

# Begbroke Parish Council

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## MINUTES

### OF THE MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN BEGBROKE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 3RD JULY 2017 at 6.30pm

#### 1 Present

1.1 Cllr Malcolm Ryder (Chair) Cllr David Wintersgill (vice Chair); Cllr Leslie Allen; Cllr Beverly Napier; Cllr Ellis Davies; Cllr Lindsay Gregory; Jeffrey Wright - Clerk; Cllr Nigel Simpson - Cherwell District Councillor;

#### Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Sandra Rhodes- Cherwell District Councillor; Cllr Alan MacKenzie-Wintle; Cllr Maurice Billington - Chair Cherwell District Council, Cherwell District Councillor & Oxfordshire County Councillor

#### 2 Read and Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were unanimously confirmed as a true record.

#### 3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality

3.1 None

#### 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Orchard House – little progress. It was decided to progress the Definitive map route by asking the OCC officer her views on wording that the parish considers incorrect – especially as a 1936 map does not agree with the council's definitive footpath map. Clerk to assemble information.

4.2 Website – information from the CDC website disc has been added.

4.3 Litter bin – Partridge Place. Cllr Simpson progressing with Kidlington Clerk. One objection had been distance to empty bin. The proposed site is adjacent to a road.

#### 5 A44 and Begbroke Science Park

5.1 **A44/A4260 Corridor Study Update.** The clerk reported on the following conclusions from this study. The report from Ben Smith; OCC Senior Transport Planner is shown below:

*In December 2016, local County Councillors and key stakeholders were invited to an information gathering session to assist officers with the initial stages of a study into the A44 and A4260, to better understand the function of these two corridors within the southern part of Cherwell and identify potential schemes to encourage bus, cycle and pedestrian movements and accommodate vehicles. This focused on the routes between Bladon roundabout and Bunkers Hill junction to the north and Yarnton / Kidlington to the south, as well as the connecting roads between these two corridors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for any participation you may have had in this stage of the study. Incorporating the views gathered at this workshop and ensuring consistency with the aspirations and objectives of the council's adopted Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4), the study was carried out and has resulted in a report complete with design concepts that can now be found online at the following address:*

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/a44-and-a4260-corridor-study>

Many key proposals are set out within the study report, including;

1. Signalisation of the A4260/A4095 Bunkers Hill junction with the design aimed at encouraging through trips from the north to use the A4095 rather than travel southbound through Kidlington
2. Provision of a southbound bus lane on the A44 between the proposed Park and Ride site at the A44/A4095 junction and the Loop Farm roundabout
3. A southbound bus lane on the A4260 between Langford Lane and Kidlington village centre
4. Segregated cycle lanes on the A4260 between Langford Lane and Kidlington roundabout
5. Improved pedestrian/ cycle priority around Kidlington village centre
6. Improved crossing facilities at Kidlington roundabout
7. New segregated and shared use cycle lanes on Langford Lane

8. *The closure of Sandy Lane to through trips and its promotion as a cycle/ walking route with a bridge to replace the level crossing.*

The Cllr's considered these proposals would only increase the traffic through Begbroke especially with consideration to items 1 & 8 above.

#### 5.2 No other matters

### 6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

#### 6.1 County Councillor – Maurice Billington

##### **GENERAL OCC REPORT**

##### **OCC FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE STATEMENT ON FIRE SAFETY IN HIGH RISE TOWERS**

##### **NEW HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE CONTRACT ANNOUNCED**

Oxfordshire County Council has confirmed that it will keep its entire network of seven Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in the county open in the medium term (with no change to opening hours or days they are open) due to a new management contract that has been awarded to W&S Recycling

##### **INSPECTOR BACKS OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE STRATEGY**

OCC's new minerals and waste core strategy, which outlines the planning strategy and policies for the supply of minerals and the management of waste in Oxfordshire until 2031, is set to be adopted following support from the Government's Planning Inspectorate

##### **MULTI-MILLION POUND BROADBAND BOOST TO BENEFIT THOUSANDS MORE**

Nearly 3,000 more of Oxfordshire's most remote households and businesses will get access to high-speed broadband thanks to a £4 million boost for the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme. OCC and BT have announced parts of Ardington, Barford St John, East Hendred, Lockinge, Lyford, Swalcliffe and many more communities will be included in the ambitious roll-out.

##### **FUNDING FOR OPEN-ACCESS CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Start-up funding for a further ten community schemes to run direct access services at children's centres has been approved by OCC. The proposals, stand to receive a total of £258,458,

##### **COUNTY TRADING STANDARDS SAVE £250,000 FOR VULNERABLE VICTIMS**

OCC's Trading Standards Service, working in partnership with Thames Valley Police, banks and other agencies, have saved over £250,000 for the victims of rogue traders in the last 12 months.

##### **ADULT DAYTIME SUPPORT CHANGES**

OCC is now implementing a new, sustainable model of daytime support for vulnerable adults in Oxfordshire. There are over 200 voluntary and community daytime support services provided across Oxfordshire.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor - Cllr Simpson reported on Cherwell Funding grants, the highways traffic advisory committee and the Cherwell Housing Review. This was discussed in detail. He said Local District Councillors were against the plans and Kidlington PC were reviewing with their planning consultant. Begbroke again pointed out that the plans were extreme and it had taken over six months to publish mainly objections, on the CDC website. Now they were consulting on the plans again after Cherwell Executive (none of whom live locally) had voted approval. Once again, the presentations by Cherwell are to be held in an August holiday period – the last being at Christmas/New year 2016-17.

