

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN BEGBROKE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2019 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 Leslie Allen; Cllr Billington – OCC (part meeting left after item 6.1) CDC; Cllr Nigel Simpson KPC; Jeffrey Wright - Clerk;

Apologies:

1.2 None

2 Read and Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting Monday 7th January 2019 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. None

5 A44 and Begbroke Science Park

5.1 Speed detection sign progress – Letters of instruction to contractors were signed - see 11.4.1-2

5.2 Meeting 19/12/2018 with Benjamin Smith - Senior Transport Planner & Mike Wasley Principal Officer Traffic Schemes. The following points were discussed, and OCC were to consider.

1. Pedestrian Signs – sub plates?
2. Tactile Paving on crossing
3. LED Speed detection OCC Grant approved. – position marking, Traffic Management, Utility drawings – list of utility suppliers. Windage Oxford Low area 256
4. Southbound carriageway- moving chevrons westbound to reduce direct approach and speed.
5. Central Barrier separation
6. 50MPH Repeater signs – more reqd. None from Rutten Lane roundabout until Science Park. Need to flag speed up immediately.
7. Northbound – Higher crash barrier – people feel unsafe. (Southbound barrier replaced recently)
8. Garage Activities. White line painted to direct traffic away from entrance of A44. Garage parking near service entrance causing problems. Parking outside property on service road.
9. Burford HGV restrictions – will cause further A44 HGV Traffic.

6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County Councillor (abridged version)

Budget

Young people and their families in Oxfordshire are now set to benefit from improved community-run youth services if county councillors agree grant funding when they set the council's budget next week. Youth groups will be invited to bid in to a £1m fund over two years.

County council to invest in schools, transport and streetlighting

Residents of Oxfordshire will see highway improvements, new school buildings and energy-efficient streetlighting thanks to a £1 billion investment over the next ten years. Capital funding is for large one-off projects such as highway repairs or building work to assist the council meet its obligations, such as creating extra school places - as opposed to the normal revenue budget which covers funding for the costs of day-to-day services. The proposed capital programme includes government funding through the Oxfordshire Growth Deal, agreed by all Oxfordshire councils. A £41m street lighting improvement programme continues to be part of the investment plan, with traditional lanterns to be replaced with more energy efficient LED lighting, saving money in the long-run.

Pressure on funding for day-to-day council services continues. To make sure the growing number of children at risk of abuse and neglect are protected, the children's social care budget has increased annually. Investment in digital technology will enable us to save money in the process.

Oxfordshire health and wellbeing strategy survey is launched

A draft strategy has been developed by Oxfordshire's Health and Wellbeing Board – the partnership between local NHS services, local councils and Healthwatch Oxfordshire which aims to improve everyone's health and wellbeing especially of those people who have health problems or are in difficult circumstances due to age or vulnerability.

Cash boost for future of transport in Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire's road users could see a technological revolution take place in the coming years that could involve important traffic information being used to help them to get around more easily thanks to a successful bid for £1.25m of Government funding. The cash, which has been through the national GovTech Catalyst initiative towards work to transform the existing Oxfordshire traffic management system – ready for the Government's hoped-for introduction of connected vehicles by 2021

More than 40,000 road defects repaired in Oxfordshire since last winter

OCC's highways teams are out daily relentlessly resurfacing roads and pavements. They have been able to more work than last year thanks to the county council putting in extra cash over and above the normal budget in response to the problems caused during the last cold spell. Since January 2018 the council has repaired 40,117 defects. That's an average of 3,652 repairs a month

Watchdog says Oxon health and social care services more joined UP

Significant work has been done to join up services across Oxfordshire that is already demonstrating improved outcomes for people, according to a follow-up review by the national regulator for health and social care published on Wednesday, January 9.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor – no report – Cllr Rose has moved from the area.

6.3 Other contributors – Cllr Simpson reviewed the Inspectors enquiry regarding CDC's housing plans

7 Council Representatives. (Two representatives if possible)

7.1 BVHMC Report (Ellis Davies) Reported on Village Green status for playing field, piano and pool table have been removed.

7.2 London Oxford Airport Consultative Meeting.

8 New Business

8.1 Reviewed Financial Management and Administration Risk Assessment

8.2. Reviewed current Internal Auditor (Mr McCaughey) for independence, competence, relationship with clerk and councillors, audit planning, audit scope planning and audit reporting.

