

Begbroke Parish Council

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Minutes

A meeting of Begbroke Parish Council was held at **6.00 pm on Monday 3rd August 2026**.

Members of the Council were summoned to attend, consider and resolve upon the business transacted at the meeting as set out below:

- 1 **Present:** Malcolm Ryder (Chair), Leslie Allen (Co-Chair), Beverley Appleton, Lindsay Gregory, Peter Finbow, Louise Wright (Clerk), Jeffrey Wright (Assistant Clerk) and Cllr Lesley McLean.
- 2 **Apologies:** Candida Javid.
- 3 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 were confirmed as a true record.
- 4 **Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality**

Nothing to declare.

5 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

The bench and flowers on the corner of Begbroke Lane have started to suffer due to the weather.

The notice board in the village bus stop has been forced open and now does not close properly.

6 A44 and Highways

The Chair went through the status report for FixMyStreet. The lights at the crossing have apparently been changed so that the crossing initiates slightly quicker.

The report regarding the hedge on the corner of Sandhill Road appears to have been removed and closed. One councillor noted that they had seen two people with a van and a brown bin cutting the hedge earlier today.

The Chair has submitted a complaint regarding the A44 surfacing. The resurfacing was carried out on sections that did not require it, while the roundabouts and junctions were missed. The Bladon Roundabout and Begbroke both have cracks. Cllr Lesley McLean will chase this and investigate further.

7 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

7.1 County Councillor – July/August report.

7.2 Cherwell District Councillor – July/August report.

Cllr Lesley McLean went through the reports that she had previously sent to councillors by email. These reports are also available on the Begbroke Parish Council website.

7.3 OALC Report – July report sent to councillors.

7.4 Cherwell Parish Bulletin – no report received yet for July.

8 Council Representatives

8.1 BVHMC Report.

No further reports were received, as there have been no further meetings since the last Council meeting.

Email correspondence regarding the Section 106 money has been received from Bruce Usher of Bloombridge. A meeting will take place between members of the village to discuss this.

It was suggested that we could ask for a new play area for the village.

Cllr Lesley McLean confirmed that no decisions will be made for at least a year or so, once the planning has been fully accepted. The concern is that the developer may then decide what is included in the Section 106 agreement. Cllr McLean has offered to write to the planning team to seek clarification.

Action: Clerk to email Lesley with details of what the Village Hall committee are expecting.

Action: Vice Chair to send the letter from the developer to the Clerk as reference.

Action: All to send their views to the Clerk regarding the Section 106 money, to be passed on to Lesley.

The Chair confirmed that a sum has been offered to the village; however, this was a verbal offer and nothing has since been offered in writing.

The Village Hall Committee has approached Wicksteed to obtain quotes for a new play area, should this money come to the village.

8.2 Oxford Airport Consultative Committee

Lindsay Gregory has contacted the airport to complain about aircraft noise.

Action: Lindsay to email Lesley with the complaint numbers.

9 New Business

9.1 Playground equipment: further discussions and conclusion. (Attachment)

The final draft of the play area equipment was discussed. This final draft will be sent to the Village Hall committee for approving.

Action: Clerk to send the agreement to the Village Hall Committee. If the Committee does not agree, councillors agreed that the Parish Council will take responsibility for public liability insurance only.

10 Planning

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

26/01727/F – Oxford Technology Park

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

12 Financial Matters

12.1 Balances/Liabilities: Unity Trust Bank £28,890.82 (see attached cashbook report).
The bank and cashbook balances may differ slightly due to pending payments.

12.2 Quotations/Tenders/Grants – None received.

12.3 Bank Matters

12.4 Other Financial Matters

External Audit

13 Health and Safety Matters

13.1 Playground inspection rota: August Peter Finbow, September Leslie Allen.

14 Training – Play area inspection training: Lindsay to confirm availability with the Clerk.

Lantra brush cutter refresher training for the Chair: Clerk to action and arrange.

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

The Chair noted that footpath way marker signs have been going missing.

16 Village – Natural Environmental Matters

16.1 Trees in Sandhill Road

A resident has emailed regarding the trees and asked whether the Parish Council could cut and maintain them. A Land Registry search has been completed, and the land appears to be unregistered.

Cllr Lesley McLean will contact Highways to ask whether they can take ownership and maintain the trees.

17 Website & Information

18 Proposed Date of the Next Meeting 7th September 2026.

Signed _____ **Malcolm Ryder Chair to Begbroke Parish Council.**