

9.3 17/01057/F Mr & Mrs J Singh two storey side extension 2 Begbroke Crescent. Withdrawn

10 Correspondence (see register for full details of postal correspondence)

10.1 See register.

10.2 Any other correspondence

11 Financial Matters

11.1. Grant Information/Grant Applications/receipts

11.1.1 Begbroke Yarnton Greenbelt – grant of £1000 was agreed.

11.2 Balances and Liabilities and Income

11.2.1 Balance £18,188 (Money) Bank Accounts (to 04/0782017): Current £12,494.80 Reserve £7,891.91

11.2.2 Liabilities £3,791 Transfer of funds: £0.00; Income: Bank interest £0.07

11.3 Expenditure

11.3.1 HMR&C PAYE/NI Liability to October £326.60 CN: 676

11.3.2 Jeffrey Wright Clerks salary July – Sep 2017 £1,594.21 CN:677

11.3.3 Applewood garden Services Ltd Hedge cutting village Hall £327.60 CN: 678

11.3.4 Guidepost – Grant £100 CN: 681

11.3.5 Begbroke Yarnton Greenbelt – Grant £1000 CN: 679

11.3.6 N R Prickett Grass cutting £444.00 CN: 680

The above financial transactions were unanimously agreed.

11.4 Quotations/Tenders

11.4.1

11.5 Bank Matters

11.5.1 Clerk has provided NatWest information re Business Accounts. However, he had been issued with a 16-digit reference number – but the website only would accept 13 or 15-digit numbers – so had to telephone them.

11.6 Other Financial Matters

11.6.1 None

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Playground inspection reports – none handed in at meeting.

12.2 Playground equipment – The clerk said the wet pour under the swings had been attended to. A slurry of cement underneath, followed by some pressure appeared to have resolve the lifting issue. To be monitored. The roundabout bearing was supposed to have been replaced by Wicksteed. Clerk to check. Other issues such as the tiles around the roundabout were to be lifted, concrete edgings fitted and re-laid.

12.3 Equipment ideas – were discussed. Councillors are to check products on the Wicksteed website. Cllr Simpson is to try and obtain a grant towards play equipment – estimated budget of £10k.

12.4 Other H&S Matters

13 Training

13.1 Training requests.

14 Freedom of information requests

14.1 None

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

15.1 Footpath amendments, anomalies and additions – no updates.

16 Date of the Next Meeting (s):

16.1 October 2nd, 2017

Signed

Print Name

Chair/Vice Chair - Begbroke Parish Council

4th September 2017