

KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Kidlington Parish Council Community Committee held via Zoom at 6.30pm on Thursday 7 January 2021

Present: Cllr Alison Street (Chair) Cllr Chris Pack
Cllr Conrad Copeland Cllr Katherine Tyson
Cllr David Robey Cllr David Betts
Cllr Neil Prestidge Cllr Doug Williamson

In Attendance: Clerk – Rachel Faulkner, Facilities Manager – Graham Kearney,
Community Projects Officer – Les Dent
Members of the Public: 2

Apologies: Cllr Caroline Sampson, Cllr Fiona Mawson

21/CO/95 Declaration of Interest: None disclosed.

21/CO/96 The minutes of the meeting of **29 October 2020** were agreed and to be signed at the next physical Community Committee meeting.

21/CO/97 Dementia Presentation – Suzi Morgan, Lincroft Care Home:

Suzi explained the ambition to recruit and train 800 dementia friendly volunteers in 2020 as part of the St Mary's Church 800 years' celebrations. This plan had to be postponed due the current situation but the need remains for more awareness around people suffering with dementia in our community. Lincroft Home are offering one-hour dementia training via zoom. The Clerk confirmed that the training would be offered to staff and councillors. A date to be arranged. Sue Moss who attended the meeting for the Baptist Church also asked for information about how they could be involved.

21/CO/98 Healthy Routes Presentation - CDC Wayfinding Office – Mike Clay

Mike, who is part of CDC's K5 Healthy Place Making team, gave a presentation on the proposed routes for Health Walks in Kidlington using the current alleyways and open spaces. He explained that he is looking at a variety of ways to signpost the routes and to install points of interest along the way. He also confirmed that he would be looking at the use of QR codes to add information about the routes. Councillors were invited to try out and give feedback on the routes to CDC Officer Louise Willis. She will circulate routes and feedback links to all councillors.

21/CO/99 Matters Arising from previous minutes:

Dry Stone Wall at St Mary's Burial Ground: Work completed to very high standard.

Community Larder: Members were informed that over 400 residents used the larder on just one day over Christmas period. The aim was still to move the activity to the Barn but no need to do that during the current lockdown as safer to operate from Exeter Hall.

Christmas Trail: Thanks were received from the Baptist Church for KPC involvement in the nativity trail.

Christmas Lights: The Clerk reminded members that KPC will need to organise and fund lights in 2021 without CDC contribution.

Bicester Road Cemetery: FM updated on the completed drainage works at Bicester Road Cemetery. Council now to consider further environmental enhancements.

Action: Clerk to follow up with White Horse contractors for outline figure for drainage works to extend the cemetery towards the allotments.

Cllrs Robey, Betts, Street, Clerk and FM to meet and draft a plan for the long term.

21/CO/100 Traffic Advisory Items: Members were asked if they had any items for the upcoming Traffic Advisory Meeting. Agreed to ask about pot holes on the cycle routes already reported on Fix My Street. Cllr Prestidge to provide photographs.

21/CO/101 Environment Group Update: The current priority is Lyne Road Green and the group is awaiting plans from Roselle Chapman of Wild Oxfordshire working on a plan created by Cllr Williamson. The intention is to contact local residents informing them of the plan and asking for feedback or volunteers to become Friends of Lyne Road Green. All plans to be reviewed by OCC Traveller Officer to ensure they will be effective in preventing unauthorised use. Plans for an event to encourage membership in a wider community climate change group are on hold until they can take place at Exeter Hall.

A second project to be considered in the future is the planting of fruit trees for Foxdown Close.

21/CO/102 Facilities Manager Report:

The FM reported that the roundabout had been cleared of sand and parts had been ordered to repair the Table Tennis table and Trampoline at Exeter Close play area. Deer fencing had been replaced at BR Cemetery and quote expected for the grill over the culvert. The solar lights at Orchard Rec have been installed and are working well.

Cllr Street reminded the committee of the intention to install a shelter in Exeter Close.

Action: FM/CPO to check lead times for installation.

The Chairman of Council to write to the doctors' surgeries voicing its concerns about accessibility for residents to the vaccination facilities at Islip Village Hall, and to reiterate the offer of Exeter Hall as a venue.

The meeting closed at: 8.15pm

Date of Next Meeting: 25 February 2021 at 6.30pm