KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Kidlington Parish Council

held at Exeter Hall and on Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday 25 January 2024

Present: Cllr Naveed Baraksai Pace, Cllr David Betts, Cllr William Easdown Babb, Cllr Alan Graham, Cllr Fiona Mawson, Cllr Lesley Mclean Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Melanie Moorhouse, Cllr David Robey (Chair), Cllr David Thurling, Cllr Nik Soheili, Cllr Linda Ward, Cllr Doug Williamson, Cllr Phil Wyse.

In Attendance: Clerk – Rachel Faulkner, CDC Cllr Dorothy Walker and 6 members of the public.
Apologies: Cllr Alison Street
On Line: 2 members of the public for part of the meeting.

24/014 Declaration of interests – Cllr Betts declared an interest on Item 10 of the agenda regarding the proposed development north of The Moors because his home is next to a proposed access.

24/015 The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting on 25 January 2024 were a true and correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

24/016 **Public Participation**. Three residents spoke at the meeting requesting that the Council continues to object to the proposals to develop the land North of the Moors.

Cllr Betts left the meeting for the next item and returned after it.

24/017 The Council agreed to bring forward the item regarding the proposed development, and confirmed that its objections, as detailed in its response to the CDC draft Local Plan, remained unchanged. It was agreed that the Council would not engage with the developers in the short term although this would be reviewed after the elections in May.

24/018 The minutes of committees were moved by Chairs:

a) **Planning Committee**: 8 February and 14 March 2024 – moved by Cllr Graham.

b) **Policy and Finance Committee**: 29 February and 14 March 2024 – moved by Cllr McLean.
- The Council agreed with the committee's recommendation to continue with the management arrangement with CDC at Stratfield Brake for 24/25 and 25/26 and agreed that this should be proposed to CDC.
- It was noted that Cherwell Collective had been awarded an S137 grant is the form of a 60% rental subsidy for its use of Exeter Hall. The Barn and three allotments would continue to be provided to the Collective free of charge. The grant is for the current financial year.
- The Council discussed the negative misinformation from Cherwell Collective concerning their use of Exeter Hall and agreed that the statement on the website explained the Council's position well. It was noted that a letter from the Chair on the subject had now been published in the Oxford Times.
- Members discussed promoting Community Grants and publicising information about other recipients.

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- It was noted that a revised S137 Grant Application Form would be considered at the next Policy and Finance Committee.
- It was noted that the Council would not fund or discuss consultations on the introduction of double yellow lines until more is known about parking arrangements relating to the proposed OUFC stadium.
- It was noted that post and rail fencing would be installed and trees planted at the corner of Blenheim Road.
- The Council discussed the introduction of an ANPR camera in the High Street to replace the bollard. Members agreed that KPC may be able to subsidise this installation. Cllr Middleton to approach OCC to ask for a proposal for the Council to consider.

c) **Community Committee**: 7 March 2024 – moved by Cllr Moorhouse.
- Cllr Robey reported on meetings held with Oxford Direct Service and Cemetery Development Services regarding capacity at Bicester Road Cemetery. The consultant suggested that there is sufficient capacity at the site for 7 to 12 years. He recommended some works to improve surface drainage and confirmed that the land is suitable for double depth graves.
- It was noted that Cherwell Collective would no longer provide catering for all Exeter Hall bookings, and that the Council would manage its own green spaces.
- It was agreed that communications points should in future be added to the minutes of all meetings where appropriate.

24/019 **Statutory Documents**
The Council reviewed and **RESOLVED** to adopt the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. It was agreed that a note of provenance should always be added to documents of this kind, when they are derived from other sources, and that when revised versions are presented to Council for approval there should be a note detailing the changes made. The Council reviewed the Risk Register and asked for some clarification to be presented to P&F meeting and approved at full Council in May.

24/020 The Council **RESOLVED** to agree to request the sum of £854,049 as the agreed precept from Cherwell District Council.

24/021 The Council considered the recommendations of the Communications Working Group and agreed to accept in principle the proposals in the executive summary, subject to further discussion on implementation. It was agreed to move forward with the immediate priorities:
- To carry out an exercise to identify KPC's values and priorities. It was agreed to delegate to the Working Group the choice of a consultant/facilitator for this exercise, within a funding envelope of £5000.
- For the Comms WG to bring forward a Communications Plan

24/022 The Council agreed to a new structure for Standing Committees.
Finance and Assets Committee
Community Committee
Development and Strategy Committee
Terms of reference to be agreed at council meeting in May.

24/023 The Council agreed the proposed calendar of meetings for 2024/25, subject to confirmation at the Annual Council Meeting.

24/024 The Council discussed the OUFC stadium proposal and agreed that the councillors' reports on different elements of the proposal would be discussed at Planning Committee on 11 April and taken forward to an Extraordinary Council Meeting on 25 April at 6pm,

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where the Council's response to the current consultation would be decided. This would precede the Policy and Finance Committee meeting at 7.30pm,
The Council noted that the Chair had engaged in informal discussions with the former Managing Director of OUFC on the Club's Stadium plans, and that there would be a second meeting with him other Club officers on the potential benefits to residents if the plans go ahead.

The Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue beyond 2 hours.

24/025 The Council discussed items for the annual newsletter and speakers for the Annual Parish Meeting.

24/026 The Council received reports from Cllr David Thurling on the St Mary's Fields Group and the Airport Consultative Committee.

24/027 The Council received reports from District and County Councillors.

The meeting closed at: 9.45pm

Upcoming meetings:

Planning Committee:	11 April at 6.30pm
Community Committee:	18 April at 6.30pm
Extraordinary Meeting:	25 April at 6pm
Policy and Finance Committee:	25 April at 7.30pm
Council Meeting:	9 May at 7.30pm

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