

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN BEGBROKE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2018 AT 6.30 PM

1 Present:

1.1 Cllr Malcolm Ryder (Chair) Cllr Leslie Allen; Cllr Ellis Davies; Cllr Beverly Napier; Cllr Lindsay Gregory; Cllr David Wintersgill; Cllr Alaric Rose CDC KPC; Cllr Nigel Simpson KPC; Jeffrey Wright - Clerk;

Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Billington OCC & CDC

2 Read and Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting Monday 9th April 2018 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. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – draft policies were discussed, and it was agreed to publish on the website.

4.2 There were no other matters arising

5 A44 and Begbroke Science Park

5.1 A44 Pedestrian crossing progress. The recent e mail from Joy White was discussed where she still proposed a crossing at Langford lane, considered it did not require lighting, that the bus improvement funds were still necessary for Langford lane rather than diverting the £250k to Begbroke and that whilst a crossing at Begbroke was desirable, other avenues would need exploring. It was agreed that Cllr Rose would meet with Adrian Colwell to discuss further and to explore who at OCC has the final decision on this matter.

6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County Councillor – no report.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor Alaric Rose, said the Oxford Mail had reported that Oxford City Council wanted a closer working relationship with Cherwell, but that was swiftly overtaken by a statement from both Cherwell and Oxfordshire about joint working arrangements. This could mean a CEO having responsibility for several authorities. A comment was made that local authorities appeared to be run as businesses rather than representing the interests of the electorate such as ignoring the thousands of opposing views on the local housing proposals. Cllr Rose said he must make specific organisational arrangements on CDC as he is the only Lib-Dem councillor.

6.3 Other contributors- Cllr Simpson reported on the airport meeting and that he had met representatives of the Green Belt Network to discuss the next moves for the forthcoming enquiry by the Planning Inspector. The University of Oxford and others will have huge resources compared to local groups, so some funding will be necessary to be able to obtain legal and planning expertise.

7 Council Representatives. (Two representatives if possible)

7.1 BVHMC Report (Ellis Davies) he reported that they had a new cleaner in post, the race Night was not well supported, progress on the community Orchard, the kitchen drain was causing problems and that the Woodstock Carnival is ceasing to operate.

7.1.2 Village Hall toilet upgrade – the male toilets were partly complete.

7.2 London Oxford Airport Consultative Meeting. (Malcolm Ryder) – did not attend

8 New Business

8.1 E mail addresses for councillors (£12.50/month for 5 and must log on) It was decided not to proceed.

8.2 Spare allotments were available at Yarnton.

8.3 Compost bin(s) for play area grass cuttings – it was decided to leave in abeyance for now.

9 Planning

9.1 18/00800/F Mrs Annabelle Cummings - demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new single storey extension to side and rear and new conservatory to rear. Belmont 8 Foxglove Road, Begbroke – no objections.

9.2 18/00803/OUT Chancellor Masters and Scholars of The University of Oxford. Outline planning for 12,500m2 of B1a/b/c and D1. Begbroke Science Park. The committee had no objections as it was contained

within the existing boundaries. They wanted to keep the building height uniform and not permit the external elevations to be too visible but be in keeping with the landscape. The committee also thought it worth trying to obtain section 106 funding for our proposed crossing.

9.3 Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, between the A34 south of Oxford and Milton Keynes. Three different route corridors are being considered for the road and the committee awaited the proposals but were generally against the ideas as it would involve mass housing development.

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

10.1 Citizens Advice – Thank you card for grant.

10.2 Merchant Navy Day – finance request – not approved.

11 Financial Matters

11.1. Grant Information/Grant Applications/receipts

11.1.1 Clerk reported that the toilet grant is now £6800 rather than £7k with a further bill to be expected in the region of £700 for electrical work. He said he would then reclaim the vat.

11.2 Balances and Liabilities and Income

11.2.1 Balance £14,841.00 (Money) Bank Accounts 04 May 2018: Current £18,582.17 Reserve £7,884.01

11.2.2 Liabilities £7,305.00 Transfer of funds: £0.00; Income: £0.00 Bank interest £0.35

11.3 Expenditure

11.3.1 Grant for BVHMC to refurbish male toilets £6,800 CN: 732

11.3.2 N. R Prickett Grass cutting Invoice No: £444 CN: 733

11.3.3 David wintersgill – expenses – plant purchase for bus stop planters. £61.00 CN: 734

11.3.4 The above financial transactions were unanimously agreed.

11.4 Quotations/Tenders

11.4.1 None

11.5 Bank Matters

11.5.1 New privacy rules leaflet was sent by bank

11.6 Other Financial Matters

11.6.1 - None

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Received playground inspection reports from Cllr Wintersgill, Cllr Allen and Cllr Gregory

12.2 Other H&S Matters reported were: Play area – overhanging trees, worn washers on swing bearings, tile lifting under climbing frame, broken welding on barrier gate to Begbroke lane (discussed to replace with a railing – Elis to talk to BVHMC), galvanised entrance gate and larger gate – posts need excavating, re-concreting and gates re-hanging. A44 and other areas across the county – grass cutting generally was poor and the safety splays are not being cut. It is especially difficult when trying to exit Begbroke southbound and similarly Langford lane.

12.3 The committee carried out an inspection of the play area and noted some of the items in 12.2. the seat on the wooden bench needed screwing down, some ruts required filling with soil and there was a dead branch hanging over the play area.

13 Training

13.1 Training requests.

14 Freedom of information requests/receipts

14.1 Publication of FOI request to CDC – it was agreed to give more publicity. It was unanimously agreed to put the questions and response on the Begbroke Website and then let the Oxford mail be aware of the information.

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

15.1 Footpath amendments, anomalies and additions - none

15.2. Footpath issues – none.

16 Website

16.1 Website review – nothing to report.

16.2 Privacy policy now added to website

17 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting (s):

17.1 July 2nd; August 6th; September 3rd; October 1st; November 5th; December 3rd; **2019** – January 7th; February 4th; March 4th.

Signed Chairman/Vice Chairman

2nd July 2018