

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 4th JULY 2022 @ 06:00 PM.

1 Present:

1.1 Cllr Malcolm Ryder (Chair); Cllr David Wintersgill (Vice Chair); Cllr Leslie Allen; Jeffrey Wright – Clerk;

Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Ian Middleton; Cllr Lindsay Gregory; Cllr Beverly Napier; Cllr Dorothy Walker CDC

2 Minutes

2.1 The minutes of the meeting Tuesday 24th May were confirmed as a true record.

3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality

3.1 None

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Co-option of a new councillor – no progress. Clerk to publicise what parish councillors do to try and attract a candidate. He also said that subject to confirmation by CDC, an additional councillor could be elected at the next parish election making seven councillors.

4.2 No other matters arose.

5 A44, Highways & Begbroke Science Park

5.1 A44/Begbroke Science Park matters.

5.2 Network Rail briefing for local councillors on the Transport Assessment for Sandy Lane and Yarnton Lane crossings was cancelled as CDC said they could not attend.

5.3 North Oxford Corridor Improvements - P1A & P1D Cassington Rd to Peartree Interchange – commences 11th July 2022. Clerk has put plans on notice board.

5.4 No other matters

6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County Councillor – report.

Ian Middleton – Councillor report for parishes July 2022

As always, my report covers all the areas, I represent both as a District and County Councillor. Whilst some of it may not be in your immediate area, it is still worth all Parishes having an overview as many of the issues may affect other areas.

County and District County Meetings

I attended the AGMs of both the County and District Councils. This was statutory business for both councils although a new Chair of OCC was elected in Cllr Susanna Pressel who will serve for a year.

On Cherwell we welcomed several new members and the Progressive Oxfordshire Grouping consisting of Independents, Greens and LibDems became the second largest group making them the official opposition, taking over from the Labour group. I am a member of the group and now deputy leader of the opposition. The Conservative majority on the council was cut to two as a result of the elections in May.

No other substantial business was transacted at either meeting.

OUFC Stratfield Brake

This is an ongoing issue and further meetings with stakeholders were held recently. The football club have now engaged a planning consultancy to further their proposals for the site and have sent round a leaflet explaining their position to addresses in Kidlington and Gosford. I have expressed concern that this was not what was promised at recent meetings and that we are still no further forward in terms of understanding what they are proposing for the site. The leaflet tells us nothing new and may just serve to confuse residents. I am pressing internally with OCC colleagues for more clarity on the situation.

Airport

I was unable to attend the last meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee and so do not have any feedback on this. It was notable however that the airport felt it appropriate to comment on the planning brief for the LPPR site PR7a (Bicester Road) suggesting that new residents should be made aware of the proximity of the airport. I spoke at the planning meeting considering the brief and commented that I was surprised that the airport had not made similar comments on areas that are far closer to the flightpath such as PR9 in Begbroke (Spring Hill).

Flooding – Yarnton and Begbroke

I have no further news on the plans for this site other than an email I received this morning (4th July) with a report from Merton's civil engineering consultant Dave Wooley. This proposes a new flood alleviation plan for the site, but I have not yet had time to read it in detail. I assume this report has been circulated to the areas affected, but if not let me know and I can send round a copy, assuming it is not confidential.

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Some works have been done by various agencies (including OCC) to clear the drainage ditches along Rutten Lane. This is ongoing.

Campsfield House

There are government proposals to re-open Campsfield House to accommodate refugees that the government is seeking to send to Rwanda. The intention is to fly them out from Oxford Airport, but this is not clear. If this is the case this is likely to cause significant issues with protestors and security which may have an impact on residents. We are currently awaiting further details on this from the Home Office.

Woodstock housing development

Blenheim Estates are seeking outline approval for houses on the site near the Woodstock Roundabout which was rejected by the planning inspector during the Local Plan Partial Review. These houses were subsequently added to sites in Kidlington to if they were now to go ahead in Woodstock anyway this would represent another significant betrayal of residents by the District Council. It remains to be seen what the outcome of this will be, but I would strongly suspect that the application will be rejected as it is now outside the local plan (the area is just on the edge of Cherwell despite being in Woodstock). Blenheim may then appeal though so this could re-open this can or worms.

NB. This site is not in my County Division or District Ward, but I thought it was important information for people within my areas as it is so close and will have a knock-on effect.

Silver bins

There were some problems with the provision of the silver food caddies (both indoor and outdoor). I was contacted by several residents asking for help on this and most concerns were quickly remedied by CDC. If anyone is still experiencing problems, contact your district councillor (this may not be me depending on which parish you are in, but I am happy to try to help if you do not know who that is).

Planning brief for PR7a (Bicester Road Kidlington)

I spoke on this matter as one of the District Councillors for the area. I highlighted the inconsistencies in terms of the concerns raised by the airport as well as other concerns such as flooding.

