

# Begbroke Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF

### MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY APRIL 11TH 2023 @ 06:00 PM.

#### 1 Present:

1.1 Cllr Malcolm Ryder (Chair); Cllr David Wintersgill (Vice Chair); Cllr Beverly Appleton; Cllr Lindsay Gregory; Cllr Peter Finbow; Cllr Dorothy Walker (CDC) Cllr Ian Middleton (OCC); Jeffrey Wright – Clerk;

#### Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Leslie Allen;

#### 2 Minutes

2.1 The minutes of the meeting Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> were unanimously confirmed as a true record.

#### 3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality

3.1 None declared.

#### 4 Matters Arising

4.1 Trees – Maintenance, Duty of care, Insurance, licences, risks to people and utilities. Handed over to OCC.

4.2 Solar Farm – no updates

4.3 Four parishes meeting no updates.

4.4 Sandy Lane – recent meeting held with little progress.

4.5 Glass recycling Bins – no update from CDC. Clerk to write again.

4.6 Royal Sun – no update.

#### 5 A44, Highways & Begbroke Science Park

5.1 North Oxford Corridor Improvements Cassington Rd to Peartree Interchange – re-surfacing work continues.

5.2 Pedestrian Crossing – no updates although we were informed there would be by 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Clerk progressed with OCC but had no reply.

5.3 Repairs to kerbs and street- light following accidents west - complete and east side - no progress.

5.4 Begbroke Innovation District – No updates

5.5 No other matters

#### 6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County Councillor Ian Middleton– reported on meetings regarding flooding and trying to persuade the PR8 and PR9 groups to co-discuss flooding as it was a potential issue for both developments and villages. He said OCC needed to take a strategic view on flooding for at least the next 50 years. Yarnton – old bus stops northbound - he mentioned the problems with the temporary barriers moving as they are not filled with water and their awful appearance; The 30mph sign has not been repaired in Begbroke east; the school bus scheme is still operative despite recent disinformation and is being reviewed. (It was noted that traffic congestion at Woodstock for both the Primary school and the Marlborough was terrible at both ends of the day. There was also a massive impact on traffic on nearby roads) Ian reported that the cabinet are to be updated on the Oxford United stadium proposals at the “Triangle”; nothing further to report on solar farm proposals but the government will not permit wind turbines and today's closure of Oxford station bridge for six months.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor – Cllr Walker reported on Sandy Lane and that OUD wanted to put a bridge over the railway line to their land. She also discussed the forthcoming elections and candidates for Kidlington West CDC elections.

6.3 OALC Report – the clerk showed report and especially the Emergency Planning National alert – on Sunday 23rd April.

6.4 Cherwell Parish Bulletin – not discussed.

#### 7 Council Representatives

7.1 BVHMC Report – Cllr Allen was not in attendance.

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However, replacement parish council notice boards and an additional one for BVHMC in bus shelter were discussed and unanimously agreed. Clerk to source replacements and liaise with village hall.

**7.1.1** Village Hall projects. The capital budget was briefly discussed but more detail is necessary.

**7.1.2** It was also unanimously agreed to purchase a picnic bench for BVHMC. Clerk to arrange with George Thomas.

**7.1.3** Play Area (also see 11.4.1)

**7.1.4** Football Goals. It was unanimously agreed to source additional goal with wheels for older children. Clerk and others to source a suitable one.

**7.2** Oxford Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> of three for 2023) - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 6:00pm. Cllr Gregory unable to attend.

## **8 New Business**

**8.1** Meetings for 2023-24 – were attached to the agenda.

**8.2** Election of parish council – five current councillors were elected as there were insufficient candidates. Cllr Appleton said she would apply to be co-opted. Councillors take office on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

## **9 Planning**

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

**9.2** Langford Lane application 23/00517/F was discussed. However, due to the numerous documents and their complexity, it was difficult to give an opinion. However, it was noted that HGV lorries must use the A44 and will not be permitted towards Kidlington and that cycle routes are to be provided which are essential in this road. It was also noted that vehicle use is bound to increase through Begbroke in addition to all other developments. There were no other comments but should provide benefits including job opportunities.

## **10 Correspondence** (See register for full details of postal correspondence)

**10.1** Response from Jubilee Tree committee was briefly discussed. They thought the play area is delightful, well-kept and maintained but criticised that is inadequate for most children above 6 years old and more equipment was needed.

## **11 Financial Matters**

**11.1** Balances/Liabilities: £16,600.00 Money. Bank Statements : Current £3,839.15 Reserve £13,931.42 Transfer: £0.00; Liabilities (listed below and outstanding cheques)

**11.2 Income:** Bank interest – £11.82

### **11.3 Expenditure**

**11.3.1** HMRC PAYE/Ni Liability to 22/03 /2023 £130.20 CN:1039

**11.3.2** Dovey Accountancy – Inv 2023/03/5 £120.00 CN: 1040

**11.3.3** OALC Membership £165.16 – CN: 1042

**11.3.4** OPFA Membership £56.00 – CN: 1041

**11.3.5** CDC Dog Bin emptying Inv 20010297 £700.13 CN: 1043

**11.3.6** No other transactions

### **11.4 Quotations/Tenders/Grants**

**11.4.1** Wet Pour repairs to swing– three quotations to discussed and it was unanimously agreed to accept Redlynch for £2,890 plus vat. This compared to Harlequin @ £2,936 for mulch surface and another quote of £4,700 for wet pour.

**11.4.2** Begbroke Sports and Social Club – application for grant for picnic table and enlargement of rear patio area. £1437.20 – (Bench £607 inc. Vat) It was unanimously agreed to purchase a bench and donate it as an asset to BVHMC.

### **11.5 Bank Matters**

**11.5.1** Clerk had obtained up to date bank statements, carried out reconciliations for accounts and had the internal audit carried out by Mr Caughey.

### **11.6 Other Financial Matters**

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**11.6.1** It was unanimously agreed to approve Section 1 of AGAR return – Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

**11.6.2** It was unanimously agreed to approve Section 2 of AGAR return Accounting Statements 2022/23

**11.6.3** Grass cutting price increase was unanimously agreed.

**11.6.4** Dog Waste bin price increase was unanimously agreed.

## **12 Health and Safety Matters**

**12.1** Playground inspection reports were logged.

**12.2** Playground repairs and maintenance. Gate entrance ground has been repaired. New buffers fitted to gates.

**12.3** Rota for play area inspection– was shown and circulated previously.

**12.4** No other matters

## **13 Training**

**13.1** No requests but play area training still required when available.

## **14 Freedom of information requests/receipts**

**14.1.** None

## **15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)**

**15.1** Footpath to Parkers Farm – No updates

**15.2** Parish Footpath Walk – arrangements still to be agreed but difficult with current closures.

**15.3** Temporary closure and diversion of FP 7- work progressing.

**15.4** FP 11 – issues have been brought to the attention of Oxford University especially the difficulties on the section between A-D where there is heaped spoil, brambles, a signpost and an HV electricity pole preventing easy passage – especially for wheelchair and pram users. Clerk to write again.

## **16 Village – Natural Environmental Matters**

**16.1** Tree survey for potential TPO's for Iain Osenton Arboricultural Team Leader CDC – ongoing.

## **17 Website & Information**

**17.1** Website was reviewed.

## **18 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting (s):**

**18.1** 2023 ACM 6.00 pm. Annual parish meeting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. (AGM) 7.00pm Election date – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Cllr Malcolm Ryder Chairman Begbroke Parish Council 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023