

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN BEGBROKE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2013 AT 6.30 PM

1 Present:

1.1 Cllr Malcolm Ryder(Chairman); Cllr Carol Trevelyan; Cllr Beverly Napier; Cllr Ellis Davies;
Cllr David Wintersgill; Jeffrey Wright – Clerk;

Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Trevor Stevens; Cllr Durrant.

2 Read and Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on February 4th 2013 were 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 Revd Jarvis reported that that the waters this year have been extremely bad, and hopefully unusually so. The church architect and the DAC were of a similar persuasion. He understood that the wall mentioned several times as blocking a right of way and which may be contributing to the problem, has been there for many years. He did not think there is one simple solution and thought all the agencies such as CDC, water companies etc) needed to get together and come up with a plan, and acknowledge the contribution that building so many houses on flood plains nearby has made to the issues we are facing. He said he was willing to give support the parish council and was keen on solutions to this particular problem!

4.2 A44 and Begbroke Lane Replacement Trees. These had now been planted by Cllr Ryder, his granddaughter and Mark Finch from Applewood Garden Services. The clerk said that Cllr Ryder and he had met with Mr John Roff in the Royal Sun to discuss alterations to his Millennium Avenue Tree Plan.

4.3 Flooding in St Michael's lane and Spring Hill on 21st November 2012. The clerk reported that he had conveyed a list of concerns to Cllr Gibbard and OCC. He had also written to Mr Orsi at Blenheim who did not think a catch pit on their land to be a solution to the problem

4.4 "Clean it up" dog waste notices" have now been posted by the dog warden who had also spoken to dog owners about responsibilities.

4.5 Primrose, Cowslip, Snowdrop plug plants and wildflower seed for Begbroke Lane – all planted. Cllr Trevelyan said she might be able to offer some more cowslip plants.

4.6 St Michaels Churchyard Maintenance Church Gate –Clerk is to write to Revd. Jarvis

4.7 Yellow Lines information request again sent to OCC – no response again. Cllr Trevelyan said a resident had written to OCC to be told they had no money. The usual discussion ensued about S3 access difficulties in the service road with parked vehicles, outside the car sales which caused problems for traffic entering and leaving the village at that spot. The

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councillors were also concerned that additional vehicles from residents or visitors to flats at the old shop would park on the road.

4.8. Replacement child seats for swings – now fitted.

4.9 Litter bin. The bin has been replaced at the north bound stop with one containing an ash tray; the old one will be fitted on the playing field near the far seat.

5 A44 Pedestrian Crossing and Begbroke Science Park

5.1 Nothing to report

6 Reports from County and District Councillors

6.1 None

7 Council Representatives. (Two representatives if possible)

7.1 BVHMC Report (Ellis Davies) No report as Ellis did not attend a meeting.

7.2 London Oxford Airport Consultative Meeting. (Jill Durrant) Minutes circulated

7.3 NAG Group – (David Wintersgill) David reported on a letter from The Chief Constable where she said that the police houses at Gosford Hill are to be sold and the counter moved to Police HQ. He reported on Antis Social behaviour in Kidlington, Cycle security coding and that the NAG meeting venue may be at Gosford Hill school in the future.

8 New Business

8.1 Clerk has confirmed that Dovey Accountancy Services have said that the new HMR&C Real Time Regulations will be adhered to from April 2013. We do not need to take any further action in respect of this.

8.2 The Annual Play Area Report produced by the clerk for BVHMC was handed to Cllr Davies to give to Susan Ganter.

8.3 Village Hall booking problems. The clerk said he had problems booking the hall. The hall was unavailable for the annual parish meeting on 13th May due to salsa. It appeared to the clerk that an endless booking system without qualification was in operation. Other dates he was offered were when councillors could not attend or spring bank holiday. He thought this situation unacceptable. The parish council always has an annual meeting with residents and provision should be made by the village hall committee for this. The meeting is a statutory obligation. He had asked for reconsideration but had no reply. Subsequently, because of these difficulties the clerk sent another e mail to book the hall for 2014 and 2015 but no reply was received. He has sent Cllr Davies an example of how booking could efficiently be carried out with an example of Garsington Village Hall. This showed availability as well as upcoming events which also served as an advertisement for these.

8.4 A44 water leak reported by clerk to OCC three times without result, a Thames Water contractor with a similar response and Thames water. Eventually TWU responded by marking the location. Clerk has spoken to the men on site about replanting the shrubs afterwards.

8.5. Clerk's e mails. The clerk request that when he posted a read receipt, that he specifically required a response because the matter required some attention.

