

KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Church Room, Kidmore End on Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 8.00pm and concluded at 9.20pm.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Ms S L Forde, Mrs S J Hunter, J A Swift QC, R Simister (district councillor),

10.01 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2018 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

10.02 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 budget for 2018/19 entailing, the maximum permitted increase of Council Tax attributable to his Council, viz 5.99%;
- repairs of potholes in roads, here his Council was deploying increased resources, because of the damage caused by the winter weather;
- the review of health and social care in the County, undertaken by the Care Quality Commission, which had revealed some challenges for his Council and its partner organisations in the health field;
- suggestions by his Council's Recycling Team designed to help residents reduce use of plastics in packaging.

10.03 REPORT OF AREA BEAT OFFICER

Mr T M Perchard advised that he had contacted PCSO W Pomroy of the Thames Valley Police about arranging speed watch exercises, presently without reply.

10.04 GALLOWSTREE COMMON ALLOTMENTS – WATER

(cf 9.05/18) The Clerk reported that, according to Castle Water Ltd, the Council owed £1,016.94 for water used at the Gallowstree Common allotments. The Company had yet to respond to the complaint lodged by the Council.

10.05 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

(cf 9.06/18) It was noted that the National Association of Local Councils had issued a toolkit to enable parish councils to respond to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Since the last meeting, each Member had been provided with a kepc.info e-mailbox, in preparation for the implementation GDPR.

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

10.06 READING GOLF CLUB

(cf 9.22/18) The Council noted a statement issued by the Chairman of Reading Golf Club to the Emmer Green Residents' Association concerning the future of the Club, which statement had been circulated to Members following the last meeting of the Council, and had been quoted from by the Chairman, at the last meeting. In the statement, the Chairman of the Club indicated that the Club had not entered into any agreements with developers, although it had identified the course for possible future development with both the District Council and Reading Borough Council.

However, as a result of an article in the "Henley Standard", the Chairman had asked Mr R Simister, the district councillor for the Kidmore End and Whitchurch Ward, about his Council's position regarding the Golf Club. Mr Simister forwarded the following response provided to him by his Council's Planning Team:

"In regards to Reading Golf Club land this site is not included within the current emerging Local Plan or in any of the previous versions. The site was brought to our attention last year through the 'Call for Sites' process and was assessed in the SHELAA. The site was not included within the local plan as it didn't meet the requirements of our spatial strategy. No planning application or pre-app advices has been sought by the owners/developers regarding this site."

10.07 MOWING AND HIGHWAY VERGE CUTTING CONTRACTS

(cf 9.23/18) By e-mail, Mr I Kendrick of Ian Kendrick Ltd advised that his Company would undertake the general mowing and highway verge cutting in 2018 on the same price base as 2017.

10.08 KIDMORE END POND

(cf 9.26/18) The Chairman reported that she had obtained a quotation from SAS Landscaping Ltd in the sum of £235 + VAT for the repair of the posts and chains in the south east corner of Kidmore End pond. She believed this to be a reasonable sum, and, notwithstanding Financial Regulation 11.1(h), she had, following discussion with the Responsible Financial Officer, let the contract for the work, as a matter of urgency, to that Company.

The Chairman reported that she and Vice-Chairman had coppiced the willows at the pond.

RESOLVED: That the action of the Chairman be approved and confirmed.

10.09 GALLOWSTREE COMMON RECREATION GROUND – PLAY AREA HEDGE

(cf 9.26/18) Mr I Kendrick of Ian Kendrick Ltd had, in an e-mail, advised that the cost of trimming the hedge in the play area at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground would be £200+VAT

10.10 FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee held on 9 March 2018.

RESOLVED: 1 That notwithstanding Financial Regulation 3.5, the unspent budgetary provision in the financial year 2017/18 under the following budget heads be carried forward, on 31 March 2018, into the financial year 2018/19:

- Water supply at Cane End allotments
- Grant for bench
- Clerk's salary
- Clerk's expenses
- Postages

Telephones
 IT equipment for Clerk
 Hire of accommodation
 Grant to churchyard wall
 Grants to outside bodies
 Grant to Club SC
 Cleaning of war memorial etc
 Contribution towards Broadband
 Unspecified projects
 Grant towards Neighbourhood Development Plan.

2 That the following grants be made in the financial year 2017/18:

FISH Volunteer Centre - £400 (to be met from the budget provision for support for replacement bus service)
 Mapledurham Parish Council - £315 (specific budgetary provision).

10.11 FINANCE

(i) Balances

The Clerk reported that balances at the bank totalled £24,611.51.

(ii) Accounts for payment

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

Ms S M Biggs – Posters and flyers for Neighbourhood Plan meetings	£110.99
Playing Fields Committee – Hire of Pavilion for Neighbourhood Plan meetings	£144.00
FISH Volunteer Centre – Grant	£400.00
Mapledurham Parish Council – Contribution towards cost of Rokeby Recreation Ground	£315.00
R F Penfold – Salary net of Income Tax	£376.49
HM Revenue & Customs – Income tax deducted	£250.99
R F Penfold – Printing agenda etc	£9.60
South Oxfordshire District Council - Emptying dog hygiene bin	£12.56

10.12 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Decisions

The Council noted that the applications for

single storey front and rear extensions at 1 Orchard Field, Gallowstree Common;
 single storey rear kitchen extension and open porch along rear elevation at Field View Barn, Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green;
 single storey side and rear extensions at The Post House, Tokers Green Lane, Kidmore End

had been permitted conditionally and that a certificate of lawful use or development had been issued in respect of the continuous use of The Flat, Old Farmhouse, Cane End as a separate permanent dwellinghouse.

