

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN BEGBROKE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 2ND JULY 2018 AT 6.30 PM

1 Present:

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

Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Beverly Napier; Cllr Billington OCC & CDC

2 Read and Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting Monday 4th June 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 No matters arising

5 A44 and Begbroke Science Park

5.1 A44 Pedestrian crossing progress. The committee agree the contents of a letter to be sent to Ian Hudspeth in response to the e mail from Joy White which appeared to rule out a crossing. He also reported that he had been in touch with the developer of the Business Park, Hill Street Holdings whose Angus Bates said would be happy to discuss matters further from W/C 9th July onwards,

6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County Councillor abridged contents of his e-mailed report below.

Shared service arrangement between OCC and CDC

As reported previously, OCC and Cherwell District Council (CDC) are considering a proposal for shared service arrangements under a joint chief executive, while retaining separate councillor bodies, budgets and decision-making processes. Yvonne Rees, the current Chief Executive of CDC, appointed as joint Chief Executive of the County Council and Cherwell District Council.

Delayed transfers of care – Oxfordshire figures are improving

Delayed transfer of care cases is now at the lowest level for many years in Oxfordshire. Effective and sustained joint working by OCC and the NHS across Oxfordshire has seen consistent and on-going reductions in the number of people delayed in hospital. Department of Health figures showed a 44% decrease in the number of social care delays, and a drop in the overall number of days delayed in a hospital. 13% of delays were attributable to social care.

County council budget outturn hits the mark

The council's Cabinet received final budget figures for the 2017/18 financial year at its meeting on Tuesday, June 19. OCC managed its net budget with 99.8 per cent accuracy for 2017/18, with an underspend of just £1m (0.2 per cent) on an overall service budget of £422m.

Site allocations consultation on minerals and waste local plan

The council reached a new milestone in the ongoing planning process to decide where minerals can be extracted, and waste management facilities can be in June. A consultation will take place in July-September open to all interested organisations and individuals to respond. A core strategy was adopted by the council in September 2017 and it was always planned that work on specific site allocations would follow this.

Highways

The bad winter has taken its toll on road conditions across the county, so OCC welcomed the additional £2.7m the Government has provided for this year; additional gangs have been employed to ensure we utilise the funds during the summer months. Last month 6,236 defects were repaired. A fact sheet giving details about the condition of the county's highways and the actions being taken to maintain them will be issued to all councillors and parish clerks during the month of July.

Oxfordshire's new domestic abuse service launched

A new domestic abuse service for Oxfordshire was launched in June. The new service was set up by OCC in partnership with District Councils and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley. Victims fleeing abuse will be able to access refuge in Banbury and in one other location, located in either Didcot or Oxford. To report concerns, please use the A2Dominion ODAS helpline (0800 731 0055) or oxfordshiredomestic@a2dominion.org.uk

NHS health checks

OCC-funded NHS Health Checks are designed to spot early warnings of stroke, kidney and heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and dementia. They are available to anyone aged between the ages of 40 and 74 who has not already been diagnosed with an existing cardiovascular condition. They are free, and applicants will be invited to have one once every five years. GP surgeries will automatically send out invitations, but if one is not received, residents should contact their surgery and make an appointment. The check will take around 20 to 30 minutes. For further information about free NHS Health Checks visit: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/nhshealthcheck

Fighting back against the scammers

OCC is an enthusiastic backer of Friends Against Scams, a national scheme run by the country's trading standards services, which aims to:

- Highlight the scale of the problem by getting communities and the nation talking about scams.
- Change the perceptions of why people become scam victims.
- Prevent people from becoming or continuing to be a scam victim by providing more adequate support.
- Recruit people to join the fight against scams to make this a scam-free nation

The Friends Against Scams [website](#). Advice is available on 03454 04 05 06.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor – no report.

6.3 Other contributors - none

7 Council Representatives. (Two representatives if possible)

7.1 BVHMC Report (Ellis Davies) The male toilets were completed, there were continuing discussions with the cricket fence at the field boundary, the Community Orchard was progressing.

7.2 London Oxford Airport Consultative Meeting. (Malcolm Ryder) – nothing to report.

8 New Business

8.1 None

9 Planning

9.1 18/00932/F 7 Sandhill Road - extension to rear part of LHS and into roof space with dormer windows. Remove existing garage carport conservatory and part of current rear bedroom. No objections.

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

10.1. None

11 Financial Matters

11.1. Grant Information/Grant Applications/receipts

11.1.1 None

11.2 Balances and Liabilities and Income

11.2.1 Balance £12,176.00 (Money) Bank Accounts – 05 June 2018): Current £6,769.34 Reserve £7,894.35

11.2.2 Liabilities £2,161.00 Transfer of funds: £0.00; Income: £0.00 Bank interest £0.31

11.3 Expenditure

11.3.1 Wrist Electrical Inv 17181042 £1,495.20 CN:735

11.3.2 N R Prickett – grass cutting inv 818 £666.00 CN: 736

11.4 Quotations/Tenders

11.4.1 Hedge cutting had been arranged with Nigel Prickett (£320 plus vat) – unanimously agreed.

11.4.2 Play area entrance gate and replacement of 14' gate adjacent to Begbroke Lane - Miles landscapes £465 plus vat - unanimously agreed.

11.5 Bank Matters

11.5.1 Due to closure of Kidlington NatWest branch, printed statements are available from the Central Oxford branch although this usually entails a 10-minute wait.

11.6 Other Financial Matters

11.6.1 Audit questions from Moore Stephens were sent to clerk regarding a spending of £6k and staffing costs. The clerk said he had thoroughly explained this in his AGAR submission and had telephoned the auditor and sent further information – all transactions and reports for 2016-17 and 2017-18.

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Received playground inspection reports from Cllr Allen.

12.2 Child swing bearings /climbing frame – meeting 4th July 9.30am with David Chidlow – Fenland Leisure products.

12.3 Gate post and side metal gate – see item 11.4.2

12.4 Overhanging and broken branch at LVS/Bus stop now removed

12.4 No other H&S Matters -

13 Training

13.1 No training requests.

14 Freedom of information requests/receipts

14.1 The Oxford Mail are to contact the clerk regarding Begbroke parish councils FOI request to CDC. It has been published in The Link and on the parish website.

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

15.1 Footpath amendments, anomalies and addition – it was agreed that Cllr Ryder and the Clerk would try and arrange a meeting at Orchard House.

15.2. Footpath issues – none.

15.2.1 Dalton Lane overgrown – reported to OCC and action to be taken.

16 Website

16.1 Website review – nothing to report.

16.2 Privacy policy added to website

17 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting (s):

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

Signed Chairman/Vice Chairman

6th August 2018