This site is being developed by Barwood. Other issues raised were:

- Building heights on the development and their impact on existing residents
- The lack of an Environmental Impact Assessment along with Barwood's request to not have to commit to 10% biodiversity gains
- Provision of playing fields and access within the site
- Flooding
- Construction traffic and HGVs

I again raised concerns about the point of the development briefs as they are not enforceable and so many of the proposals made by local groups and residents are discounted.

A44 corridor works

Proposals for a bus lane from Cassington Roundabout to Loop Farm Roundabout were passed by the Cabinet Member at OCC despite concerns I raised about the way the consultation was handled. There was confusion about the provision and impact of the bus lane as well as a bus gate over the canal bridge. There are also worries about how residential access will be maintained as well as how new roads from local developments will feed on to the A44. There will be a further briefing for local parish councils at 5pm on 6th July which I have asked for and which will cover the whole of the route from Kidlington to Woodstock. At this point it seems unclear as to who is responsible for all sections of this route.

Sandy Lane

The resurfacing works that were done by the 'Dragon patcher' last year have now entirely failed and I am pursuing a more substantial set of re-surfacing works which I hope will be done soon.

A meeting to discuss the closure of the level crossing was recently planned with Network Rail. This was instigated by Layla Moran but was subsequently cancelled when CDC did not send a representative.

Bicester Road

I have raised the issue of the increasing number of potholes and the poor repairs that have been done recently. I am assured that these will be dealt with soon. A top dressing is programmed in for the road soon and I have raised with officers that the potholes will need to be dealt with properly first.

Water Eaton Lane

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I had a site meeting with councillors, the parish clerk and one of the highways officers about the proposals from GWEPC about yellow lining this road. There are concerns about access for farm vehicles and emergency services when there are cars and vans parked in, WE Lane. We are also trying not to push these problems into Beagles Close.

There seems to be no alternative but to allow yellow lines on these stretches, although I remain concerned about the impact on residents. GEWPV will be contacting all addresses in WE Lane and Beagles Close to attend a meeting to discuss the proposals.

Kidlington Roundabout

Proposed works to the Kidlington Roundabout are being consulted on now although they have been the subject of considerable criticism by local walking and cycling groups. I have been raising many of their concerns about the redesign for nearly a year, but it appears that not very much has changed in that time.

I and other concerned members are now challenging these designs internally.

Cycling

I had a meeting outside Parkway Station with officers and other OCC members (Including the cycling champion Cllr Dan Levy) and representatives from local cycling campaign groups to discuss alterations to the road layout in light of the death of a cyclist there earlier this year. We then had a further meeting in Summertown to discuss the implementation of 'Vision Zero' which aims to ensure there are no further deaths or injury for pedestrians or cyclists in the future. This was a productive meeting, although the subsequent criticism of the Kidlington roundabout proposals has soured that.

As always, if there are any issues arising out of the above or anything else I need to deal with, feel free to contact me.

Ian Middleton

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor – report.

Campsfield House to re-open

As announced in the press, the Home Office plans to redevelop and re-open Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre. Kidlington West ward Councillors have received an email from the Home Office's Detention and Escorting Service with further details about the project. The plan is for a 400 bed IRC for adult males to include a new building and remodelling of existing ones. The centre is expected to open in about one year's time. The plan is described as supporting the government's recently unveiled Migration and Economic Development Partnership. This asylum seeker deportation agreement with the Rwandan government has been strongly criticised by the UNHCR, migrant organisations, legal experts, and MPs from all parties.

Everyone will be familiar with the infamous past of Campsfield House, which was closed after 20 years of damning reports, protests, and legal battles.

Oxford West MP, Layla Moran and Oxford City Council have issued statements condemning the plan to re-open Campsfield. Progressive Oxfordshire. Progressive Oxfordshire Councillors are considering what action to take.

Approval of the Development Brief for Pr7a

This development brief is for the land south-east of Sainsbury's roundabout in Kidlington. The Planning Committee approved the Brief. Many issues – such as drainage, solar panels, access and parking, bin storage, aircraft noise mitigation was raised but were matters deferred to the planning application stage.

Begbroke Parish Councillors may be interested to see the response from the airport management to the Pr7a consultation - and the subsequent comments from CDC. I am sending the text together with this report.

Community Liaison Officer appointed for Homes for Ukraine

CDC has appointed a dedicated officer for the Homes for Ukraine scheme. His name is Michal Gogut. He will coordinate support services and can be contacted via CDC's Customer Services.

Dorothy Walker

Member of Cherwell District Council for Kidlington West

6.3 No other contributors

7 Council Representatives

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7.1 BVHMC Report. Cllr Allen.