8.3. Reviewed Fidelity Guarantee insurance currently £50k - to cover the amount of precept

8.4 Reviewed Begbroke parish Council Standing orders

8.5. Reviewed Freedom of information Act information

8.6 Reviewed Parish Assets

8.7 Clerks duties – Reviewed.

The above policies were reviewed as satisfactory.

8.8 Health & Safety Policy – further review needed. Committee to consider policy requirements.

9 Planning

9.1 18/02070/F | Detached single storey outbuilding to provide home office/gym | St Marys 20 Spring Hill Road Begbroke Kidlington OX5 1RX – approved but parish council were not advised of application. CDC had had an administrative issue with this application

9.2 18/01694/F Ms Tina Mohindra - new detached garage, entrance gate and refuse store in front garden. Maple Tree 38 Woodstock Rd Begbroke – consent subject to rendering garage and store in grey to match existing boundary wall – no render applied to garage. Enforcement order issued by CDC.

9.3 Cherwell Local Plan Examination Hearings February 2019 – Submission was agreed by committee.

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

10.1. Councillor Priority Fund Agreement – completed and returned.

11 Financial Matters

11.1. Grant Information/Grant Applications/receipts

11.1.1 Grant to BVHMC for floor sanding and kitchen was briefly discussed.

11.2 Balances and Liabilities and Income

11.2.1 Balances Bank Statements : Current £12,219.22 Reserve £7,900.96 (from 05/02/2019 statement)

11.2.2 Liabilities £9,014.57 Transfer of funds: £0.00; Income Bank interest £1.34; Grant OCC £5,800

11.3 Expenditure

11.3.1 Clerks refundable expenses £13.92 CN: 761

11.3.2 Fenland Leisure Products Ltd Invoiced SIN029199-200 Swing repairs £1,429.60 CN:760

11.3.3 Speed Activated Signs, TWM Systems via RITETECH LTD £5,800 plus vat CN:763

11.3.4 2 x 89mm posts for speed signs Bouygues E & S Infrastructure Ltd - £592.54. CN:762

The above financial transactions were unanimously approved by the committee.

11.4 Quotations/Tenders

11.4.1 Speed Activated Signs, TWM Systems via RITETECH LTD £5,800 plus vat – The committee unanimously approved instruction.

11.4.2 2 x 89mm posts for speed signs Bouygues E & S Infrastructure Ltd - £592.54 plus vat. The committee unanimously approved instruction.

11.5 Bank Matters

11.5.1 None

11.6 Other Financial Matters

11.6.1 None

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Clerk did not receive any playground inspection reports at the meeting.

12.2 Swing hangers – now completed 29/01/2019

12.3 Annual Play Area Inspection – arranged and confirmed ongoing with RoSPA Play safety

12.4 Instruction for repairs issued to Baylee Construction.

13 Training

13.1 Training requests.

14 Freedom of information requests/receipts

14.1 None

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

15.1 Footpath amendments, anomalies and additions.

15.2. Footpath issues – Dalton Lane surface had been churned up by a farm equipment and not reinstated. Now difficult to walk this section especially when muddy. It was noted that trees had branched broken off rather than sawn and that hedges in field to the west of Dalton Lane had been removed. Reported to CDC Arboriculture Officer and Footpath Officer.

15.2.1 University project to improve footpath access from Begbroke Lane and Rowel Drive – contract awarded – date still to be advised.

16 Website

16.1 Website review was satisfactory.

17 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting (s):

17.1 2019 – March 4th.

17.2 2019 meeting schedule

Begbroke parish council meeting schedule 2018-19 -Mondays at 6.30pm *Tuesday 6.30pm **7.0pm

2019

February 4th - Review Begbroke parish council Policies

March 4th

April 8th - Review and agree parish accounts

May 7th - *Annual Council Meeting & **Annual Parish Meeting

June 3rd

July 1st

August 5th

September 2nd

October 7th

November 4th

December 2nd - Budget & Precept meeting

2020

January 6th

February 3rd - Review Begbroke parish council Policies

March 2nd

Signed Chairman/Vice Chairman

March 4th, 2019

