

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN BEGBROKE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2018 AT 6.30 PM

1 Present:

1.1 Cllr Malcolm Ryder (Chair); Cllr Lindsay Gregory; Cllr David Wintersgill (Vice Chair); Cllr Ellis Davies; Cllr Beverly Napier; Cllr Billington OCC & CDC; Cllr Nigel Simpson KPC; Jeffrey Wright - Clerk; Mr Geoff Goddard – resident.

Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Alaric Rose CDC; Cllr Leslie Allen

2 Read and Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting Monday 3rd September 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. Begbroke Roundabout – tiled chevrons on northbound approach covered in shrubbery – reported to Fix My Street. Informed it was “changed to no action” Clerk followed up with Mike Wasley OCC who said – “regarding the overgrown shrubs, an opportunity was missed to trim these when we had the Traffic Management in place earlier this year, I will look into how we can move this piece of work forward – now completed and Mike Wasley was thanked. Regarding the south bound pedestrian warning sign, he said, “I’m aware this is still missing, and will aim to get this progressed”

4.2 Cracks in pavement Begbroke lane reported to Fix My Street. No action to be taken – reported for future consideration.

4.3 Update - Planning Inspector Paul Griffiths appointed to examine Cherwell District Council's Local Plan (Part 1) Partial Review – update of Preliminary Hearing on 28th September. Clerk submitted updated comments on agenda items below to address 1& 2 below.

1. Working through the ‘working assumption’ that Oxford has an unmet need of 15,000 homes (which became 14,850), based on an overall housing requirement for the city to 2031 of 28,000, is the apportionment of 4,400 homes of Oxford’s overall unmet need to Cherwell soundly based?

2. If figure of 4400 is soundly based, and bearing in mind paragraph 83 of the (previous version of the) NPPF, can Oxford’s unmet housing be an ‘exceptional circumstance’ that justifies an alteration to Green Belt boundaries?

4.4 Trees of Remembrance Project: Free Sapling and Commemorative Plaque for All Local Councils in Oxfordshire – it was agreed to decline a tree as no suitable place could be agreed to plant it.

4.5 No other matters were arising.

5 A44 and Begbroke Science Park

5.1 A44 Pedestrian crossing progress – Cllr Hudspeth stated by e mail: “I understand from Cllr Wood this morning that the planning application for the Begbroke Science Park went through last week. I did ask him was the Begbroke crossing mentioned as part of the S106 and he thought it was. I have asked officers to put forward the Begbroke crossing as part of the S106 package. I hope that this will now resolve the situation and the crossing will be delivered as part of the latest S106 agreement”

5.2 Clerk wrote further to Cllr Hudspeth now application has been passed with no mention of a crossing in the planning terms

5.3 Noted response from Cllr Hudspeth dated 04 Oct 2018 where it appears to rule out a crossing at present.

5.4 OCC Letter to Ron Perry 15 Aug 2000 – ruled out a crossing at Yarnton/50mph speeds/accidents.

5.5 It was unanimously agreed to send a further response letter (CS608) to Cllr Hudspeth regarding the above items 5.1 - 5.5

6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County Councillor - report circulated by e mail. He said the new CEO works 3 days for OCC and 2 for CDC and that the arrangements appeared satisfactory. Clerk asked if monies were available to provide speed sensing LED safety signs on the A44 from the fund that County Councillors have for parishes in their area. He is to confirm amount and clerk to obtain quotations.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor – not present.

6.3 Other contributors – Cllr Simpson reported on item 4.3. He said that there were many professionals – lawyers and Planning Consultants representing the vested interests. The committee considered that Begbroke with a small population was out financed. CDC were investigating Decriminalised parking enforcement (DPE) in the area.

7 Council Representatives. (Two representatives if possible)

7.1 BVHMC Report (Ellis Davies) – he reported on the AGM of BVHMC. Events ranged from Quiz Nights, Race Night, Prize Bingo to Burns Night and Barn Dance, to the Family Fun day. Community Orchard is progressing with a planting session to take place in November. BVHMC thanked the Parish Council who had been able to significantly contribute finances to improvements this year. Sue and David Pollard resigned this evening and, in their place, a new Bookings Secretary, Jude Skipp was appointed. Some hire rates are to increase. The bar licence had been granted and that there was insufficient light over the new bin store.

