

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2024 @ 06:00 PM

1. **Attendance:** Malcolm Ryder (Chair), Les Allen (Deputy Chair) Beverley Appleton, Peter Finbow, Lindsay Gregory, David Wintersgill, Dionne Wright, Louise Wright (Clerk). Nigel Simpson

Apologies: None.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting of 7 October 2024.** The minutes were confirmed as a true record.

3. **Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality:** Nothing to declare.

4. A44, Highways and Begbroke Science Park

4.1 Toucan pedestrian Crossing-TTRO distributed and uploaded to website.

4.2 Consultation on 20 mph and 40 mph limits; [Begbroke - proposed 20mph & 40mph speed limits | Let's Talk Oxfordshire](#)

The councillors discussed the proposed 20 mph and 40 mph limits for Begbroke. They agreed that because of the pending toucan crossing a limit of 40 mph on the duel carriageway would be a good idea, but do not feel there is a need to reduce the limit to 20 mph in the village. it was suggested that the speed limit start point on the southbound A44 should be at the Langford lane traffic lights rather than the start of the service road.

Action: Clerk to fill in the online questionnaire for the consultation-LW

Signs may need to be reprogrammed in line with the new speed limit. In favour of 40 but not 20 round the village. Think about suggesting putting the money for the 20 mph scheme into fixing Willow Way if the funds could be transferred.

5. Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

County Council and Cherwell District Council reports paraphrased below.

Flooding

Unprecedented flooding problems within the 4 villages may potentially impact the new developments and highlight just how fragile the area is now to excess water ingress. The Yarnton Flood Defence Group (YFDG) are being used as an exemplar by CDC.

Reports from various residents show problems, some due to Thames Water which are being addressed but also historical inappropriate planning, covering of drainage ditches and other erosion of the surrounding landscape which has exacerbated flooding. Ground water unable to disperse due the streams, canals and underground streams running through it.

Ian Pressed OCC Highways to sort out the huge area of flooding on the A44 approach to the Sandy Lane Roundabout and this has now been cleared after the system was jetted out and the gully pots cleared.

Campsfield House

Letter to the Secretary of State with reasons why Campsfield House should not be re-opened. Including the fact that it will be inside an area which is earmarked for science, industry, research and development which is attracting huge investment from outside bodies and companies. OCC has also written to the SoS expressing concerns.

Sports Survey Strategy

The 6 CDC councillors for East and West Kidlington have finalised a sports strategy survey to be sent to as many residents within the villages as possible

2040 Draft Local Plan

This is now approaching completion and will be going to an Extraordinary meeting of Overview and Scrutiny committee on the 12th November.

Begbroke Crossing A44

Ian has had further meetings with the OCC officer responsible for this and has been assured that the works are on target to start on 6th January 2025. TTROs have already been put in place with plans for diversions through Begbroke while the work continues. It's hoped it will take no more than 6 weeks.

Hallam development site - Yarnton

Passed at the last CDC planning meeting but with several caveats which included the Environmental Agency and flooding, along with Thames Water being able to provide enough water for these houses. There are also concerns about the number of trees that are shown on the plan as being slated for removal. This was apparently at the request of OCC. Ian is pursuing this with the senior tree officer who says he has no idea why this was in the plan!

Kings Garage Site – Bicester Road Kidlington

The Kings Garage site is the corner of Bicester Road/Oxford Road in Kidlington (opposite the car wash). This has come to planning again as the developer (Sweetcroft) want to build another 3 flats on the main building.

In the last several years the local area has had NO affordable flats for any local residents. Instead the area has been inundated with HMOs and Airbnb developments. We think this unacceptable considering so much Greenbelt has been released for Oxford's Unmet housing need. Our villages unmet housing need seems to be secondary.

O UFC Stadium Proposals

The traffic management scoping application has now been approved with further extensive comments being lodged by councillors and parish councils. Current target date being shown for the application to be considered is March 2025 although this may slip again. Ian is also pursuing with OCC why details of the proposed community benefits support for local recreational facilities promised by O UFC as part of the development are still redacted on the publicly visible version of the 'Collaboration Agreement' published by OCC some months ago.

Polling Places and Boundary Reviews: There's currently a review of polling places being undertaken by CDC. You can respond to the consultation on the CDC website.

Fiona Mawson - CDC

Ian Middleton - CDC & OCC

OALC report-emailed to councillors.

Cherwell Parish Bulletin-emailed to councillors.

Cherwell Local plan review-supplied by Nigel Simpson, Oxfordshire County Council.