9 Planning

9.1. Applications

9.1.1 13/00054/F Mr & Mrs Rowan-Hull Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of new dwelling. Foresters Lodge Spring Hill Begbroke. This was discussed and the clerk is to send the comments agreed which is to oppose the development.

9.2 Decisions:

9.2.1 None

9.3 Conditions of Planning

9.3.1 None

9.4. Appeals

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9.4.1 Appeal to Secretary of State APP/C3105/A/12/2187572 Mr and Mrs Rose 8 Foxglove Road Begbroke, 1 Dwelling. Clerk reported that a site visit by the inspector is on 5th March 2013.

9.5 Withdrawals

9.5.1. None

9.6 Amendments

9.6.1 None

9.7 Planning Other

9.7.1 Planning rota – March - Beverly & Malcolm

9.7.2 . Permitted Development changes - update from Oxford Green Belt Network. The clerk reported that although the Government has said that the new permitted development rights to convert barns to a number of uses including offices, and offices to houses without permission may come in as soon as March, Planning Authorities have apparently not yet had any details of how the scheme would work. The assumption is that it would be like Agricultural Notifications where developers would be required simply to notify the Local Authority of their intention, not request permission. If so, the Local Authority would have only three weeks notice which might not be enough for Parish Councils who meet monthly to even offer comments. It is thought that notifications could not be objected to on "planning grounds" but only on physical or perhaps economic ones – there is no road, it would harm the village's economy.

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

10.1 Letter from Caroline Crellin, Editor of The Link, thanking the parish council for the £350 grant. She also said she had printed additional copies for interested residents.

11.1. Grant Information/ Grant Applications for discussion

11.1.1 Oxfordshire Play bus (CR1153) it was unanimously decided not to award a grant.

11.2 Balances and Liabilities

11.2.1 Balance (Money) £14,560.46 Bank Accounts: Current £1,180.07 (25/02/2013)
Reserve: £14,294.92 (25/01/2013)

11.2.2 Uncleared Cheques & Liabilities £917.50 No's - transfer of funds required: £0.00

11.3 Income

11.3.1 None

11.4 Expenditure

11.4.1 Safe and Sound Playgrounds Child Cradle Seats for swings £218 CN: 388

11.4.2 Wybone Ltd – litter bin supply £319.48 CN: 389

11.4.3 MAS Seeds Ltd Primrose, Cowslip, Snowdrop plug plants and seed for Begbroke Lane £128.50 CN: 390

11.4.4 Malcolm Ryder Quercus Robur Trees for A44 £252.00 CN: 391

Quotations/Tenders

11.5.1. None

11.6 Bank Matters

11.6.1 None

11.7 Other Financial Matters

11.7.1 The clerk showed the councillors draft Parish Accounts for consideration. He said he had calculated the interest likely to be paid on 31st March and as his other calculations matched other interest figures received, he said he was confident we would receive an additional £1.45 net.

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Weekly playground inspections were received from Cllr Ryder and Cllr Davies

12.2 The clerk reported that the following defects had been completed by Baylee construction: bolt on railing, notice board bolted back to metal post, child swings seats and painting on horse, See also 4.8 above.

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13 Training

13.1 Planning, how local councils fit into the planning system and how to respond effectively. Cllr Ryder requested to attend. Clerk to complete booking form for April meeting.

14 Freedom of information requests

14.1 None

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

15.1 Update on footpath amendments, anomalies and additions

15.2 Footpath problems, Cllr Ryder said litter was becoming a problem in Begbroke Lane and footpath 7 bordering Rowel Brook.

15.3 Annual footpath walk – a date of Saturday 8th June meeting at 8.30 am at The Royal Sun was agreed.

15.4 Cllr Ryder reported that he had seen someone come from the rear of a house in Willow Way bearing what appeared to be a shotgun. It was not bagged and did not appear to be broken. Clerk to mention to PCSO.

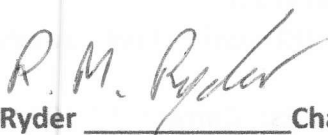
16 Any Other Business

16.1 Cllr Ryder produced pictures of a RTI sign alerting people of a bus arrival in 8 minutes that was already at the stop. He wanted to know exactly what RTI means in practice. Clerk to investigate.

16.2 Cllr Trevelyan wondered if anyone was sleeping in the camper van parked outside the old shop.

17 Date of the Next Meeting:

17.1 Monday April 8th 2013 (1st is Easter Monday)



Signed Cllr Malcolm Ryder _____ Chairman Begbroke parish council 8th April 2013