

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN BEGBROKE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018 at 6.30pm

1 Present:

1.1 Cllr Malcolm Ryder (Chair) Cllr Leslie Allen; Cllr Beverly Napier Cllr Ellis Davies; Cllr Lindsay Gregory; Jeffrey Wright - Clerk;

Apologies:

1.2 Cllr David Wintersgill; Cllr Nigel Simpson CDC Cllr Billington OCC & CDC

2 Read and Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting 4th December 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 – Clerk showed the committee Map XLV SW Banbury -Old series OS maps. It again demonstrated that Begbroke Lane extended beyond Orchard House. It was reported that the churchwardens were to speak to OCC about St Michael's Lane.

4.2 Proposed Litter bin – Partridge Place – approved – installation date TBA.

4.3 School Transport – very negative and naïve reply received from OCC (CR1468) It was noted that children who did qualify for subsidies would travel on a bus with spare seats.

4.4 No Other matters arose.

5 A44 and Begbroke Science Park

5.1 It was reported that Section 106 monies from the Langford Lane technology Park (approx. £450k) may not be allocated to Begbroke – but used instead for constructing cycling facilities to Kidlington as well as other measures. The committee requested the clerk to formally ask OCC for a cost to provide a crossing on the A44 through the village to mitigate the effects of increased traffic.

6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County Councillor - not present.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor – not present although advised on Section 106 monies for item 5.1 and the timetable for discussion on the Partial Review to the Executive and Council on 26 February 2018. If the submission Plan is approved by Council it would, shortly after (est. 5 March), be submitted to the Secretary of State (the Planning Inspectorate) for Examination. Public hearings typically take place 10-14 weeks after submission (potentially May/June) but the programme for the examination is a matter for the Planning Inspector not the Council. There is statutory publicity when the Plan is submitted, and officers will contact all those who are registered on the Local Plan database. Those who responded to the last consultation have been added to the database unless they have subsequently asked to be removed.

6.3 Other contributors – none.

7 Council Representatives. (Two representatives if possible)

7.1 BVHMC Report (Ellis Davies) He reported on item 7.1 He also said railings may be better instead of a gate adjacent to Begbroke Lane. BVHMC to investigate. The gate is old and requires welding repairs which may prove more expensive than replacement.

7.1.1 Village hall internet – public access arrangements (log in and so on) range of reception, Telephone accounts to date – how much needs to be paid to BT, Inability of BVHMC to plan with BT as account is not theirs, cancellation of personal BT account for village hall and a replacement being taken on by: The Treasurer, Begbroke Village Hall Management Committee, 3 Begbroke Lane, Begbroke OX5 1RN. Cllr Ryder reported that a meeting with Brian Habberfield had took place. There were technical issues with extending the Wi-Fi and the remaining BT contract which was October 2018. Clerk reported that the litter bin at the front of the hall car park would be replaced and had met Sue Blackshaw to discuss. It was noted that there should be an asbestos survey of the village hall.

7.2 London Oxford Airport Consultative Meeting. (Malcolm Ryder) – no meeting. However, the clerk reported that there are airport consultations including Brize Norton on the parish website.

8 New Business

8.1.1 It was noted that a fallen willow was partially blocking Rowel brook behind Fernhill Road. Clerk to make enquiries.

9 Planning

9.1 It was reported that Bob Price leader of Oxford City Council & Ian Hudspeth OCC were saying that 100,000 houses would give £25 million for infrastructure.

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

10.1 CR1468 (school bus charges)

11 Financial Matters

11.1. Grant Information/Grant Applications/receipts

11.1.1 Oxfordshire Association for the Blind - grant request £100 unanimously approved.

11.1.2 Enrych Oxfordshire - small charity supporting adults with a physical disability across Oxfordshire -grant request following 65% OCC funding cut. Not approved. The request was for a £1,000. The committee felt that due to Government and hence OCC cut backs, too many charitable requests were being made to smaller bodies and that the precept was mainly for local needs.

11.2 Balances and Liabilities and Income

11.2.1 Balance £22,2323.39 (Money) Bank Accounts 05/12/2017): Current £17,183.84 Reserve £7,892.69

11.2.2 Liabilities £2,900.00 app. Transfer of funds: £0.00; Income: £0.00 Bank interest £0.07; VAT Refund UB5966 £3,240.41

11.3 Expenditure

11.3.1 Wybone Ltd – Litter bins village hall & Play Area. Inv: 133948/M £596.40 CN: 707

11.3.2 Baylee Construction – Village Hall water main diversion Inv £370.00 CN: 710

11.3.3 HMR&C PAYE/NI Liability £326.40 CN:709

11.3.4 Jeffrey Wright Clerks salary Jan- Mar 20128 £1,594.41 CN:708

11.4 Quotations/Tenders

11.4.1 None

11.5 Bank Matters

11.5.1 Impending Closure of NatWest Kidlington and minor changes to account terms

11.6 Other Financial Matters

11.6.1 Precept submission sent to CDC for 2018-19 - £27,944

11.6.2 No other matters

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Received playground inspection reports from Cllr Allen and Cllr Gregory.

12.2 Playground equipment – it was reported the roundabout still made a noise when it was stood on in a certain place. Wicksteed have been notified. A new bin was available for installation. Fencing bolts had been tightened. The cost to repair the gate could exceed the cost of a new one. Committee decided that a railing may be better to permanently close the gap subject to approval by BVHMC. (see 7.1)

12.3 Equipment ideas – no progress

12.4 Other H&S Matters - none

13 Training

13.1 Training requests – none

13.1.2 Clerk presented Cllr Allen a certificate for attending a training session for Children's' Playground equipment inspection.

14 Freedom of information requests

14.1 None

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

15.1 Footpath amendments, anomalies and addition

15.1.1 Sign "No Motor Vehicles" in Begbroke Lane to be removed by OCC.

15.1.2 Resignation of Jan Lacey as the Ramblers Parish Path Warden (PPW) for Begbroke Parish.

15.1.3 Clerks meeting with Christopher Hawkins - Strutt Parker regarding University Land/footpath Issues. They discussed various previously reported issues such as gate adjustments, attending to crops planted on footpaths (mainly FP 7 which is 8' wide) and removal of a barrier at Begbroke lane and construction of a new access to Rowel entrance with a gate to prevent access for motor cycles to the south.

15.1.4 Note from Mr Henman – tenant farmer regarding adhering to footpaths and walking dogs was published in the Link and the Website

16 Website

16.1 Website was reviewed.

16.2 It was noted that last issue of the Link which went to every house, did not publish, the clerks article in the way he presented it. The article was to represent and promote the new website. It was published in black and white whereas many articles were in colour. The screen shot of the website had been altered. It was noted that the committee had given a grant of £400 which allowed more colour and full distribution of the magazine.

17 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting (s):

16.1 2018 February 5th; March 5th; April 2nd, May 8th (ACM & APM); June 4th; July 2nd; August 6th; September 3rd; October 1st; November 5th; December 3rd; **2019** – January 7th; February 4th; March 4th.

Signed

Chairman/Vice Chairman 5th February 2018