

## KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Church Room, Kidmore End on Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 8.00pm and concluded at 9.40pm.

Present: Ms S M Biggs (Chairman), Dr C D Aldridge (Vice-Chairman), Mrs S J Hunter, Ms A S O'Reilly, I G C Pearson, T M Perchard, H Thresher.

Also present: R Simister (district councillor), PCSO W Pomroy (Thames Valley Police).

Apologies for absence were received from Ms S L Forde, Mrs S Hall, J A Swift QC.

### 9.01 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2018 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### 9.02 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The Council noted a written report by Mr K Bulmer, the county councillor for the Goring division, covering, inter alia:

- his Council's councillor priority fund, by which each county councillor will have a fund of £15,000 to support parish council highways' needs and community group projects;
- his Council's decision to prioritise children's social care, adding £8.5m to the budget for this service in 2018/19;
- the likely increase of 5.99% in his Council's element of the County Tax for 2018/19;
- the housing and growth agreement arranged by the Oxfordshire Growth Board with Government, which would release £215m of investment over the next 5 years;
- the termination of his Council's contract with Carillon LGS Ltd, following the collapse of the parent company.

### 9.03 REPORT OF AREA BEAT OFFICER

PCSO W Pomroy of the Thames Valley Police stated that his understanding of local policing priorities were vehicle speeds and parking in the vicinity of Kidmore End School. Given the reduced resources of the Henley Neighbourhood Police team, it was important to target the deployment of the team. To that end, PCSO Pomroy suggested that councillors and other volunteers should undertake speed watch exercises, designed to gather data for subsequent speed limit enforcement activity. As to the parking issue, it was suggested that a joint meeting be arranged with the School.

PCSO Pomroy also referred to instances of lead theft from dwelling roofs, one such theft occurring, in the week before the meeting, in Kidmore End.

### 9.04 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr R Simister, the district councillor for the Kidmore End & Whitchurch ward, reported on the Oxfordshire Growth Deal, by which the Government would provide funding for infrastructure to promote growth: a list of projects would need to be developed, and a [County-wide] joint spatial plan.

Mr Simister answered questions from Members on

- the measurement of his Council's housing land supply;
- the use of compulsory purchase powers;
- the identification of land, in the Local Plan, for the third Thames crossing in the vicinity of

- Reading;  
the possible development of Reading Golf Club.

Mr Simister reported that, following a reshuffle of his Council's Cabinet, he was now responsible for Corporate Services.

#### 9.05 GALLOWSTREE COMMON ALLOTMENTS – WATER

(cf 8.07(ii)/18) The Clerk reported on further e-mail exchanges with Castle Water Ltd, concerning bills for water used at the Gallowstree Common allotments. The Company had decided to record the issue as a complaint, and was investigating it. During this process, the recovery of the alleged debt, which had risen to £923.89, had been put on hold. The Company had discovered, as had Mr T M Perchard when he had visited the site, that there seemed no longer to be a meter on the supply pipe. As a result, the Company was pursuing matters with Thames Water Ltd, the water wholesaler for the site.

Members conjectured as to whether the meter had been removed by Thames Water Ltd when the Company had attended to a leak on the supply pipe in May 2017.

#### 9.06 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

(cf 8.08/18) The Clerk reported that, when he had approached the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils, there had been no places left at the seminars organised by the Association on the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

RESOLVED: That consideration of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) be again deferred to the next meeting.

#### 9.07 THIRD THAMES BRIDGE

(cf 8.09/18) The Council noted the minutes of the meeting held in Highmoor on 18 January 2018 concerning a possible additional bridge over the River Thames in or near Reading, and the presentation delivered at that meeting by an officer of the County Council.

#### 9.08 BROADBAND

(cf 8.13/18) Mr H Thresher reported that the wayleave, for the electricity supply to the proposed northern fibre optic cabinet at Tokers Green, had been granted by the owner of the land in question.

#### 9.09 LONDON OXFORD AIRPORT

(cf 8.17/18) In presenting his apologies for absence, Mr J A Swift had commented that the proposals of London Oxford Airport, to redesignate its local uncontrolled airspace to controlled airspace, should have no impact on the airspace above the Parish.

