

# KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on Thursday 9 September 2021 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr David Betts (Chair), Cllr David Robey, Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr Alison Street, Cllr Alan Graham

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Rachel Faulkner - Clerk to the Council, Alyson Bateman - RFO

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Carolyn Sampson, Cllr Conrad Copeland, Cllr Katharine Tyson

**21/PF163** **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.

**21/PF164** The minutes of the meeting of 10 June were approved and it was agreed that Cllr Betts would sign the hard copies of this meeting and all virtual meetings in the office.

**21/PF165** Financial reports:

1. Write Off of unrecoverable debt. The RFO explained that the admin team have been working on recovering debt and unravelling some historic anomalies and were now in the position to write off some unrecoverable debt. The Committee **RESOLVED** to write off £29,916.37 against the balance sheet provision for bad debts and the Earmarked reserve for Bad debt.
2. The Committee reviewed the statement of Capital expenditure and Revenue reserves and agreed to remove the EMR Line for Covid-19 provision (£0), to reduce the EMR provision for bad debt (as mentioned in 21/PF165.1) and to add a column for Planned Capital expenditure, this to include £130k provision for Orchard Recreation Field Play Area.

**21/PF166** Section 137 Grant applications

1. The Committee **RESOLVED** to offer a grant by way of a discount to the Kidlington Bingo Club for the use of the Main Hall. It was agreed to offer them three hours for the price of two in recognition of the benefit to the community.
2. The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the application by Cherwell Theatre Company for the use of the hall – retrospective confirmation of Chairs' action to recommend approval.
3. The Committee discussed the application from the Methodist Church which the Council is unable to grant due to the rules regarding grants to Places of Worship.

**21/PF167** 20 mph and Decriminalised parking update. Members agreed that they are keen to work with OCC to introduce a 20mph limit in residential streets. Cllr Betts to follow up with OCC officers to understand the process. It was noted that decriminalised parking implementation would be in November.

**21/PF168** Community Governance Review. CDC are carrying out reviews for those councils who require one. KPC requested review with the intention of looking at existing parish boundaries. It was agreed to **RECOMMEND** proposing a review of boundaries with Gosford and Water Eaton, the

matter to be brought up at the forthcoming meeting with their councillors. The clerk to speak to GWE clerk in advance.

**21/PF169** Stratfield Farm development brief – members discussed the brief and considered a number of areas of concern including drainage, vehicular access, building heights and the impact on the roundabout. Cllr Betts to write a report for discussion with CDC officers.

**21/PF170** Stratfield Brake – members asked for more information about the income and expenditure at SB now that it is being managed by Cherwell District Council. A meeting would be arranged with CDC in December/January to review the income and expenditure after the first six months. It was agreed that the management arrangement is working well and the core user groups are happy.

**21/PF171** Oxford to Cambridge Arc consultation questionnaire. Cllr Betts has completed the questionnaire and will summarise his responses for members for full Council meeting.

**21/PF161** Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation  
Cllr Robey circulated some edits to the Standing Orders which members accepted. These included confirmation of the scheme of delegation, to be forwarded with edits to Council for final approval.

**21/PF162** The date of next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 28 October 2021 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm