

Begbroke Parish Council

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Minutes 1st September 2025

1. **Attendance;** Malcolm Ryder (Chair), Les Allen (Deputy Chair) Beverley Appleton, Peter Finbow, David Wintersgill, Dionne Wright, Louise Wright (Clerk)

Apologies: Lindsay Gregory.

2. Minutes of previous meeting of Monday 11 August 2025

All unanimously agreed as correct.

3. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality

Nothing to declare.

4. A44, Highways and Begbroke Science Park

No issues raised

4.2 Roundham crossing update

Both Les Allen and Louise Wright sent their comments to Lesley McClean.
Begbroke Parish will also respond and Clerk will contact Yarnton Parish Council to ask that they contact Lesley with their views.

Point to add would be:

- Potential for anti-social behaviour
- Crossing is in constant use for dog walkers and to walk to the shops in Kidlington
- People use the crossing for therapeutic use
- People fishing use the crossing to access the canal
- Those living on boats use to access the shops and park their cars
- Joggers use the crossing
- Safety reasons for lone walkers-the crossing now is more visible and less out of the way
- Children from Begbroke who go to Gosford Hill school use the crossing
- Birdwatchers and ecologist use the crossing to access the fields
- Maintenance of the lane and locks
- Maintenance access from Kidlington Parish Council
- Cyclist use to join the national cycle route
- The elderly and those less mobile will then have a longer route through Grovelands.
- The towpath can also be very muddy

4.1 Traffic advisory committee

Clerk will contact Kidlington Parish Clerk and ask that the link be sent and then will forward to Begbroke Parish Council.

5. Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

- County Councillor report -no report this month
- Cherwell District Councillor report - no report this month
- OALC report-August report forwarded to councillors
- Cherwell Parish Bulletin-report forwarded to councillors

Council Representatives

BVHMC report

- Unsure as to whether the surveyor has been to check the ground on the pitch
- Following the tree survey a couple of trees will need to be felled
- Fire alarm system is currently being commissioned
- New door lock is pending
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Oxford Airport report-No updates.

Five parishes meeting

The only relevant update is that there is no further financial help available to deal with flooding in the village.

6. New Business

None

7. Planning

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Planning application: 2501933CLUP

- Parking may be an issue if there is change of use or not used for the purpose stated in the planning application
- Not in keeping with the surrounding buildings
- A detailed objection was agreed and clerk to send to CDC planning.

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

No post of note.

9. Financial matters

Balance: Current Account - £18 537.68

Income: None - Precept is due.

Financial information attached – Summary of R & P and Transactions to date.

Quotations/Tenders/Grants-No new requests.

10. Health and Safety-

No health and safety updates.

11. Rota for playground inspections

September - Malcolm; October – Dionne; December-David

12. Training

No training requests.

13. Freedom of information requests/receipts/FixMystreet reports

No reports

14. Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

Discussed above – Roundham.

15. Village and Environmental Matters

There was a request that LVS be contacted again to trim back more of the trees that overhand the water butt. Clerk to action.

The Chair discussed the flooding report.

Thames Water and the Environment agency did not attend the meeting.

16. Website and Information-No updates.

Proposed dates of next meeting – 6 October 2025

Signed: Malcolm Ryder – Chair. _____ **6 October 2025**