#### 9.10 ROYAL AIR FORCE BRIZE NORTON

(cf 8.19/18) In presenting his apologies for absence, Mr J A Swift had commented that the proposal to make changes to the airspace arrangements around RAF Brize Norton, should have no impact on the airspace above the Parish.

#### 9.11 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

(cf 8.26/18) By e-mail, the Headteacher of the Kidmore End (CE) (VA) Primary School advised that she had registered the school for the Great British Spring Clean initiative. The Chairman reported that Mr G Hayne of Kidmore End had volunteered to co-ordinate the spring clean activities in the Parish.

## 9.12 FINANCE

### (i) Balances

The Clerk reported that balances at the bank totalled £26,835.02.

### (ii) Accounts for payment

RESOLVED: That the following accounts, listed in the schedule under Financial Regulation 5.2, be approved for payment:

D King – Website domain renewal (balance)	£3.33
The Henley College – Printing Parish Newsletter	£45.00
Ms S M Biggs – Posters and flyers for Neighbourhood Plan meetings	£78.16
R F Penfold – Salary net of Income Tax	£376.49
HM Revenue & Customs – Income tax deducted	£250.99
R F Penfold – Printing agenda etc	£10.60

## 9.13 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING MATTERS

### (i) Decisions

The Council noted that the applications for

conversion of part garage space into additional room including extension to the front at Hollybank, Rokeby Drive, Tokers Green;  
proposed 2 storey side extension at Pine Tree Cottage, Reading Road, Cane End;  
erection of single storey rear extension with a dual pitch roof and 2 roof lights at Hazeley Cottage, Coopers Pightle, Kidmore End

had been permitted conditionally and that the application for change of use from agricultural to residential and formation of swimming pool with glass canopy over at Holly Tree Farm, Kidmore Lane, Kidmore End had been withdrawn.

### (ii) Action of Plans Sub-Committee

RESOLVED: That the action of the Plans Sub-Committee in respect of the following applications, as set out in the register of action, be approved:

single storey side and rear extensions at The Post House, Tokers Green Lane, Kidmore End;  
residential development of 50 dwellings, access, public open space and landscaping and provision of land for community sports/recreational facilities on land at Bishopswood Middle Field and Memorial Hall, Reades Lane, Sonning Common [Parish of Sonning Common];  
single storey rear kitchen extension and open porch along rear elevation at Field View Barn, Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green.

### (iii) Applications

The Council considered applications referred to it since the last meeting .

RESOLVED: 1 That no strong views be submitted on the application for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling with detached single garage and carport, and formation of new access at Beechwood, Tokers Green Lane, Tokers Green for Bentier Homes Ltd.

2 That observations be made as follows

## Application

Part demolition of existing house and conversion to garage store and workshop at Oakridge Farm, Wood Lane, Kidmore End for Mr & Mrs A Hartrup

Proposed demolition of existing barn subject of residential conversion/extension - permission granted by P16/S3894/FUL and P17/S1904/FUL - and erection of new build dwelling house at The Coach House, Tokers Green Lane, Kidmore End

## Observation

Refuse: existing building should be demolished in accordance with successive planning permissions – P11/E2383, P12/S1334/FUL and P13/S2078/FUL.

Refuse: notwithstanding previous planning approvals, the Council remains concerned about a potentially dangerous access on to this narrow, and regularly busy, road.

### (iv) The Elms, Tokers Green Lane, Tokers Green – Planning application

By letter, the District Council's Head of Planning reported that the applicant for the development of land on the west side of Tokers Green Lane, Tokers Green (known as "The Elms") intended to appeal against the decision of his Council to refuse permission for the development. The applicant wished the inspector, who would determine the appeal on behalf of the Secretary of State, to consider an amended plan. This removed the proposed footpath shown to run from the residential development to the woodland/former gravel pit. The Head of Planning invited comments on the amended plan.

RESOLVED: That the District Council be advised that the amendments proposed by the applicants have no impact upon the Council's implacable opposition to the applications for the development land on the west side of Tokers Green Lane, Tokers Green (known as "The Elms").

### (v) Applications for certificates of lawful development

The Head of Planning of the District Council reported, by letters, that he was considering applications for certificates of lawful development for

- a rear single storey extension and conversion of the garage into a habitable room at Signal Elm, Wood Lane, Gallowstree Common, as being permitted development;
- joining Hunters Lodge and Rosedale, Mill Lane, Kidmore End into one dwelling, as this was a continual operation for a sufficient period.

