

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES OF

THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2022 @ 06:00 PM.

1 Present:

1.1 Cllr Malcolm Ryder (Chair); Cllr David Wintersgill (Vice Chair); Cllr Leslie Allen; Cllr Lindsay Gregory; Cllr Beverly Napier; Jeffrey Wright – Clerk; Cllr Dorothy Walker CDC

Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Ian Middleton

2 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman and Minutes

2.1 Chairman Malcolm Ryder – Proposer DW; Seconder L A – unanimously elected.

2.2 Vice Chairman David Wintersgill – Proposer L G; Seconder L A – unanimously elected.

2.3 The minutes of the meeting Monday 19th April were confirmed as a true record.

3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality

3.1 None

4 Matters Arising

Co-option of a new councillor – no progress. Clerk to re-advertise. Notice in The Link4.2 No other matters arose.

5 A44, Highways & Begbroke Science Park

5.1 A44/Begbroke Science Park.

5.1.1 It was noted there had been three vehicle recent accidents at the roundabout. Defects had been reported.

5.2 Sandy Lane Crossing – it was thought a bridge may be considered. It was noted that with roadworks or closures on the A44 or A4260, Sandy Lane was a viable alternative route albeit with a weight restriction. There appears to be no bridge provision at Roundham crossing.

6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County Councillor – report Ian Middleton - 2020/21 (*Abridged -bullet points only - see note below*) As most people will know now, Oxfordshire County Council is now controlled by a rainbow alliance of three parties. This is the first time since the 1970s that it has not had majority rule by the Conservatives.

The Alliance consists of Lib Dem, Labour, and Green councillors, who between them now hold 40 out of the 63 seats on Oxfordshire County Council. The Greens and the Liberal Democrats forms the largest grouping on the council, and I helped to agree the terms of our alliance.

The priorities for our four-year term are as follows:

1. Tackling the Climate Emergency through rapid decarbonisation, proper accounting of carbon emissions and ambitious targets, as well as supporting climate resilience.
2. Tackling inequalities and providing opportunities for everyone in Oxfordshire to achieve their full potential.
3. Prioritisation of wellbeing – improved outcomes for residents and improved air quality and access to libraries, cultural facilities, and the arts.
4. Review and reform of the social care system to prioritise end-users and carers with a focus on co-operative and community provision of social care, helping those who want to stay in their own homes.

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5. Increased investment in an inclusive, integrated, county-wide active, and sustainable travel network fit for the 21st Century to improve choice and reduce car journeys across the County.
6. Improved access to nature and green spaces for all communities, and landscape-scale nature recovery across the county.
7. Supporting all our children and young people to achieve improved health, wellbeing, and educational outcomes; improved provision for children with additional needs; all decision-making to have regard to impact on young people and future generations.
8. The creation of a resilient local democracy where decisions are devolved to the lowest possible level and residents are meaningfully involved in the decisions that affect their lives.
9. Support for local employment and businesses, working with partners to make Oxfordshire a centre for green and sustainable technologies through a local 'Green New Deal;' we will use our purchasing power and contracts to maximise benefit to local employment and businesses.

This and the remainder of this report circulated to councillors will be placed in the minutes of the annual parish meeting.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor report to Begbroke Parish Council Meeting Tuesday May 2022

1. New Councillor for Kidlington West and changes to membership make-up of the Council:

Kidlington West, which includes Yarnton, now has a new LibDem Councillor – Jean Conway, who won her seat with a very good majority. CDC's political balance has altered following the election. Conservatives – 25 seats; The Progressive Group (7 LibDems, 2 Greens, 2 Independents) -11 seats; Labour - 3 seats. The Progressive Group is now the official opposition, replacing the Labour group.

2. The Council itself is in the final stages of separation from Oxford County Council. Some functions and roles will still be shared, and the final structure is still being finalised.

3. Sandy Lane

Layla Moran's office is still attempting to arrange a meeting between local Councillors, OCC, and Network Rail to discuss their as yet unpublished survey on traffic usage on Sandy Lane and its implications.

4. New Airport Hangar Proposal – Oxford Airport

Following the level of objections to this development that have been received, the Council has this morning clarified the position. This clarification supports the stance of the Airport management: i.e., that this application is not for normal planning permission. Under the principle of Permitted Development, which can be invoked by airport operators, the OA can simply request a Certificate of Lawful Development, under which the normal criteria for a planning permission application do not apply. The Council further explains that the Airport

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management was not even obliged to ask for this Certificate, the application was simply made to give them the reassurance that the development could not be questioned or challenged in the future.

5. Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting at Bodicote House on 8 June 2022

Parish Councillors have been emailed about this meeting, at which there will be an overview by the Council's Chairman and Leader on current district issues (the revised code of conduct for Councillors, update on planning policy, Ukraine refugees etc.). Immediately before the meeting there will be a drop-in surgery hosted by a number of Council Officers ready to respond to queries from parish councillors on a variety of topics (planning applications, election procedures, the green spaces policy etc.)

Dorothy Walker Member of Cherwell District Council for Kidlington West (report also to be included in APM Minutes)

6.3 No other contributors

7 Council Representatives

7.1 BVHMC. Jude Skipp and Sue Blackshaw attended the meeting to discuss the parish councils request to provide AV facilities in the lounge and hall. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that BVHMC representatives would take back to their committee the parish council's suggestion of a 50" monitor with suitable wireless HDMI connections and full motion bracket for lounge and a digital projector for use with hall screen. The parish council will provide more detailed proposals. It was also agreed that parish council representatives would meet BVHMC representatives to discuss siting of football goals on the recreation field. Date to be agreed but all before next BVHMC on 30th June. Les updated committee on ongoing hall inspections.

by clerk given Unanimously approved and confirmed received by BVHMC.

7.2 London Oxford Airport – representatives report.

7.2.1 A complaint had been made regarding flights over the village which were not on the agreed flight paths. Another unspecified complaint had been made and answer awaited.

8 New Business

8.1 CDC Community Governance Review recommendations are still ongoing

8.2 Fraud in parish councils – the council has a Financial Risk assessment spread-sheet, clerk regularly circulates bank statements and account transactions. **3**Jubilee Tree proposal for The Link Committee was agreed but the committee also suggested that a replacement clock at the village hall. Suitable clock to be investigated.

9 Planning

9.1 [Search Results - Planning register | Planning register | Cherwell District Council](#)

9.1.1 Planning notification for application reference: 22/01363/F. The committee discussed this application. They were concerned about the current level of parking in Fernhill Road and unanimously considered this proposal may make matters worse. Clerk to convey response to CDC. No other applications discussed.

10 Correspondence

10.1 See register for full details of postal correspondence

11 Financial Matters

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11.1 Balances/Liabilities: £23,724.11 Bank Statements : Current £24,468.42 Reserve £1,907.18
Transfer: £0.00; Liabilities (below and outstanding cheques) £2652

11.2 Income: Bank interest – £0.02 ; Precept 1st payment £14,948.50

11.3 Expenditure

11.3.1 Jeffrey Wright – clerks' refundable expenses £24.49 CN:970

11.3.2 Zurich Municipal – Parish Council Insurance £1193.73 CN:971

11.3.3 N R Prickett – grass cutting playing field Inv 1646 £240 .00 CN:972

11.3.4 Jeffrey Wright Clerks salary May £581.93 CN: 973

11.3.5 HMRC PAYE/Ni Liability to 22/06/2022 £121.60 CN: 974

11.4 Quotations/Tenders

11.4.1 None

11.5 Bank Matters

11.5.1 NatWest – increased interest rates and altered conditions

11.6 Other Financial Matters

11.6.1 None

12 Hhealth and Safety Matters

12.1 Playground inspection reports received from Les. Malcolm to follow.

12.2 Playground repairs and maintenance - clerk to discuss with Baylee

12.3 Annual RosPa inspection arranged for July/August. It was decided to review equipment after the inspection.

12.4 Bus stop windows need painting, and all street furniture/benches/tables require a coat of Sadolin

13 Training

13.1 Play Area inspection training – enquiries being made to OPFA

13.2 Training updates – none.

13.3 Requests – Play area Inspection Training.

14 Freedom of information requests/receipts

14.1. None

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

15.1 None

16 Village – Natural Environmental Matters

16.1 None

17 Website

17.1 Website was reviewed

18 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting (s):

18.1 6.00pm Monday 4th July 2022; 6.00pm 1st August 2022

Signed _____ Jeffrey Wright Clerk to Begbroke Parish Council.