

Kidlington Parish Council

Oxford's Unmet Housing Need

Following the pre-hearing meeting held on 28th September the Planning Inspector has responded to the debate with the following statement –

Three options were discussed in concluding the recent Preliminary Hearings (proceed to Main Hearings, suspend the process, or call a complete halt). Having carefully considered what I read in advance, and heard on the day, I am content that the Examination can proceed to Main Hearings without further ado. I propose to issue a series of Matters and Issues in early December 2018 to set out how those Main Hearings will work. At this stage, I envisage 8 sitting days will be required, preferably over two consecutive weeks.

I have some brief observations that it would I believe be useful to share at this stage. First of all, it is clear to me that meeting Oxford's unmet need could, as a general principle, constitute an exceptional circumstance that would justify an alteration to Green Belt boundaries. Second, I am content for the Main Hearings to proceed on the basis that Cherwell's 'share' of that unmet need is 4,400 homes, as a working assumption.

This is a disappointing response but we will continue to work together with our planning consultant to prepare us for the main hearing.

KPC Annual Fireworks display.

A great night of fun and excitement was enjoyed by all at our annual firework display. The weather was perfect, both in the build up and on the actual night itself.

Along with a great firework display we had food stalls, hot beverages, fairground rides and an amazing glow juggler.

With such a great turn out we have managed to cover our costs and make a small profit.

In view of this it was agreed at our recent Events Committee meeting that we would donate £200 of these profits towards the Royal British Legion as part of Remembrance Day.

Exeter Close Play Area

Since it's opening in the summer this has been a great addition for the village and is always busy with children and their families no matter what the weather. The contractors have now been in to turf the mound and the car park area. The planting of the raised flower beds has now been completed and we would like to thank Bunkers Hill Nursery for donation the plants.

The solar powered lights should be installed in two phases, the first two at the end of November and the second two at the end of December or early January.

Website.

The new Council website is in it's final development stage and should be up and running very shortly. I will add the website address as soon as we have finished adding the appropriate content. This should provide a regular update of Parish Council events and meetings and other topics relating to Kidlington.

If you have any suggestions on ways we can improve Kidlington please feel free to contact me via the Parish Offices or email nigel.simpson@kidlington-pc.gov.uk

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