RESOLVED: That the District Council be advised that the Council holds no information about the joining of Hunters Lodge and Rosedale, Mill Lane, Kidmore End into one dwelling,

### (vi) County Council's Local List of Information Requirements

The County Council's Director for Planning & Place gave notice, by letter, that her Council was consulting on the proposed update of the local list of information requirements for validation of planning and related applications. The consultation would run until 2 March 2018.

## 9.14 SENDIASS

With a letter, the Manager of the County Council's Special Education Needs & Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) enclosed a poster outlining the facilities provided by the Service, and giving details of meetings about those facilities.

## 9.15 OXFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Council noted an update for members published by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils in January 2018.

#### 9.16 HOUSENAMING

In an e-mail, the District Council's Data Monitoring Manager & Street Naming and Numbering Officer advised that the property known as 7 Hazelmoor Lane, Gallowstree Common had additionally been named "Christmas Cottage".

#### 9.17 SOUTH AND VALE VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR FORUM

The Council noted an invitation from the District Council to be represented at the South and Vale Voluntary & Community Sector Forum, to be held in Didcot on 14 March 2018.

#### 9.18 SO CHARITABLE LOTTERY

The Council noted an invitation from the District Council to be represented at the launch of the SO Charitable Lottery, a community lottery designed to provide prize fund for participants and additional funding for local good causes. The launch was to take place in Didcot on 28 February 2018.

#### 9.19 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

The Chairman reported orally on the meeting of Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group held on 19 February 2018, which had concentrated on the arrangements for the imminent public meetings about the Plan.

#### 9.20 PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of Playing Fields Committee reported that the Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Council.

#### 9.21 RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

While Members acknowledged that many of the footpaths and bridleways in the Parish were in poor condition because of the wet weather, the Clerk observed that byway 26 – Chalkhouse Green Lane – was virtually impassable on foot between Chalkhouse Green and Emmer Green in the 2 low points, because of use by horses.

RESOLVED: That the County Council be advised of the poor condition of byway 26.

#### 9.22 READING GOLF CLUB

The Council noted rumours circulating about the future of Reading Golf Club, some of which suggested that the course, which covered land within the Borough of Reading as well as in the Parish, from the boundary to Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green, would be sold for housing development. Members observed that the Club's land in the Parish had been identified in the District Council's Housing and Economic Land Assessment Analysis (HELAA). The land was there assessed as capable of supporting 450 housing units, and as "available, achievable and suitable". It seemed, however, that the Club's plans were not as advanced as the rumours had suggested. In the latter connection, the Chairman read from a statement issued by the Chairman of the Club to the Emmer Green Residents' Association.

The Chairman also referred to the limited possibility of "protecting" the land, perhaps by securing it as a community asset under the Localism Act 2011 or as a local green space under the National Planning Policy Framework.

#### 9.23 MOWING AND HIGHWAY VERGE CUTTING CONTRACTS

The Council considered the award of the contracts for the general mowing and highway verge cutting in 2018. In the light of the Company's previous performance of the contracts, it was

RESOLVED: That, notwithstanding Financial Regulation 11.1(h), and subject to the prices being reasonable, the contracts for the general mowing and highway verge cutting in 2018 be let to Ian Kendrick Ltd.

#### 9.24 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 18 April 2018 at 7.30pm.

#### 9.25 MEETINGS, CONFERENCES ETC

The Chairman reported on a recent meeting of the Campaign against Gladman in Eye & Dunsden (CAGE). CAGE had decided not to be represented on a "Rule 6" basis at the public enquiry into the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the development of 245 houses on land near Bryants Farm, Emmer Green. CAGE would, instead, attend as an "interested party".

The Chairman also referred to a meeting with an officer of the County Council concerning highway flooding in the Parish, especially in Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green.

#### 9.26 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN

In answer to questions, the Chairman indicated that she would

- approach potential contractors to repair the posts and chains at Kidmore End pond, towards its south east corner;
- instruct the Clerk to ask Ian Kendrick Ltd to trim the hedge in the play area at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground;
- instruct the Clerk to seek quotations for the removal of the ivy on the Gallowstree Common well structure, and the tree loppings deposited behind the well structure.

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