

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES OF

REMOTE MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY ZOOM Meeting ID: 851 4196 1888 ON MONDAY 3RD AUGUST 2020 AT 6.00 PM

1 Present:

1.1 Cllr Malcolm Ryder (Chair); Cllr David Wintersgill (Vice Chair); Cllr Beverly Napier; Cllr Lindsay Gregory; Cllr Leslie Allen; Cllr Darron Rudkins; Jeffrey Wright - Clerk; Observed by findantonia

Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Maurice Billington OCC CDC, Cllr Conrad Copeland CDC; Cllr Nigel Simpson (Gosford & Water Eaton PC);

2 Read and Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting Monday 4th May 2020 were unanimously confirmed as a true record.

3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality

3.1 None

4 Matters Arising

4.1. Warning sign in Begbroke lane to advise of a play area (Diag. 545). No progress with OCC.

4.2 No other matters arising

5 A44 and Begbroke Science Park

5.1 Petition for a pedestrian crossing – No progress.

5.2 Grass Cutting – roundabout and splays now poorly cut after complaint.

5.3 Sharp deviation to left sign on RA has been down for months – reported. It will be attended to along with a pressure wash of the chevrons, later in the year.

5.4 Cycle paths have been marked with cycle signs, end, and double hatched lines. It was noted that the condition of paths is extremely poor especially southbound A44 and narrowing due to ingress of grass. It was also noted that a great deal of attention is paid to paths and cycle paths on Oxford Ring Road.

5.5 A44 Grass has now been cut.

5.6 Other A44 matters – the rotten wooden bollards at A44 entrance /egress to the village were reported by the clerk.

5.7 It was thought that there had been an increase of Earthline lorries through the village. Clerk to pursue with OCC.

6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County Councillor – No report as not in attendance.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor – not in attendance but reported the following by e mail. “In terms of an update: I have been told that this local plan review to 2040 is a separate issue from the partial review involving the 4400 homes, but in some senses it looks to be a retroactive effort to legitimise their process on the partial plan review. On the other hand, it is part of a statutory obligation to review the plan. The risk remains that this overall plan review will entrench in the planning process what they have tried to do as an exceptional case around our parishes - morphing this 'exception' into a formalised policy. The submission period is unfortunately placed in the calendar. I would have liked the extension to apply to all applicants, not just parishes/towns, and I have asked for this - but I doubt they will amend again.

I encourage everyone to submit as much feedback as possible from as many groups, individuals, and parishes - we need to show that we don't like what's happening, but also what we would like to

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have happen so that we can point to alternatives when/if our feedback is ignored. Please let me know if there are any questions or other issues”

6.3 It was reported that the St Giles fair is cancelled this year, along with others.

7 Council Representatives.

7.1 BVHMC Report. Cllr Allen reported on the grant application to CDC to drain recreation field had not been approved. Several reasons were given such not scoring well, lack of clarity, unprecedented number of applications, insufficient canvassing of villagers and lack of parish council support. They were encouraged to apply again after addressing concerns.

7.1.1 Forms to provide suggestions for uses of recreation Field are to be published in The Link and distributed in the village.

7.1.2 BVHMC had said that the life expectancy of the annexe flat roof is approaching. Brian Habberfield is to obtain costs.

7.1.3 Potential need to cover funding for Statutory inspections of Village hall - e.g. Asbestos survey, fire risk assessment was brought to the committee’s attention. It was also mentioned that the accident book does not comply with data protection rules.

7.2 London Oxford Airport Consultative Meeting. No meeting but it was reported that planes had circled village twice.

8 New Business

8.1 Blocked drain in Spring Hill reported twice (previous report was closed with no action) Chamber cleaned without unblocking associated pipe and now blocked again. Re-reported to OCC.

9 Planning

9.1 <u>20/01420/F</u>	12 Sandhill Road Begbroke OX5 1RS	Demolition of existing house and erection of 2 semi-detached houses with parking and associated works Valid Application Received.	01/06/2020
<u>20/01229/DISC</u>	The Old Rectory 4 St Michaels Lane Begbroke OX5 1RT	Discharge of condition 3 (door 11/05/2 and windows) of 19/02004/LB 020	Under Consultation
<u>20/01000/F</u>	47 Begbroke Crescent Begbroke Kidlington OX5 1RW	Demolition of existing single storey flat roof side extension. 020 Erection of two storey pitched roof side extension to form altered kitchen / diner and provision of GF WC and altered access into the dwelling. Form extended bedrooms 1 & 2, form enlargement to FF bath / WC to accommodate spa bath.	14/04/2 Application Permitted
<u>20/00696/F</u>	28A Spring Hill Road Begbroke OX5 1RX	Proposed single storey side extension and detached garage with new vehicular access	16/03/2 020 Under Consultation

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9.10 Green Belt Housing plans – Cherwell District Council has used emergency powers to pass potentially controversial proposals in relation to the much criticised and unpopular local plan partial review. The council executive, along with senior council officers, have supported a recommendation to pass control of any so-called affordable homes that will be built on Cherwell's green belt to the city council.