7.2 London Oxford Airport Consultative Meeting. 6:30pm on Wednesday the 12th of September 2018. (Malcolm Ryder was unable to attend)

8 New Business

8.1 The committee review the Parish Members Allowances for 2018-19. It was unanimously decided not to accept a paid allowance but to accept mileage payments and meal expenses when incurred.

8.2 Layla Moran MP – has accepted offer of a tree from Woodland Trust - Queen's Commonwealth Canopy Project. Begbroke Lane planting location agreed with OCC – but only an Ash tree and within the width of the highway. Meet at 5 Rowel Drive on 2nd November at 10.00am for planting ceremony with Layla.

8.3 Thames Valley Police “Hidden Harm” campaign, this time focusing on raising awareness of hate crime. 2,369 hate crimes in Thames Valley

9 Planning

9.1 18/01540/F Nio/Colliers New cladding to North Elevation painting two elevators and relocate air handling units Begbroke Science Park – no objections but observed that plywood fascia may not be durable.

9.2 18/01534/TPO Mr Geoff Goddard T1 Willow - fell. 22 Woodstock Rd Begbroke OX5 1RG – no objections.

9.3 18/01694/F Ms Tina Mohindra - new detached garage, entrance gate and refuse store in front garden. Maple Tree 38 Woodstock Rd Begbroke. Object to this application. The garage is not in line with the properties and appears to be at the property entrance with door parallel to the footpath. Safety issues to pedestrians and traffic whilst vehicles attempt access/egress to the garage from the service road. Traffic often exits fast from the A44 to the service road. It was noted that construction appeared to be in progress.

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

10.1.

11 Financial Matters

11.1. Grant Information/Grant Applications/receipts

11.1.1 Begbroke Coffee Morning – application for £350 (CR1488) Unanimously agreed

11.1.2 BVHMC – grant for flooring £2500 budget cost – noted – await further information on hall use.

11.2 Balances and Liabilities and Income

11.2.1 Balance £19,656.00 (Money) Bank Accounts – 03 August 2018): Current £4,281.74 Reserve £7,894.66

11.2.2 Liabilities £339.80 CN: 739 Transfer of funds: £0.00; Income: Precept £13,972.00 Bank interest £0.34

11.3 Expenditure

11.3.1 Gate post repair and new gate Trentwood Fencing Ltd Inv 23/8/18 £942 in vat. CN:741

11.3.2 CDC Dog Bin emptying £192.19 CN: 742

11.3.3 Function 28 – Website hosting invoice 4609 £203.99 CN: 743

11.3.4 Begbroke Coffee Morning – £350 CN: 744

11.3.5 NR Prickett – Grass cutting invoice 865 £234.00 CN: 745

11.3.6 Dovey Accountancy Services – Professional fees PAYE/NI Liability Inv 2018/10/2 £228.00 CN: 746

11.3.7 HMR&C PAYE/NI Liability to 22/01/2019 £339.20 CN:747

11.3.8 Clerks refundable expenses £50.86 CN: 749

11.3.9 Clerks salary Oct Nov Dec 2018 £1,620.76 CN: 748

The above financial transactions were unanimously approved.

11.4 Quotations/Tenders

11.4.1 None

11.5 Bank Matters

11.5.1 None

11.6 Other Financial Matters

11.6.1 Annual Governance and Accountability return for year ended 31 March 2018 is now completed. It was unanimously approved by the committee. Clerk to publish on notice board and website.

11.6.2 To reclaim VAT – Clerk reported there is a new service on line: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-vat-refund-as-an-organisation-not-registered-for-vat>

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Five playground inspection reports for September received from Cllr Davis. He said the rubber covers were missing on some goal post bolts and appeared to have been pulled off.

12.2 Child swing bearings /shackles – completed

12.3 Gate post – up-righted and side metal gate contractors - Trentwood Fencing Ltd have replaced gate and a lock fitted.

12.4 It was noted that vehicles parking near the A44 access/egress caused problems to road users by narrowing the road width.

12.5 No Other H&S Matters

13 Training

13.1 Training requests – none. Clerk had circulated programme.

14 Freedom of information requests/receipts

14.1 None

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

15.1 Footpath amendments, anomalies and addition

15.2. Footpath issues

15.2.1 A tree branch(s) had fallen over footpath 5 on route to Bladon.

16 Website

16.1 Website was reviewed and up to date.

17 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting (s):

17.1 December 3rd; 2019 – January 7th; February 4th; March 4th.

Signed Chairman/Vice Chairman

December 3rd, 2018

