

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN BEGBROKE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 6.30 PM

1 Present:

1.1 Cllr Malcolm Ryder (Chair; Cllr David Wintersgill (Vice Chair); Cllr Lindsay Gregory; Cllr Beverly Napier; Cllr Leslie Allen; Cllr Nigel Simpson (Gosford & Water Eaton PC) Jeffrey Wright - Clerk;

Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Darron Rudkins; Cllr Billington OCC CDC

2 Read and Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting Monday 1st July 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 CDC Enforcement regarding Motor Village Activities – no response to two e mails to CDC.

4.2 Orchard House – clerk has had a meeting with Reverend Oliver Petter. Awaiting his formal response with church's position after discussion with Churchwardens.

4.3 It was noted that next year Countryfile Live was moving from Blenheim Palace to Windsor

5 A44 and Begbroke Science Park

5.1 VAS signs – data software download - see item 8.3

5.2 Other A44 matters

6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County Councillor – no report - did not attend.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor – no report – did not attend.

6.3 Cllr Simpson said he would ask again about a dog waste bin at Roundham crossing and investigate cycle rack provision near the Groveland's bus terminus. He also said they were considering cycle racks at Exeter Hall. It was rumoured that there may be alterations to Sainsbury's Roundabout in Kidlington and that Oxford United may be looking at Stratfield Brake as a training ground.

7 Council Representatives.

7.1 BVHMC Report – Cllr. Gregory was unable to attend the recent meeting of the committee. However, the clerk said he had spoken to Brian Habberfield and that they were hoping to replace the hall from door with a more robust commercial construction with no threshold. He mentioned that rabbits were becoming problematic in the play area. They were digging up turf and leaving droppings in playing areas such as the goal.

7.2 London Oxford Airport Consultative Meeting minutes were discussed. It was noted there had been near misses with drones and that revised helicopter routes were being planned. The WW2 siren is to be removed and the MD is leaving and will be replaced.

8 New Business

8.1. It was agreed to respond when necessary to clerks e mails so he can assess the views of the members.

8.2 Seat in Begbroke lane – relatives have cleaned off the Sadolin protection. Clerk to contact insurance company for advice as it is making parish maintenance difficult.

8.3 Eastern bus stop window has been vandalised – it was unanimously agreed to get Baylee Construction to replace.

8.4 Laptop Computer for PC use – it was unanimously agreed to purchase and a budget of around £1000-£1200 was agreed. Clerk to contact suppliers.

9 Planning

9.1 Paul Griffiths – Planning Inspector -the preliminary conclusions he has reached about the *Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1) Partial Review – Oxford’s Unmet Housing Need* (the Plan) was discussed and notes put on the notice board. It appears that he was mostly in favour of the proposals apart from those at Woodstock.

9.2. 19/01269/CLUE Mr Bruce Cummings Belmont 8 Foxglove Road Begbroke OX5 1SB. it was unanimously agreed, with one abstention, to respond thus:

“If approved, this application for a Certificate of Lawful Use of Amenity Land as a domestic garden with introduction of a fence and hedge on the western and northern boundaries, will negate the screening fences set out in the original 1971 plans. It will apparently override the conditions of the approved planning application (attached) by saying that planning permission is not necessary. The original screening fence was set behind trees – one of which has disappeared over the years. It may also set a precedent for other nearby properties to apply for similar status where highway visibility due to shrubbery on the pavement edges is being lost. There have been near misses as well as an accident at this junction.”

9.3 19/01296/F C/O Freeman Architecture Single storey rear extension and box dormer 59 Fernhill Rd Begbroke OX5 1RR – no objections

9.4 19/01383/TCA St Michaels Church T1 x Yew multi stemmed tree covering headstones – Fell – no objections

9.5 19/01493/F Mr Dave mason 8 Fernhill Road - First Floor extension – no objections

9.6 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 yet. Clerk to contact CDC Enforcement.

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

10.1 As register.

11 Financial Matters

11.1. Grant Information/Grant Applications/receipts

11.1.1. None

11.1.2 Councillor priority fund applications are required by January 31st, 2020. Committee to consider possible schemes.

11.2 Balances and Liabilities and Income

11.2.1 Balance £9,449.17 (Money) Bank Statements : Current £8,446.35 Reserve £1,903.65

11.2.2 Liabilities £2,794.00 approx. Transfer of funds: £0.00; Income Bank interest £0.34

11.3 Expenditure

11.3.1 N R Prickett – Grass Cutting Inv No:1042 £348.00.00 CN:797

11.3.2 Baylee Construction. Replacing notice board at bus stop, Play Area pigeon spikes Inv: BPC2540 £120 CN: 798

11.3.3 Playsafety Playground inspection Inv: 44766 £90.60 CN: 799

11.3.4 N R Prickett – Grass Cutting Inv No:1056 £234.00.00 CN:800

11.4 Quotations/Tenders

11.4.1 Replacement village hall front door – MILENA £3,222.00 plus vat. It was decided to ask for an alternative quotation before deciding.

11.5 Bank Matters

11.5.1 It was unanimously agreed to alter bank mandates. Ellis L P Davies is removed as a signatory from NatWest bank mandate and that Darron Rudkins is added. Two mandates were signed – one for Ellis and one for Darron.

11.5.2 It was resolved that: The Authorised Signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 1.3, be changed in accordance with section 4 Authorised Signatories and the current mandate will continue as amended.

11.6 Other Financial Matters

11.6.1 None

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Playsafety Annual Inspection report – was discussed. The clerk said he had met Baylee Construction today to arrange remedial works as appropriate. He had also contacted suppliers in respect of parts.

12.2 Received playground inspection reports from Cllr Napier.

12.3 Play area issues – discussed in 7.1 and 12.1.

13 Training

13.1 No training requests.

13.2 There was no availability from councillors for weekday or weekend training courses on playground inspection.

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. It was noted that shooting took place on Saturday 25th August around 4.0 pm until at least 21.15 in the fields near FP 7. The clerk wrote to the University for explanation and to see if permission had been granted to a potentially worrying situation. The reply from the Land Agents is shown: *“Within the tenancy agreement, the tenant has been given the exclusive right by the University of Oxford to ‘all game deer wild fowl woodcock snipe and other wild birds listed in Part I of the Second Schedule to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (including their nests and eggs), and fish together with the right to go onto the Holding to rear preserve shoot or kill all such creatures and to hunt shoot hawk sport or fish on or over the Holding and the right to go onto the Holding to kill and take away any rabbits hares mink wood pigeons and other pests subject to the Ground Game act 1880 and the Ground Game (Amendment) Act 1906.’*

I have spoken with the tenant who confirmed they were shooting on the site at the times and dates. They also informed me that when the shooting occurs, they inform the police and are conscious of the footpaths around the holding so take all precautions re. the general public into consideration. I did mention that if you would also like to be informed of the dates and times that the shooting will be carried out at Begbroke then I can pass your details onto the tenant.”

15.3. Clerk wrote to University regarding gate at FP 11 and FP6 built on public land and that the widths needed cutting as they were overgrown. FP 7 crops were planted over the 8’ width save two narrow paths formed by tractor wheels. No response.

15.4 Signs are required on post when leaving FP 11 to Begbroke Lane

16 Website

16.1 Website was reviewed and no issues.

17 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting (s):

17.1 No meeting October – next meeting November 4th, 2019

Signed Chairman/Vice Chairman

November 4th, 2019