

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN BEGBROKE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 6th DECEMBER 2010 AT 6.30PM

- 1 **Present:** Cllr Malcolm Ryder (Chairman); Cllr Jill Durrant (Vice Chairman); Jeffrey Wright (Clerk); Cllr Ellis Davies; Cllr Carol Trevelyan.
 - 1.1 **Apologies** Cllr David Wintersgill; Cllr Michael Gibbard; Cllr Robert Perkin;
- 2 **Read and Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting.**
 - 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November were confirmed as a true record.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest & Gifts or Hospitality**
 - 3.1. None
- 4 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - 4.1 Land ownership related to footpath issues – no progress. The clerk is to see if the land registry could assist.
 - 4.2 Bus stop maintenance. The committee approved the draft letter and risk assessment completed by the clerk who is now to write to Mr Terry Saxton.
 - 4.3 Annual parish walk 4th December – this went ahead as planned but with few participants. A discussion took place about bulls in fields and appropriate signage. Clerk is to write to the Footpaths Officer Dan Weeks.
 - 4.4 CLA Game Fair - meeting Thursday 25th November 6.0pm Blenheim Palace – the members noted the minutes from the meeting. Unfortunately Cllr Perkin, who attended the meeting was not present so could not report in person.
 - 4.5 Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting - 10 November 2010, Cllr Ryder reported the change in website, changes in the way that future planning applications will be dealt with and financial cuts.
 - 4.6 Village Hall Christmas tree for 2010-11 – clerk reported it was on order and would be delivered soon.
 - 4.7 Viridor – Landfill Communities Fund Grants (CR864) Clerk reported that he had written to Cllr Gibbard to see if he had any information. As he had had no reply, he is to write again.
 - 4.8 Society of Local Clerks – Membership information (CR862) was shown to the meeting. The clerk had completed an application to join.
 - 4.9 Two Bicycle racks at the bus stops – these were on order. The positions will be discussed when they are ready to be installed.
 - 4.10 Reply from Jon Brewin Tree Officer regarding TPO's. It appears that there is no legal requirement in a TCA notice for the owner to replant. The clerk is to write and ask why.
 - 4.11 Parish Website – business case form completed and sent to CDC. Four users have been set up. The clerk and Cllr Ryder for parish council matters, Caroline Crellin for Link information, and Cllr Perkin for Village Hall business.
 - 4.12 Gordon Lloyd reception date. A new date was discussed and it was thought that after the meeting in February would be suitable. The clerk is to make enquiries.
- 5 **A44 Pedestrian Crossing and Begbroke Science Park**
 - 5.1 Letter to Nicola Blackwood MP was discussed. No reply to date.
 - 5.2 Letter to Cllr Ian Hudspeth – he had replied and said that the council used Section 106 monies to improve the resulting impact of developments such as schools when more housing was built and highways when traffic impacted on the locality.
 - 5.3 Wolsey Court A44 – turn left sign and sub plate has been fitted in central reservation after notifying OCC.
- 6 **Report from County/District Councillor**
 - 6.1 **Planning & Housing**

We are still waiting for the Government's much vaunted Localism Bill which will shape the way all classes of development are identified and provided in the future. However the Bill, with publication now likely early in the New Year, will take around a year to go through all the processes before it becomes law. Until then we are still in theory subject to the requirements of the South East Plan as regards housing targets.

Local Government Finance Settlement

Also delayed is the announcement of the Local Government Finance Settlement, being the point when we know just how great a saving every local authority, County and District, has to find. Originally promised for the 2 December, we are now told it will be 13 December. It must be proving very difficult to decide how to distribute the cuts across the country.

Mary Harpley

Mary Harpley leaves Cherwell at the end of December to take up the role of Chief Executive at the London Borough of Hounslow. Ian Davies, currently Strategic Director for Environment & Community will become acting Chief Executive for a few months whilst the outcome of CDC's proposal to share services with South Northants District Council is determined.

Waste Recycling Centre

Oxfordshire County Council is continuing to seek planning permission for a waste recycling centre in Langford Lane (although financially, it is unlikely to be built for some years). When we last discussed this, particularly from a traffic point of view, we were told that the similar Redbridge facility was to be refurbished and out of commission for a short time. I now understand that the Environment Agency have ordered that Redbridge be closed down. This of course will have a major effect on traffic accessing the Langford Lane waste centre, and with Dean Pit (near Charlbury) also due to close, we need to be reassured that the correct traffic modelling has been carried out before Langford Lane is accepted. I will report further on this.