7.1.1 BVHMC - reported on financial position of BVHMC where a trading loss was showing; Begbroke Play Group are apparently willing to pay for separately metered electricity usage; Social Club contribute funds approximately every six months; electricity price fixed to next year; may need to increase hire rates; periodic electrical inspection now complete – parish council unanimously agreed to pay; electrical remedials will be necessary and will be another bill; agreed monitor in lounge – position and electrical supplies to be finalised; heater below may be a problem and may need to be re-located; asked if provision remote control for monitor has been made and wall HDMI socket to be connected to monitor. He has also asked BVHMC for H&S documentation (Risk Assessments, H&S Policy statutory inspections) as well as original transfer documents/deeds for land and committee arrangements.

7.1.2 Hall Digital projector – meeting with Music and Sounds, parish council representatives and BVHMC to be organised. Clerk to arrange.

7.1.3 Football Goals – BVHMC were concerned about responsibility for the proposed goals. Parish council agreed that they would take full responsibility for them including inspection. Clerk has discussed grass cutting and collection of cuttings with Mr Prickett. White lining may need to be organised.

7.2 London Oxford Airport – representatives reported that there may be proposals for a business park at the airport, that a hanger was being refurbished and the fire station was being rebuilt. Airport had also made comment regarding PR7a and flightpath.

8 New Business

8.1 Four parishes meeting was cancelled.

8.2 Revised members code of conduct – members unanimously agreed adoption of the code. [Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 \(cherwell.gov.uk\)](#)

9 Planning

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

(See register for full details of postal correspondence)

11 Financial Matters

11.1 Balances/Liabilities: £21,763.62 Bank Statements : Current £23,202.38 Reserve £1,907.31 (as at 27th May)
Transfer: £0.00; Liabilities (listed below and outstanding cheques) £

11.2 Income: Bank interest – £0.15 ; VAT re-claim received - £1,386.46

11.3 Expenditure

11.3.1 N R Prickett – grass cutting playing field Inv 1646 £687.60 CN:975

11.3.2 Glasdon UK Ltd Dog Bins S1841286 £582.53 CN:976

11.3.3 Jeffrey Wright Clerks salary June £581.93 CN: 977

11.3.4 Jeffrey Wright – clerks' refundable expenses £23.80 CN:978

11.3.5 HMRC PAYE/NI Liability to 22/07/2022 £121.40 CN: 979

11.3.6 Dovey Accountancy Services Ltd Payroll and submission of full payment submissions to HMRC Inv 2022/06/21 CN: 980

11.3.7 OALC Inv W-2170,71,72; Parks and Play training day £132.00 x 3 = £396.00 CN: 981-3

11.3.8 Wicksteed Leisure – Horse parts Inv 818250 £122.04 CN: 984

11.3.9 N R Prickett – grass cutting field/village Inv 1686 £687.60 CN:985

11.3.10 No Other transactions

The above financial transactions were unanimously agreed.

11.4 Quotations/Tenders

11.4.1 Digital projector and Signage display in lounge £3,765.00 – agreed subject to meeting with supplier, BVHMC and quote refinement.

11.4.2 Parts for Wicksteed Horse £101.70 – now fitted.

11.4.3 Fido 35 Dog Bins x 2 £582.23 (delivered and installed. Clerk sent CDC a plan of all bins and has arranged emptying of them.

11.4.4 Forza ALU60 Football Goals x 2 @£299.99 each – clerk to obtain quotation.

11.5 Bank Matters

11.5.1 NatWest – increased interest rates and altered conditions

11.6 Other Financial Matters

11.6.1 HMRC Employment Allowance for 2022-23 Tax Year - £5000. Sent to Dovey Accountancy Services Ltd.

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11.6.2 Grant request - Jubilee Tree for The Link Committee £200.00. Committee decided that they were unhappy about not keen on a large tree on the recreation field for several reasons including size, taking up further recreation space, routine inspection for insurance purposes and so on. They would like a meeting with you committee to discuss species as well as alternative locations in the village. A grant is therefore on hold for now until this can be resolved.

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Playground inspection reports received from Les and David

12.2 Playground repairs and maintenance – new sides and footrests fitted to horse.

12.3 Annual RosPa inspection arranged for July/August.

13 Training

13.1 Play Area inspection training – enquiries still being made.

13.2 Training updates – Les Allen, Malcom Ryder, David Wintersgill – Parks, play areas and equipment. Sport and fitness area – training day. Wednesday 13th July 9.30am. The Bourton's Community Hall Banbury.

13.3 No requests

14 Freedom of information requests/receipts

14.1. None

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

15.1 No issues

16 Village – Natural Environmental Matters

16.1 No issues raised

17 Website

17.1 Website was reviewed

18 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting (s):

18.1 6.00pm 1st August 2022, September 5th; October 3rd.

Signed _____ Chairman Begbroke Parish Council 1st August 2022