

KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Kidmore End Parish Council was summoned, in accordance with Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972, to be held on Wednesday 17 April 2019. Insufficient Members attended to form a quorum. Those present decided to transact the business which would have been before the Council, on the assumption that the Council, at its next meeting, would endorse their action.

Minutes of a meeting of Members of the Parish Council held at the Church Room, Kidmore End on Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 8.00pm and concluded at 8.40pm.

Present: Dr C D Aldridge (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair), T M Perchard, H Thresher.

Apologies for absence were received from Ms S M Biggs, A B Gitsham, Mrs S Hall, Ms A S O'Reilly, I G C Pearson, J A Swift QC.

12.01 MINUTES

In the absence of a quorum, Members present felt that they could not confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2019.

12.02 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

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

- the award of £218m by Government for major transport links in connection with Didcot Garden Town;
- his Council's backing of the joint strategic spatial plan, the Oxfordshire Plan 2050;
- the development of a strategy to deliver a positive future for older residents of the County;
- the outcome of a review, which concluded that the County Council should continue to provide home care for adults, in partnership with the independent sector.

12.03 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MATTERS

(i) Vehicle speed reduction measures

(cf 11.03/19) The Council further considered the report by the Chairman of the Council concerning the possible acquisition of vehicle speed indicator devices for deployment in the Parish, a matter deferred at the last meeting. In presenting her apologies for absence, the Chairman of the Council had reported contact with relevant officers of the County Council about the matter.

Mr T M Perchard reported orally on the deployment, in March 2019, of the Police vehicle speed indicator devices, by Members of the Council, in Gallowstree Common and Tokers Green.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the report of Chairman of the Council be again deferred.

(ii) Temporary road closure

With an e-mail, an officer of the County Council gave notice of the temporary closure, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, of Reades Lane, Sonning Common, south of Chiltern Edge School, between 22 July and 2 September 2019, to facilitate sewer replacement works.

12.04 GRANTS

(cf 11.05/19) The Council noted letters of thanks from the Chairman of the FISH Volunteer Centre and the Community Fundraising and Operations Officer of Sue Ryder South Oxfordshire Palliative

Care Hub for the grants awarded by the Council

12.05 GALLOWSTREE COMMON ALLOTMENTS – WATER

(cf 11.05/19) In an e-mail, the Acting Group Complaints' Manager of Castle Water Ltd advised that, as there had been no meter on the water supply for the Gallowstree Common allotments from May 2017 to December 2018, the Company had issued credit notes against the accounts raised in the period in question. As a result, the Council no longer owed the Company for water used at the allotments during that period.

12.06 KIDMORE END PLAY AREA

(cf 11.16/19) The Chairman reported that the playhouse had been erected at the Kidmore End Play Area. It had taken 6 persons 3 hours to complete the task.

12.07 FINANCE

(i) Balances

The Clerk reported that balances at the bank totalled £36,138.94.

(ii) Accounts for payment

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

Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – Subscription	£258.06
Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association – Subscription	£42.00
Community First Oxfordshire – Subscription	£70.00
Ms S M Biggs – Reimbursement for programme used for Council/NDP graphics	£90.00
South Oxfordshire District Council – Emptying dog hygiene bin	£13.09
Mrs T Beddis – Repair of fence at Gallowstree Common play area	£45.60
Playsafety Ltd – Inspection of play areas	£202.20
R F Penfold – Salary net of Income Tax	£380.84
HM Revenue & Customs – Income tax deducted	£253.89
R F Penfold – Printing agenda etc	£3.25

(iii) Budget monitoring

The Council noted a report of the Clerk showing expenditure at year-end, against the approved budget for 2018/19. The report showed an overspend of £59.

12.08 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Decisions

The Council noted that the applications for

erection of leisure complex to house indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room at Oldfield House, Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common;
demolition of existing outbuilding, replacement sun room and construction of brick built rear porch at Orchard Manor, Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common;
single storey orangery extension, along with internal and external alterations at Pond House, Kidmore Lane, Kidmore End

had been permitted conditionally.

(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 rear extension and enlargement of front porch at Hall House, Wood Lane, Gallowstree Common;
detached carport with office/studio accommodation above at The Old Farmhouse, Cane End;
retrospective demolition of existing building and erection of replacement outbuilding (previously approved under P18/S0331/HH) at Oakridge Farm, Wood Lane, Kidmore End;
detached garage with loft room to replace existing garage at Greenwood, Mill Lane, Kidmore End;
variation of condition 2 to permission granted under P17/DS1126/HH re removal of chimney stack, change to bay window, internal alteration to floors, repositioning roof light and change to front door at Tree Tops, Hazelmoor 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 a proposed mobile home within the curtilage of 31 Highdown Avenue, Emmer Green.

