

Begbroke Parish Council

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Minutes of the parish council meeting June 1st 2026

- 1 Present:** Leslie Allen (Co-Chair) (LA), Beverley Appleton (BA), Peter Finbow (PF), CJ Javaid (CJ), Louise Wright (Clerk) (LW), Jeffrey Wright (Assistant Clerk) (JW)
- 2 Apologies:** None received. Malcolm Ryder (Chair) (MR) and Lindsay Gregory (LG) were not present.
- 3 Resignations and appointments.**
 - 3.1** Resignation from Dionne Wright.
- 4 Minutes** The minutes of the meeting Monday 20th April 2026 to be confirmed as a true record.
 - 4.1** Point 9.3 should be amended to reflect that a comment was given by Leslie rather than Lesley.
- 5 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality** - Nothing to declare.
- 6 Matters Arising** - No matters arising.
- 7 A44 and Highways**
- 8 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors**
 - 8.1** County Councillor – report-May and June sent
 - 8.2** Cherwell District Councillor – report-May and June sent
 - 8.3** OALC Report-not received as yet.
 - 8.4** Cherwell Parish Bulletin
- 9 Council Representatives**
 - 9.1** BVHMC Report. To include playground equipment discussion.
 - Health and safety training has been done by Mike Hopcraft
 - Quotes are coming through for ramps, maintenance etc
 - Legionnaires disease training will take place too
 - They are looking for a volunteer to help decorate the hall
 - Gigaclear have come to do a quote but they have decided to stick with BT for Gigaclear.
 - Work is being done regarding the play equipment, this will be discussed further on.
 - Funds for the committee are looking healthy
 - 9.2 Oxford Airport Consultative Committee** No updates as yet.

10 New Business

10.1 Playground equipment memorandum

10.2 BVHMC Tree idea

10.3 Lease of play equipment

Regarding all of the above JW has done a presentation regarding the play area equipment.

JW went through who owns what equipment and also the land. He has gone through previous minutes to confirm who owns what.

As long as we do inspections and also have a yearly ROSPA inspection, Zurich, our insurance company have agreed that they will cover public liability. We are not insured for theft or damage.

Action: Louise to add a few key points from the presentation.

The village hall committee have put through a few suggestions and we now need to decide which way we go with the ownership.

This discussion has been long standing and a decision has never been made.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would like the BVHMC to own the whole of the play area and the equipment.

All agreed that we should do what is best for the village.

CJ suggested that there first needs to be a clarity of expectations, both from BVHMC and also the Parish Council.

JW suggested that if we go for the lease agreement option we then have some breathing space to further discuss. For example 18th months in the first instance. Further on in time there can be further discussion.

Action: Clerk to contact OALC to ask the following questions:

To consider a leasing option. Is this viable?

Or ownership transferred to us.

Sharepoint drive:

CJ asked if we can have a shared drive. For example to share images.

Action: Clerk to find out more about this

The meeting was brought to a close as one of the councillors had to unexpectedly leave the meeting and we could not continue as there was not enough councillors.

11 Planning

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

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

13 Financial Matters

13.1 Balances/Liabilities: Unity Trust Bank £33 528.10 (see attached cashbook report)

13.2 Quotations/Tenders/Grants-None received

13.3 Bank Matters – CJ Javaid to be added to online banking with Unity.

13.4 Other Financial Matters

14 Health and Safety Matters

14.1 Playground inspection reports.

15 Training – requests - arranged.

16 Freedom of information requests/receipts – none

17 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

17 Village – Natural Environmental Matters

18 Website & Information

19 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting 6th July 2026

Signed _____ **Malcom Ryder – Chair Begbroke Parish Council. 6th July 2026**