

KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Kidlington Parish Council Community Committee held at Exeter Hall at 6.30pm on Thursday 2 September 2021

Present: Cllr Alison Street (Chair) Cllr Chris Pack
 Cllr Lucy Loveridge Cllr Fiona Mawson
 Cllr Neil Prestidge Cllr David Robey

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

Apologies: Cllr Doug Williamson, Cllr David Thurling

21/CO/231 Declaration of Interest: None disclosed.

21/CO/232 Minutes: the minutes of the meeting of 17 June 2021 were agreed and signed as correct. Minutes of all meetings held virtually during the pandemic were also signed.

21/CO/233 Matters arising:

K5 Wayfinding trails: The Zoo Trails have been confirmed and named and are due to be launched in October. Members requested additional maps. **Action: CPO to request.**

Photographic panels: Historic photographs have now been placed on the panels in the Piazza. It was suggested that two more panels be produced and installed. **Action: Cllr Robey to liaise with James Hamilton.**

Yarnton Road Trees: work to remove trees with Ash Dieback is due to be undertaken now the nesting season is over.

21/CO/234 Facilities Manager Report:

A new storage container has been installed at Exeter Close for the use of the football clubs as the barn is now in use by Cherwell Collective.

Dog bins have been replaced or repaired in various locations. **Action: FM to install new bin at Alexander Close**

Replacement lights required at the pavilion.

Recommendation to replace 26 lights at a cost of £2,260 from general maintenance budget.

Fly tipping was discussed as becoming a problem at Exeter Close and Bicester Road Allotments

Action: Clerk/FM to ask CDC to improve signage and reinstate CCTV camera in Exeter hall car park. FM to install bollards at Bicester Road Cemetery.

21/CO/235 Allotment Report:

FM and CPO have visited all sites and contacted all holders who are not managing their plots to request action. All plots at Bicester Road Cemetery have now been vacated and holders relocated.

Action: CPO to arrange an Allotment Meeting in late September.

21/CO/236 KPC Events:

30 October 2021 Lyne Green Community Action Day

5 November 2021 Fireworks Event

14 November 2021 Remembrance Sunday

2 December 2021 Christmas Light Switch on

21/CO/237 Honor Close Wildlife Refuge Proposal:

Cllr Williamson submitted a report regarding the future of the woodland at Honor Close which is owned by Oxfordshire County Council.

Cllr Robey and Cllr Middleton reported on a meeting held with OCC regarding the area which resulted in an offer from OCC to provide, plant and maintain 4 trees to replace those being removed in the woodland. OCC confirmed that they would be undertaking a tree survey and would work on a management plan which they will share with KPC.

Members agreed that council should communicate with Honor Close management committee to keep them informed.

Action: Cllr Williamson to liaise with the Clerk to confirm new locations for replacement tree planting and species before deadline of 15 October.

21/CO/237 Community Larder:

The Cherwell Larder is operating at the Barn and Exeter Hall twice a week and attendance is growing with increase in attendance at the weekly lunch.

21/CO/238 Playground Improvements Programme:

Cllrs Street, Prestidge and Williamson visited all play areas to review provision.

Recommendation that Orchard Rec (Evans Lane) be considered for refurbishment. Committee to consider budget allocation based on previous installations. (Exeter Close £150k, Ron Groves £100k) Site visit agreed for 9 September.

Action: Indicative budget and timescale to be submitted to October P&F committee.

FM recommended a Table Tennis table be considered for Ron Groves Park.

Action: FM to confirm cost and add to list of capital projects if approved.

Application submitted to CDC to release £37k S106 contribution from Kings Motorcycles site to fund Outdoor Gym and Basketball/Football provision. Total cost to exceed contribution and members previously agreed top of c£3,000 from earmarked reserves.

21/CO/239 Environment Group:

Statement about KPC Climate Emergency Forum: The committee reviewed the report circulated ahead of the meeting which proposed, that because of the Council's work with Cherwell Collective, there was no longer a requirement to create a Climate Emergency Forum. The Environment Working Group to continue to work with other groups and residents on specific projects and feed into Community Committee as required.

Action: Cllrs Street and Prestidge to propose at the next Full council meeting on 23 September.

Environment Working Group Report: Group currently working with KCT (Kidlington Churches Together) on Lyne Road Green Community Action Day (30 October) and the Revival for Survival Eco Activities during October. KPC website includes information on all activities. Next meeting 30 September at 11.45am.

21/CO/240 Bicester Road Cemetery:

Members were reminded of the plans for the extension of the cemetery provided by CDS which detail a substantial cost implication. This item to be further reviewed at a future Council meeting. Implications for an expansion of the cemetery because of the new housing development in the vicinity to be raised in a meeting with G&WE.

Action: Chairman Cllr Robey to progress.

The meeting closed at: 7.50pm

Date of Next Meeting: 4 November 2021 @ 6.30pm