(iv) The Copse, Mill Lane, Kidmore End – use for weddings

(cf 3.08(iv)/18) It was reported that the District Council was pursuing enforcement action in respect of the use for weddings of The Copse, Mill Lane, Kidmore End. A number of residents of Mill Lane had complained about noise nuisance arising from weddings.

(v) Proposed development at Bryants Farm, Emmer Green

(cf 10.13(iv)/19) It was reported that the applicants, Gladman, had decided not to pursue further the planning application for the development of 245 houses on land at Bryants Farm, Emmer Green [in the Parish of Eye & Dunsden]

(vi) Reading Golf Club

(cf 10.13(iii)/19) The Council noted the suggestions made by the inspector who had examined the draft Reading Local Plan, in respect of the references in that Plan to the possible development of that part of Reading Golf Club within the Borough, after 2025.

(vii) Oxfordshire Plan 2050

(cf 11.07(iii)/19) The Council noted the response submitted to the consultation on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050, by the Chairman and Ms A S O'Reilly, as authorised at the last meeting.

Subsequently, the Chairman of the Council, following informal discussions with other Members, had submitted a further statement in response to the draft Plan, as set out in the Appendix hereto.

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

(viii) South Oxfordshire Local Plan

(cf 9.13(vi)/19) By letter, the District Council's Head of Planning advised that his Council had submitted the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034 to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

12.09 MERCHANT NAVY DAY

In a letter, the Campaigns' Manager of Seafarers UK asked the Council to raise public awareness of the nation's reliance on seafarers and shipping by flying the Red Duster (the official flag of the British Merchant Navy) ashore on Merchant Navy Day, 3 September.

12.10 OXFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Council noted an update for members published by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils in March 2019.

12.11 SUE RYDER SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE PALLIATIVE CARE HUB

In a letter, the Community Fundraising Manager of Sue Ryder South Oxfordshire Palliative Care Hub offered to meet the Council to explain the changes the organisation was introducing. Members felt that the church or the School might prove better audiences for the information.

RESOLVED: That Sue Ryder South Oxfordshire Palliative Care Hub be thanked for the offer, but it be suggested that there were better audiences than the Council for the information about changes to its practices.

12.12 BROADBAND

(cf 9.07/19) By e-mail, the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire Team advised that the fibre optic connection to Kidmore End cabinet 17 was operational, providing faster Broadband to Cane End.

12.13 INTERNATIONAL CYCLING ROAD RACE

The Communications' Team of the District Council, by e-mails, gave details of the OVO Energy Women's Tour, an elite international cycling road race, which would pass through the Parish on 12 June 2019. The stage on that day, which would start in Henley, would pass westbound through Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common, then turn north on Reading Road, Cane End, before turning west again into Deadman's Lane. The race would be managed using a rolling roadblock, which, it was hoped, would keep traffic disruption to a minimum.

12.14 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

It was reported that the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Steering Group would next meet on 7 May 2019.

12.15 PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

It was noted that the Playing Fields Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Council.

12.16 BYWAY 26

(cf 10.22/19) Reference was made to articles in the "Henley Standard" concerning misuse of Byway 26, south of Chalkhouse Green Farm, Chalkhouse Green. The Clerk advised that he had drawn the attention of the County Council to the articles.

12.17 TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Council had reported, in presenting her apologies for absence, that an officer of the County Council had agreed to discuss undertaking remedial works to the footway in Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common.

12.18 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 2019

(cf 10.15/19) The Clerk reported that the Returning Officer of the District Council had given notice that she had received 9 nominations by the closing date for the receipt of nominations for the election of 10 parish councillors – from Dr C D Aldridge, Ms S Biggs, Mr A B Gitsham, Mrs S G Hall, Ms A S O'Reilly, Mr I G C Pearson, Mr T M Perchard, Mr J A Swift and Mr H Thresher. There would, therefore, be no poll on 2 May 2019, the election being uncontested.

RESPONSE TO OXFORDSHIRE PLAN 2050 CALL FOR IDEAS

We totally support the suggestion made by Lucy Murfett, Response ID #715040, Chiltern Conservation Board in question 1 and 2, in the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 call for ideas. The Parish of Kidmore End has commissioned a landscape sensitivity study for the area covered by the buffer within this Parish and adjacent to Reading: there is specific reference to this land in question 2.

Link to Land sensitivity study.

<https://www.kepc.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Kidmore-End-Landscape-Sensitivity-Study-Final.pdf>

From our study we have identified that this land shares the special landscape qualities found within the AONB as well as views to the Chilterns towards this area and from this area to the Chilterns. We consider the qualities within the land are worthy of protection which is in line with the study findings.

We consider that a strategic development site would not be appropriate and should not be allocated within the AONB or within a Green Infrastructure buffer as suggested by Lucy Murfett.