(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:

erection of 2 storey dwelling at rear of garden at Yew Tree Cottage, Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common;
renovation of detached dwelling, including infill extension, garage conversion, rear single storey extension, new porch and alteration to driveway and parking space at Signal Elm, Wood Lane, Gallowstree Common.

(iii) Applications for certificates of lawful development

The Head of Planning of the District Council reported, by letter, that he was considering an application for a certificate of lawful development for erection of decking at Hunters Lodge, Mill Lane, Kidmore End in 2011.

RESOLVED: That the District Council be advised that the Council holds no information and has no views about the erection of decking at Hunters Lodge, Mill Lane, Kidmore End in 2011,

(iv) Planning appeals

(cf 7.14(v)/17) In a letter, the Head of Planning of the District Council advised that an appeal had been lodged against the refusal of the District Council to grant planning permission for up to 95 houses on land off Kennylands Road, Sonning Common [Parish of Sonning Common]. The appeal would be heard at a public inquiry before a planning inspector, at Henley Rugby Club, Henley, starting on 10 April 2018.

The Chairman reported that, since the last meeting, the Campaign Against Gladman in Eye & Dunsden (CAGE) had reversed its earlier decision, and would seek to be represented at the public inquiry into the appeal against refusal of planning permission for major housing development at Bryants Farm, Emmer Green. CAGE was seeking financial support to pay for its representation, and had instigated a crowd funding campaign. The Chairman suggested that the Council consider making a contribution to CAGE.

RESOLVED: That consideration of a possible donation to the Campaign Against Gladman in Eye & Dunsden be deferred to the next meeting.

(v) South Oxfordshire Local Plan

(cf 6.13(viii)/17) The District Council's Head of Planning, in e-mails, outlined progress with the South Oxfordshire Local Plan. Following the publicity period on the publication version of the Plan, his Council had reviewed some 2,600 comments from more 800 individuals. As a result, the submission of the Plan to the Planning Inspectorate had been delayed. The District Council's Cabinet had been expected to discuss the progress of the Plan at a meeting on 13 March 2018.

The Chairman reported that she understood that the District Council might not adopt the consulted-upon version of the Local Plan.

(vi) "Planning Matters"

The Council noted "Planning Matters", a newsletter issued by the District Council in March 2018.

(vii) District Council's Housing Policies

The Chairman referred to the District Council's housing policies, as published on its website, covering the joint housing delivery strategy, the homelessness strategy, housing allocations' policy and its tenancy strategy.

(viii) National Planning Policy Framework

The Chairman referred to the consultation by the Government on the draft revised National Planning Policy Framework, which incorporated policy proposals previously consulted on in the Housing White Paper and the Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places consultation.

10.13 THE OXFORDSHIRE COMET

John Howell MP requested, by e-mail, that parish councils promote the Oxfordshire Comet, the bus service set up by the County Council, by making available buses normally used to take children to school or adults day care centres.

10.14 OXFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

10.15 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

With e-mails, an officer of the County Council gave notice of a temporary closure, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, of Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End on 3 April 2018, for 10 days, to enable essential ducting works to be undertaken.

10.16 OXFORDSHIRE'S HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES

The Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group announced, by e-mail, its consultation on Oxfordshire's health and care services, arising, in part, from the Care Quality Commission review, which had emphasised the need for much better health and social care planning together in the County. The consultation started on 2 March 2018.

10.17 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

The Council noted the minutes of the meeting of Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group held on 7 March 2018, which had been circulated by the Chairman. The meeting had reviewed the 2 well-attended public meetings about the Plan held during February 2018. The responses from those meetings were being analysed to assist the drafting of the household survey. The Steering Group intended to seek further funds from the District Council and central government for specific aspects of future in connection with the Plan.

10.18 PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee reported that the Committee had met on 12 March 2018, when the principal business had again been about the Committee's relationship with Kidmore End Football Club. The Committee had considered some draft conditions of future hire of the football pitch, formulated on the premise that the Football Club was no longer in a position to continue as a partner in the management etc of the Recreation Ground and associated facilities. After full discussion, there had been general agreement that the circulated draft conditions represented the best way forward for winter use of the Ground in 2018/19. The Football Club was expected to report back to the next meeting as to whether it wished to hire the pitch for 2018/19.

The Committee had also discussed the future of the Council's gangmowers, kept at the Recreation Ground. It was felt that the mowers were no longer serviceable, and, as a result, were no longer used by the Cricket Club to mow the outfield.

RESOLVED: That the gangmowers be declared surplus to requirements.

10.19 TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE

While there had been no meeting of the Transport Sub-Committee since the last meeting of the Council, it was noted that the 20mph speed limit signs had been installed in Kidmore End.

10.20 CHILTERN AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

(cf 4.05/18)The Chairman referred to the decision of the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2016, which called on the Council to seek the inclusion of the whole Parish within the boundary of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Being aware of the proposals for the alteration of the AONB boundary in nearby parishes, it had agreed, in May 2016, to approach Shiplake Parish Council, about this Parish being added to its similar proposal.

However, the Chairman had become aware earlier in 2018 that the request for the whole of the Parish to be included in the AONB was not reflected in a map produced by the Chilterns Conservation Board, whose support would be crucial to the success of the proposal. The Chairman had been assured, however, by the Clerk to Shiplake Parish Council, that this Council's proposal had been added to that of his Council. The Chairman intended to pursue the matter with the Conservation Board.

RESOLVED: That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

10.21 MEETINGS, CONFERENCES ETC

The Chairman reported that she had attended a meeting on 28 February 2018, organised by the District Council, about fundraising for good causes.

The Vice-Chairman referred to her visit earlier in the month to the grey waste treatment facility at Middleton Stoney.