

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 2ND JUNE 6.00PM

Attendance: Malcolm Ryder (Chair), Les Allen (Deputy Chair) Beverley Appleton, Peter Finbow, David Wintersgill, Louise Wright (Clerk)

Apologies: Dionne Wright and Lindsay Gregory.

1. Minutes of previous meeting of 7th April 2025

2.1 The minutes were unanimously agreed.

2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality

3.1 None to declare.

3. A44, Highways and Begbroke Science Park

4.1 Update on Toucan crossing – flooding on western side – OCC investigating drainage and parking near tactiles and dropped kerb western side.

4.2 Highways improvement-Langford Lane (attachments): Information sent to councillors and added to the Parish Council Website. The general census is that this is a promising idea.

4. Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

5.1 County Councillor report-not received.

5.2 Cherwell District Councillor report-not received.

5.3 OALC report-April bulletin distributed to councillors-May bulletin arrived late but has now been forwarded to councillors.

5.4 Cherwell Parish Bulletin-April bulletin distributed to councillors.

5. Council Representatives

6.1 BVHMC report

Updates:

- General risk assessment is now in place.
- Fire risk assessment is in place, and they are in the process of placing an order for a fire alarm system.
- Discussions regarding adding a magnetic lock to the front door.
- The installation of ramps is still under discussion.

6.2 Oxford Airport report- flight plan updates-Circulated to councillors.

6.3 Five parishes meeting-no updates

6. New Business

7.1 Councillors need to log on regularly to check e mails and banking.

7.2 IT policy (attachment)-No comments for updates. All unanimously agreed to policy.

7. Planning

8.1 Planning Application 25/01052/F 37 Fernhill Road, Begbroke

8.2 Planning Application 24/03119/F 14 Begbroke Lane

Comments to be sent to Clerk by 4th June for comment. No immediate objections to either application just observations that applications had modified with reductions of scale.

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

9.1 None

9. Financial matters

a. Balances/Liabilities-attachment

Balance: Current £ 25,532.93.

Income: Precept £16,012.84

Financial information attached – Summary of R & P and Transactions to date showing date, amount, creditors and approvers of transactions.

b. Quotations/Tenders/Grants

Social Club Grant for patio benches £2k-The councillors discussed grant application, and it was agreed to by the majority to reimburse for the total of £2000.

Equipment: The Chair has requested equipment for maintenance around the village; the costings were not available at the meeting and requires discussing further.

Action: Clerk to circulate costings for equipment and feedback to be sent from councillors.

c. Online banking update (LW)

Banking approvals-discussed above.

A Debit card for current account so councillors would not be required to pay from their own funds was unanimously agreed - Clerk to order.

10. Health and Safety

11.1 Playground inspection reports-A Microsoft form will be generated for those who are wanting to do online playground inspections.

Action: Clerk to email BVHMC regarding gate access from a home next to the play area which has still not been secured.

11.2 Rota- June Peter, July Lindsay, August Lesley-No forms needed by councillors.

11. Training

12.2 Nothing of note currently.

12. Freedom of information requests/receipts/FixMystreet reports

13.1 It was noted by the Chair that FixMystreet reports are not always being actioned and are having to be resubmitted and chased.

13. Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)-No updates.

14. Highways

It was noted that the 40-mph sensor is not functioning as hoped. The sensor signs flash on approach from oncoming vehicles to note the designated speed of the road but the Parish Council would like this changed so that the alert is only actioned when vehicles are speeding. It is confusing drivers, implying that they are speeding when they are, in fact, not.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways to see if the sensor can be adjusted.

15. Village and Environmental Matters

15.1 Update on flooding grant application-Unfortunately, our application to the fund was unsuccessful. Clerk has emailed to see if any further grants would be available in the future but has had no response.

16. Website and Information-no updates

17. Proposed dates of next meeting

7th July 2025

Louise Wright Clerk/RFO