The draft Cherwell Local plan review documents have just been made public. The final version will be presented to the Executive at its December meeting and then out to consultation for 8 weeks over the Christmas period.

Cherwell District Council are holding their next Parish Liaison meeting on the 6th November, contact natalie.sanchez@cherwell-dc.gov.uk for details.

The Plan has three key themes:

Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change and Ensuring Sustainable Development;
Maintaining and Developing a Sustainable Local Economy and
Building Healthy and Sustainable Communities.

The comments from 12th November Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be taken into account by the Executive at its meeting on 2 December 2024, it will then go out to "Regulation 19" consultation. As soon as public consultation opens we will be in touch with the final version and how to comment. This is the link to [Local plan review](#) main documents and maps of the proposed additional sites is [here](#). Alternatively, you can get to the whole report pack and associated documents via the Cherwell Website and look at the 12th November Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting documents.

6. Council Representatives

BVHMC report

- New software for bookings, invoicing and accounts being evaluated.
- Existing trustees to be replaced.
- Advertisement for new secretary to be prepared - door to door flyer to be generated.
- £36.0 K in bank - some to be transferred to higher interest accounts.
- Electric front door lock scheduled to be fitted in January 25
- Bookings very busy - quite a lot at short notice.
- Exercise on local hire rates has revealed that the village hall rates are in the middle of the range.
- Solar light fittings to be moved to illuminate bin store.
- CCTV - "Ring" camera system being considered.
- PAT test expired end of August - re test to be arranged.
- Deep clean of kitchen to be arranged.
- A lot of paper records were damaged and contaminated while stored off site. This appears to have included a lot of health and safety related documents.
- Fire risk assessment will be reviewed shortly.

BHMC committee advised of the following:-

Botley West community agreement £50 k available for local communities.

Infra structure plan for whole areas subject to development has been requested by local councillors.

Sports facilities - CDC are now developing their own plans - original submission made on behalf of BVHMC and PC is still included.

A44 crossing expected to start 6 Jan 25 subject to weather conditions.

20 mph speed limit out for consultation.

Sandy Lane - Likely to remain open for next 5 years.

Local Plan - should be out for consultation in November.

BVHMC reminded to arrange discussions with PC re basket ball safety surface.

Date of next meeting 5 December 2024

Begbroke Parish Council Meeting minutes 4 November 2024

Oxford Airport report: Not received.

Four parishes meeting-updates: Discussions on flooding, spreadsheet send forward for further discussion. Meeting proposed for local councillors to discuss shortly. Sandy Lane should be open for the next 5 years. Solar Farm was not really discussed. Next meeting 8th January

7. New Business-None.

8. Planning: Search Results - Planning register | Planning register | Cherwell District Council: No new planning applications or decisions.

9. Correspondence (see register for full details of postal correspondence)

10. Financial matters

- a. **Balances/Liabilities:** Balance:£33,334.60 (SCRIBE) Bank Statements : Current £29 895.97 Reserve £4035.02 Transfer: £0.00 from reserve to current. Income: Bank interest – £4.80. Precept – 2nd payment ref: CS000836 £15 858.87
- b. **Expenditure:** Dog waste bin emptying £334.62 CN 1166. Clerks/Assistant clerks salary October 2024 CN 1170 £661.19 and 1169 £341.57. HMRC PAYE/NI Liability £152.80 CN 1168. Accountancy fees £120.00 CN 1167. OALC Training £180.00 CN 1165. Stamps £13.60
- c. **Budgets 2025/2026:** Budget looks fine, salaries were queried. Clerk confirmed the increases are in line with wage increases across the board and slight adjustments in hours. All agree to new budgets
- d. **Quotations/Tenders/Grants:** Nothing to report.
- e. **Online banking update (LW):** Clerk is awaiting confirmation of the account opening from Unity.

11. Health and Safety

- 12.1 Playground inspection reports-Received from Councillor Wright.
- 12.2 Rota-November: David, December: Beverley, January: Peter.

The gate will need to be looked at at some point.

12. Training-None at present

13. 14 Freedom of information requests/receipts 14.1 Gully cleaning-response due by 25th November. 14.2 Willow Way-response due by 25th November.

14. Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP): No updates.

15. Village-Natural Environmental Matters

- 16.1 Royal Sun drainage
- 16.2 Flooding update from Lesley McLean-Attachment: Chair to meet with the environment agency to discuss flooding and drainage.

16. Website and Information-no updates.

17. Proposed dates of next meeting-2 December 2024

Malcolm Ryder Chair

