

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 15 April 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
Cllr Carolyn Sampson

In Attendance: Clerk – Rachel Faulkner, Facilities Manager – Graham Kearney,
Community Projects Officer – Les Dent

Apologies: Cllr Fiona Mawson

21/CO/111 Declaration of Interest: None disclosed.

21/CO/112 The minutes of the meeting of **25 February 2021** were agreed and to be signed at the next physical Community Committee meeting.

21/CO/113 Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Christmas Lights – Members were reminded that the full cost of Christmas Lights will be met by KPC as CDC are no longer contributing towards them. The FM and CPO are meeting with contractors and will present options to the committee at a future meeting. Members were informed that Gosford & Water Eaton PC (GWE) are making a contribution of £2,500 towards the lights this year.

K5 Healthy Place Making – Members received an update on the activities of the K5 Healthy Place Making Team. Councillors were asked to consider the theme of wild animals for the Health Walks to build on the success of Rosie the Elephant. Councillors agreed with the proposal to be communicated to the K5 team.

A Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) produced by OCC for CDC is under consultation – members will be given the opportunity to comment at the P&F meeting on 22 April.

Teen Shelter: Members were circulated with the final brief, update on safety and colour for the shelter and advised this was to be installed in time for the Gala Day on 24 July 2021.

21/CO/114 Banbury Road/Parking on Verges:

The problem of vehicles parked on the verge alongside the slip road on Banbury Road between the Coop and Lyne Road was discussed. Members felt that the cost of installing railings was prohibitive.

Action: it was agreed that a letter be delivered to households asking them to avoid parking on the verge.

21/CO/115 Facilities Manager's Report:

Members received the report on current activity.

A request was made to include Playground Improvements as a standard agenda item for Community. Members discussed the use of the S106 money at Ron Groves Park. Following discussion, it was felt that an outdoor gym would be preferable to a Multi-Use Games Area. Clerk and FM to consider options.

21/CO/116 Litter & Dog Bins:

It was reported the new walking routes will need dog/litter bins with suggestion of a combined bin option. **Action:** Cllr Prestidge to advise on locations needed and FM to liaise with Paul Devine on the suggested combined bin option ref impact on emptying.

Cllr Prestidge updated members on the quarterly annual litter picks with a hope to restart when covid restrictions allow. CPO advised there is presently an option for individuals to use litter picks, gloves and bin liners located at KPC offices; promoted via the Next-door app.

21/CO/117 Parkhill KRT Aspirations:

Cllr Prestidge updated members on this area and advice and input from Rosie Rowe/Ed Frape at CDC on this area with potential support of grant funding from Sport England/FA to replace the building, a new pitch and brick built facility to accommodate both ladies/girls football and changing room needs. Members were reminded this is KRT leased land but KPC would support the initiative by KRT. **Action:** KPC are broadly in favour and support girls football in the community but emphasise the wish to retain a MUGA as part of this potential refurbishment. Discussion ensued on how both pitch and MUGA could be accommodated. Further investigations needed.

21/CO/118 Environment Group Update:

Cllr Street updated members on a recent meeting with Tim Green to discuss the areas for relaxing grass cutting. Tim provided a map detailing what areas are being mown. The Lyne Road Green project feedback from local residents so far have been positive. Still awaiting a base line survey from TVERC on a flower survey at Lyne Road. An update is needed for residents at these areas to explain why mowing is being relaxed and to advise what is happening. **Action:** A planting timescale and action plan for trees to be discussed at the next Environmental Meeting taking forward areas previously discussed and identified - then forwarded to Community with final approval requested at Council. Members were reminded both district and county also undertake tree planting in Kidlington, so consideration of cost, species and timetable needed.

21/CO/119 Bicester Road Cemetery:

An outline Cemetery Development plan was circulated ahead of the meeting on the proposal for the planned extension on the allotment site. A budget estimate needs to be requested as this will impact on decision making on what is accepted from the plan. Members were informed of potential projected numbers and it was pointed out that additional parking may need to be considered.

8.30pm The Chair requested the suspension of standing orders – all agreed.

21/CO/120 Photographic Panels:

The Clerk advised that she had been in discussion with CDC Arts Officer about the potential use of the screens in the Piazza being used to display photographs. This follows a request from a resident about the introduction of historical photographs in high pedestrian traffic areas. The committee expressed their desire to move forward with this project, although the Clerk warned of capacity issues due to high level of projects being worked on. It was agreed that the Clerk should continue to work with CDC on this project and ensure that the resident is kept fully involved with the project.

The meeting closed at: 8.40pm

Date of Next Meeting: 17 June 2021