9.11 update from Ian Kemp on the Inspector's full Report on the Review Plan: '*The Report has gone in for Fact Checking. The Council has been given until the 23rd July to respond*'.

Inspector Griffiths will then look at the council's feedback and submit his final report, ETA early August. Apparently, CDC has an 'Extraordinary Executive' meeting on 20th August. No Full Council meeting is listed yet but that could change, or the Executive may be given delegated powers to address the Plan given the 'exceptional circumstances'.

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

10.1 Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 – information now received by clerk.

11 Financial Matters

11.1. Grant Information/Grant Applications/receipts

11.1.1 Begbroke & Yarnton Green Belt Campaign – proposed grant of £3k to pay for legal advice on whether a legal challenge to Cherwell's local Plan would be worthwhile. The grant was unanimously approved.

11.2 Balances and Liabilities and Income

11.2.1 Balance £14.8k (Money) Bank Statements : Current £13.8K Reserve £1,906K

11.2.2 Liabilities £4k Transfer of funds: £0.00; Income Bank interest £0.02 Precept CDC 1st Payment.

11.3 Expenditure

11.3.1 NR Prickett Grass cutting Invoice 1174 £114.00 CN: 843

11.3.2 Jeffrey Wright – clerks refundable expenses £53.84 CN: 844

11.3.3 NR Prickett Grass cutting Invoice 1202 £666.00 CN: 845

11.3.4 Baylee Construction Invoice BPC 2521 £180.00 CN: 846

11.3.5 Applewood Garden Services – village Hall Hedge Cutting Inv: 9095 £182.40 CN: 847

11.3.6 Ms M Murchan – gardening services Inv 006 £26.25 CN: 848

11.3.7 NR Prickett Grass cutting Invoice 1236 £234.00 CN: 849

11.3.8 Jeffrey Wright – clerks salary July Aug Sept 2020 £1,655.69 CN: 850

11.3.9 HMR&C PAYE/NI Liabilities to 22nd October 2020 £341.80 CN: 851

11.3.10 Sign Design Oxford Limited – Play Area signage & Posts Inv: £324.84 CN: 852

11.3.11 NR Prickett Grass cutting Inv 1247 £234.00 CN 853

11.3.12 Sign Design Oxford Limited – Play Area Closed sign & clips Inv: £324.84 CN: 854

The above financial transactions were unanimously approved.

11.4 Quotations/Tenders

11.4.1 Cycle rack for village hall. Quote Circa £700 by RitechLtd.com for a 4 rack Sheffield rack and installation, was unanimously approved.

11.5 Bank Matters

11.5.1 None

11.6 Other Financial Matters

11.6.1 Commencement date for the exercise of public rights posted but since expired without any requests to see accounts and other information.

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11.6.2 Zurich Parish Council insurance was policy renewed.

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Playground inspection reports – none.

12.2 Annual RoSPA inspection Thursday 30th July. Inspector happy with play area and commented that all the repairs had been carried out, equipment painted with Sadolin and so on and that the area looked good. He found several items for attention – replace one upright on the climbing frame and paint the horse and some items that required treatment of corrosion. Whilst there was some shrinkage of the ground causing some gaps between safety surfaces and edgings, he did not consider them too troublesome as falls would generally be on to a safety area.

12.3 New signage for social distances, Stay Safe, use of gel and so on now installed. New welcome signs on posts with information on whom to report defects as well as no smoking, use litter bins provided and no dogs apart from assistance dogs. Information on website.

12.4 Play area – risk assessment completed for opening area

12.5 Cllr Allen produced a risk assessment for inspection and clerk to circulate for comment.

12.6 Village – 6 monthly asset inspection arranged with Baylee.

12.7 Overhanging branches – Baylee to remove.

13 Training

13.1 Training. Cllr Allen outlined that Certified Training to carry out inspections should be necessary. It was discussed and most people had just had instruction by others. Members to advise clerk of training.

13.2 Play area inspection training. No courses at present but no one was willing to attend at present.

14 Freedom of information requests/receipts

14.1 None

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

15.1.1 Footpath amendments, anomalies, and additions.

15.1.2 Begbroke Lane – progress with defects. no update – Clerk to liaise with Nigel Simpson.

15.1.3 Other footpath issues – Footpath Officer is undertaking an informal survey of sorts to get an idea of popular footpath routes in some of the parishes in the area – with a view to possible improvements if needed. Clerk has supplied annotated maps with an image of the muddy section in Dalton Lane and the 4-point sign post broken at Spring Hill. The bottom rail of the stile on FP 5 is also broken and has been reported. The clerk has also reported the rotten post supporting the 5-direction marker at the top of Spring Hill that leads to Cassington, Yarnton and Begbroke. He has also reported the lack of a marker post leading to this point from footpath 3 where it diverts of the track before Spring Hill House.

15.1.4 Church wall – repairs completed

16 Website

16.1 Website was reviewed. Clerk said he had now put all the minutes in chronological order and inserted a new page for the Play Area with updated information.

17 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting (s):

17.1 to be advised

signed Chairman/Vice Chairman September 7th 2020

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