

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES OF

MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY OCTOBER 2ND 2023 @ 06:00 PM.

1 Present:

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

Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Lindsay Gregory;; Cllr Ian Middleton (OCC); Cllr Peter Finbow; Cllr Lesley McLain (CDC)

2 Minutes

2.1 The minutes of the parish council meeting on Monday September 4th 2023 were unanimously confirmed as a true record.

3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality

3.1 None

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Vacancy for a parish councillor – No applicants.

5 A44, Highways & Begbroke Science Park

5.1 North Oxford Corridor Improvements Cassington Rd to Peartree Interchange – continuing with overnight closures.

5.2 Pedestrian Crossing – update from Mike Wasley - "The Consultation has now been completed, unfortunately 3 objections have been received which does mean that this report now needs to go Cabinet Members Decisions Committee on the 12th October 2023 for approval. However, with over 250 responses in favour for the crossing, I don't foresee any problems. The CMD report is currently being prepared for the Committee. In the meantime, detailed design will be continuing, along with the traffic signal design which is being undertaken by a third-party designer" (further to meeting, The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is RECOMMENDED to approve as advertised the 'staggered' Toucan crossing on the A44 Woodstock Road, in Begbroke.) It was decided to discuss parking proposals and yellow line proposals with Mike Wasley as part of the scheme.

5.3. Sandy Lane is on the CDC Executive Agenda for 2nd October

5.4 Bus issues. S7 was again discussed and that people may also want to go to Witney as well as Oxford.

5.5 Stuart Kocan-Payne Technical Lead on Bus Infrastructure developing the Council's ambitious programme of bus infrastructure, Bus Stops, Shelters, Bus Hubs etc, and real time information improvements, by working with the Public Transport Team Leader.

5.6 No other matters

6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County and District Councillors Report – Fiona Mawson (CDC) and Ian Middleton (OCC & CDC) September 2023

OCC matters

A change of control at OCC as the Labour group have left the Fair Deal Alliance over concerns raised about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision. This followed a poor report from Ofsted and calls from parents for Cllr Liz Brighthouse who was the cabinet member responsible to move to a different portfolio within the cabinet. Cllr Brighthouse refused and the Labour group supported her meaning they all resigned from the alliance. The Lib Dem/Green group remains as the largest group on the council and will continue to run the administration.

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Begbroke crossing

The consultation is now closed and produced 3 opposing comments and around 250 in support. However, the opposing comments means a final decision needs to be taken by the cabinet member for highways. I'll be attending the meeting to ensure we get the right result.

Notice about paths from OUD

The university has issued notices about the paths going through Begbroke along the edge of Rowel Brook. These are merely technical notices to prevent anyone from trying to claim them as a village green. This is not really anything to worry about and is just a formality that landowners carry out from time to time. There may be some error in the path numbers they are referring to but this will no doubt be resolved if so.

Path through PR8 site

This has now finally been fully opened, although the section near the new science park buildings is rather uneven. I am discussing this with OUD.

OUFC Stadium

The OCC cabinet has now given conditional permission to let the 'triangle site' to OUFC for a new stadium. Ian raised concerns about the plans at the cabinet meeting but it remains to be seen if these are acted on. The club will still need to confirm the delivery of key priorities identified by the council including a fully costed net-zero carbon plan. There will also need to be planning permission granted by CDC which will include the compiling of an Environmental Impact Assessment. Many concerns have already been raised surrounding these proposals by TVP and local ecologists including BBOWT.

CDC Matters

The Local Plan 2040 has now gone into consultation. An attended an overview and scrutiny meeting in August seeking to get changes made, but it remains to be seen if these concerns will be taken on board, particularly regarding the housing numbers and the amount of housing being required to yet again meet Oxford City's needs.

Site PR9 (Spring Hill)

Site promoters are now taking their application to appeal for what they claim is non-determination. This happens if the deadline for a planning determination is not met. The delays could be explained by the lack of proper engagement from Merton College and OUD on flooding concerns.