#### 6.3 No other contributors

### 7 Council Representatives. (Two representatives if possible)

7.1 BVHMC Report (Ellis Davies) No meeting. However, the clerk reported that the hall periodic inspection was complete, a light replaced in the electrical cupboard, a socket attended to in the snug, fans were disconnected and the defibrillator wiring installed.

7.2 London Oxford Airport Consultative Meeting. (Malcolm Ryder)

### 8 New Business

#### 8.1. Village matters

8.1.1 Cllr Allen remarked on the number of posters put around the village and not being removed. The Cllrs to consider what could be done about them. The notice board in the bus stop had lots of outdated information and Les volunteered to remove them.

**8.1.2** Phil Skipp had grown an Oak tree. Clerk is to request if he would like to donate it for planting on the verge of the A44.

**8.1.3.** Kidlington Area Community Forum - Police HQ. Cllr Lindsay Gregory volunteered to attend. Clerk to organise. Cllr Simpson said areas had changed and there were several groups - vulnerable elderly, youth and police community.

**8.1.4** School buses - Marlborough say that it's unsustainable for them to continue to fund the buses now OCC do not. Woodstock School has been calculated to be 2.8 miles from the village and so children do not qualify for funded transport. The parish council thought it unacceptable that discrimination existed against children in rural areas and that parents would have to pay considerable sums of money to get children to school (about £360 per child/year. From Begbroke, it would mean crossing the A44 to get a bus (if one was available) and a similar crossing on return. Other means of getting to Woodstock such as cycling or walking were not practical. The Cllr's requested the clerk to let OCC know of the parish council's views.

**8.1.5** No other village matters

## **8.2 Other new business**

**8.2.1** None

## **9 Planning**

**9.1** Partial Review Options - Consultation regarding Oxford's unmet housing need. Discussed at item 6.2 above.

**9.2** 17/01057/F Mr & Mrs J Singh two storey side extension 2 Begbroke Crescent. The application was considered by the committee the councillors viewed the property and proposed development from Begbroke play area/playing field. The easterly view is of properties that are mostly bungalows. A similar view can be seen from Begbroke Crescent. They consider the application of a two-storey extension not harmonious with the street scene and gross overdevelopment of the site in accordance with policy c28 Layout, design and external appearance.

**9.3** 17/00863/F 2 Sandhill Road – permission for development.

**9.4** 17/00970/F 62 Begbroke Crescent – permission for development.

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

**10.1** Register to be e mailed.

**10.2** Any other correspondence

## **11 Financial Matters**

### **11.1. Grant Information/Grant Applications/receipts**

**11.1.1** Guidepost - donation request. It was unanimously agreed to give £100 under Section 137 of LGA 1972

### **11.2 Balances and Liabilities and Income**

**11.2.1** Balance £21,980 (Money) Bank Accounts (to 05/06/2017): Current £18,599 Reserve £7,891.71

**11.2.2** Liabilities £2,382 Transfer of funds: £0.00; Income: Bank interest £0.07

### **11.3 Expenditure**

**11.3.1** Wrist Electrical inv 1617-622– village hall work £1,708.80 CN: 673

**11.3.2** Baylee Construction inv BPC 1769 – play area pigeon spikes and Begbroke lane – install bench £230 CN: 674

**11.3.3** Nigel prickett – grass cutting inv 624 £444.00 CN: 675

The above financial transactions were unanimously agreed.

### **11.4 Quotations/Tenders**

**11.4.1** Climbing frame Creative Play Ltd £15,417. This was considered too expensive, complex and probably difficult to inspect. It did not appear to be suitable for younger children. It was agreed to seek ideas from the committee for additional equipment and retain existing frame for now.

### **11.5 Bank Matters**

**11.5.1** None

### **11.6 Other Financial Matters**

**11.6.1** Complaint to CDC regarding invoicing procedures was discussed. Invoices are immediately due on day of production. Reminders and second reminders are sent within days of invoice, not

allowing for absence or even postal delivery time, leaving the clerk vulnerable to a parish council debt that could be pursued at home address. Cherwell to consider a 30-day payment period.

**12 Health and Safety Matters**

**12.1** Playground inspection reports –4 each received from Cllr Allen and Cllr Gregory.

**12.2** Playground equipment – replacement of climbing frame – see 11.4.1. Roundabout was inspected after the meeting. It appeared the bearing is defective and the clerk is to contact Wicksteed. Gaps in the safety matting on several items of equipment were noted as well as lifting wet pour on the large swings and a weld on the entrance gate. The rocking horse LHS foot rest was also noted to be slightly loose. Clerk has asked Baylee Construction to attend to gate immediately and will meet on site to discuss other items.

**12.3** No other H&S Matters

**13 Training**

**13.1** No Training requests.

**14 Freedom of information requests**

**14.1** None

**15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)**

**15.1** Footpath amendments, anomalies and additions – none excepting those discussed in item 4.1

**16 Date of the Next Meeting (s):**

**16.1** September 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman/Vice Chairman

**Begbroke Parish Council August 7<sup>th</sup> 2017**