Michael Gibbard 6 December 2010

7 Council Representatives. (Two representatives if possible)

- 7.1 BVHMC (Carol Trevelyan)** Cllr Trevelyan reported how happy the committee were with the new doors and windows fitted at the hall. She further reported that as a consequence of the overall improvements, the hall was nearly always fully booked.
- 7.2 London Oxford Airport Consultative Meeting.** (Jill Durrant.) No report.
- 7.3 NAG Group – (David Wintersgill)** As Cllr Wintersgill was away, the clerk reported that youths gathering was a major issue. He also reported the recent vandalism to the vehicles at the Solo Italia car sales where many vehicles had their tyres punctured and the continuing vandalism in the village.

8 New Business

- 8.1 Consultation on Draft Planning Guidance on Wind Turbine Development (CR877)** No comments as the document was huge.
- 8.2 Consultation on Concessionary Bus Fares.** The clerk explained that the individual District Council Schemes would cease and would now be managed by OCC. The committee agreed that whilst it was a shame that the dial a ride scheme would stop, the improvement to permit bus passes from 9.0am would be very welcome.

9 Planning

9.1. Applications

- 9.1.1 10/00292/TCA School House 4 Spring Hill Road. G1 x Cypress Tree/Hedge – Fell – No objections.**

9.2 Decisions:

- 9.2.1 None**

9.3 Conditions of Planning

- 9.3.1 None**

9.4. Appeals

- 9.4.1 None**

9.5 Withdrawals

- 9.5.1. None**

9.6 Amendments

- 9.6.1 None**

9.7 Planning Other

- 9.7.1 None**

10 Correspondence (see register)

- 10.1** Letter of thanks from Mrs Sliwa regarding prompt attention on the pot hole at the bus stop. (CR875)
- 10.2** White Horse Contractors – company introduction letter.
- 10.3** Letter of thanks from OAB for £50 grant (CR 879)
- 10.4** Letter from NHS Oxfordshire to say they will no longer produce the Health News Magazine (CR 880)
- 10.5** Letter from OCC regarding Broadband.

11 Financial Matters

11.1. Grant Information/ Grant Applications for discussion

- 11.1.1 None**

11.2 Balances and Liabilities

- 11.2.1** Balance (Money) £ 5,417.15 Current Account £ 1,842.84

11.2.2 Uncleared Cheques & Liabilities - Transfer of £18,000 necessary.

11.3 Income

11.3.1 Parish Precept for 2011-2012 – thus was discussed and a 3% increase was agreed, The clerk is to submit a precept request for £23,631 to CDC.

11.4 Expenditure

11.4.1 Clerks invoice for work for PC during November £442.91 CN: 269

11.4.2 Clerks re-imbursed Expenses – none

11.4.3 Morgan Sindall – 2 waste bins £1,059.85 CN: 270

11.4.4 Section 137 Grant for Yarnton with Begbroke Historical Society £250 CN: 271

11.4.5 Section 137 Grant for Begbroke Coffee Morning £300 CN: 272

11.4.6 NR Pricket – Grass cutting £777.85 CN: 273

11.4.7 Society of Local Council Clerks Membership £103 CN: 274

11.4.8 Exel Projects Ltd – Village Hall Doors and windows £14,985.82 CN 275

11.5 Quotations

11.5.1 None

The above financial transactions were unanimously agreed by the committee.

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Weekly playground inspections – reports for clerk were given by Cllr Davies for April and October. Clerk is to deliver some blank forms to Cllr Trevelyan.

13 Training

13.1 None

14 Freedom of information requests

14.1 No requests

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway RUPP)

15.1 Footpath No 8. The field boundaries are part of the tenancy agreement for the farmland and are the responsibility of the tenant to maintain. Savills have asked the University Parks Department to inspect the hedge and advise them of work required to it.

16 Any Other Business

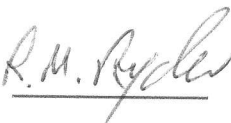
16.1 Cllr Durrant reported a faulty street light in St Michael's Lane. Clerk is to report it to OCC.

16.2 Cllr Durrant reported that Royal mail collect from two locations in Spring Hill and considered that as the van is in the vicinity they may as well collect from a post box as well. The clerk is to write again to Royal Mail.

16.3 It was considered that a street light might be beneficial on the bend entering Fernhill Road. Clerk is to write to OCC for a quotation.

17 Date of the Next Meeting:

17.1 Monday February 7th 2011

Signed:  Cllr Malcolm Ryder - Chairman of Begbroke Parish Council

Date: 07/02/2011