Stratfield Farm development PR7b

This is going to be coming to the planning committee (promoted by Manor Oak Homes) for outline planning application this month.

Site PR7b (Bicester Road)

The largest portion of this development being promoted by Barwood is coming to the planning committee this month.

Shipton Quarry proposed developments

Fiona attended a zoom meeting about early proposals for a housing development on this site for more than 5000 houses. You can find out some information on [Shipton Eco Village - Morgan Elliot Planning](#) Please note this is still in the discussion phase, but it is one to bear in mind for the 2040 plan.

PR8 Site

The archaeologists have told us they have found over 3,000 years of evidence including some bronze age round houses near the railway line. This is to be confirmed at a later date and the group are hoping to have an open day next year. I have requested dog poo bins and litter bins be installed along the new path as both problems are starting to increase. There has been some theft on site hence the new CCTV cameras in

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strategic places. Please be careful if you are walking through the site late in the evening.

I have contacted OUD as there have been a number of resident complaints about the amount of lighting being left on at the top of the new buildings which is causing a light pollution nuisance.

OUFC Stadium

The scoping opinion report has now closed for this potential development.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor – report – see above

6.3 OALC Report – discussed briefly.

7 Council Representatives

7.1 BVHMC Report no meeting but Phil Skipp has resigned as Chairman and the post has been filled by Marco van der Linden. begbroke.vh.chair@outlook.com. Clerk wrote to thank him for his time as chairman.

7.2 Oxford Airport Consultative Committee – Lindsay unable to attend meeting.

8 New Business

8.1 Dog Bin removal by Canal & River Trust as a cost saving measure following government grant reduction. Requested Kidlington PC to provide a replacement. Being investigated.

8.2 Town and Parish Council Charter Summit on 26th October at 6:30pm – 8:30pm, County Hall, OX1 1LT. Need to register if attending.

8.3 Clerk has taken delivery of new seat for A44/FP7 and given to Baylee for installation together with Underground service plans.

8.4 OU Notice of Landowner deposit for Land at Hall Farm, Begbroke, OX5 1PF; Land at Hill Farm, Yarnton, OX5 1PF; Land at Begbroke College Farm, Yarnton, OX5 1PF. This notice means that the Landowner has submitted a document known as a Highways Statement to Oxfordshire County Council. The landowner acknowledges the public rights of way recorded on their land and that at the time of making the deposit they do not wish to dedicate any other ways over the land shown with coloured edging on the accompanying map. This may prevent unrecorded public rights of way from being recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement on the basis of presumed dedication in the future.

9 Planning

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

9.2 OUD Planning application 23/02098/OUT – was discussed.

9.3 Special consult letter – trees at the Old Rectory. Reply submitted “I am very much against any felling of trees unless there is a very good reason for it. i.e., Liable to fall down or diseased beyond redemption. Reducing in size by a tree surgeon is fine. Why does the old rectory want or need to do this?” “Why are T1 T2 and T3 not being replaced and T5 is not being replaced with a similar species rather than a “suitable” species” Not sure what that means. “Cannot see the reason for the work – it does not appear to have been described” “There has been a huge loss of trees especially at LVS and others in Spring Hill”

9.4 Application No.: 23/02404/ADV Oxford University Development Proposal: 5 No temporary, moveable installations that provide canvasses for artistic and cultural works. Consent is sought for a maximum of 5 years Location: Begbroke Science Park. The committee unanimously decided to object as they considered the design document and decided that the proposals were not appropriate in a rural setting. The Indicative designs, whilst not the final artwork, could have better represented our locality. Also, the lighting on the haybale trailer may attract complaints - in addition to those currently being made on the site lighting.

9.5 Cherwell Local Plan Review. Public consultation will commence on Friday 22 September 2023 for a period of 6 weeks. The consultation will close on 3 November 2023.

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

10.1 Cherwell Local Plan Review document.

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11 Financial Matters

11.1 Balances/Liabilities: £24,106 Money. Bank Statements : Current £21,026.67 Reserve £3,976.96
Transfer: £0.00 from reserve to current. Liabilities (listed below and outstanding cheques)

11.2 Income: Bank interest – £4.73; Precept 2nd payment £15,396.96

11.3 Expenditure

11.3.1 Baylee Construction. Invoices BPC 10002. 10003 - £1225.00 CN: 1079 & 1081

11.3.2 Marmax products – seat INV048106 £410.40 CN: 1080

11.3.3 Malcolm Ryder – travel expenses OCC Open day Drayton £16.65 CN 1082

11.3.4 Jeffrey Wright Clerks salary 2023 £616.47 CN: 1083

11.3.5 Dovey Accountancy Services Ltd. Inv 2023/09/19 £126.00 CN: 1084

11.3.6 HMRC PAYE/Ni Liability to 22/10/2023 £130.20 CN: 1085

11.3.7 Nr Prickett – grass cutting play area and field. Inv 2053 £252.00 CN: 1086

11.3.8 CDC Dog Bin emptying Invoice 20012420 £334.62 CN: 1087

11.3.9 Other transactions

The above financial transactions were unanimously approved.

11.4 Quotations/Tenders/Grants

11.4.1 None

11.5 Bank Matters

11.5.1 None

11.6 Other Financial Matters

11.6.1 None

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Playground inspection reports – none received by clerk for September.

12.2 Playground repairs and maintenance – Mark Richardson has moved litter bin, cemented edges around roundabout, replaced double gate bolt and done some gap filling following RoSPA inspection.

12.3 Rota: September Malcolm - October David

12.4 MH Goals – service visit carried out to replace faulty height adjusters.

12.5 Village asset inspection carried out 11/09/2023. Rotten post on southbound white gates. Decision to be made on rectification.

12.6 Other Matters

13 Training

13.1 No requests

14 Freedom of information requests/receipts

14.1. None

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

15.1 Parkers Farm – OCC have confirmed:

- Revised Form C dated 2 October 2023, certifying that we have served notice on six affected landowners.
- Copies of four Form B's: Notice of Application that we served on Network Rail, Shah, Canal and Rivers Trust, and Kidlington Parish Council
- Revised form F: Evidence Checklist dated 27 September 2023 which includes reference to the Ordnance Survey Map 2nd Edition 1899 Surveyed 1873 Revised 1898

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- In reference to email dated 25 September 2023, they confirm that application is 'duly made' in that the application meets the requirements of the [Wildlife and Countryside Act Schedule 14 paragraphs 1 and 2](#):
- The plan that we used to show the application route is at a scale less than 1:25,000
- We have provided copies of our supporting evidence
- We have certified that we have served notice on all affected owners and occupiers.
- Progress of the application in relation to the others by looking at the [Pending DMMO Case List](#) available on at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/modifications-and-diversions>

OCC will contact us again when they begin investigating the application. If there are any queries in the meantime, please let them know.

16 Village – Natural Environmental Matters

16.1 Woodland Trust – recording of ancient trees. [Ancient Tree Inventory - Woodland Trust](#)

16.2 Trees at junction of Begbroke Lane/Sandhill Rd – four loads of branches disposed of.

16.3 Hedge at corner of Begbroke Lane – cutting in progress.

16.4 Bus stops swept out, floors bleached and marks removed from walls.

17 Website & Information

17.1 Website reviewed

18 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting (s):

18.1 November 6th 2023

Signed _____ Malcom Ryder Chairman Begbroke Parish Council.

Proposed meeting timetable for 2023-24

Month/Year	Day	Time	Subject of Meeting
2023			
November	6th	6.00 pm	
December	4th	6.00 pm	Budget meeting
2024			
January			No meeting
February	5th	6.00 pm	Document reviews
March	4th	6.00 pm	
April	8th	6.00 pm	Agree Governance & Accounting Statements
May	7th	7.00 pm & 7.30pm	Annual Council meeting and Annual Parish Meeting