

KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Kidlington Parish Council held at Exeter Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 19 May 2022

Present: Cllr David Betts, Cllr Alan Graham, Cllr Fiona Mawson, Cllr Lucy Loveridge, Cllr Lesley Mclean, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Chris Pack, Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr David Robey (Chair), Cllr David Thurling, Cllr Alison Street, Cllr Dorothy Walker, Cllr Doug Williamson.

In Attendance: Clerk – Rachel Faulkner

Apologies: Cllr Conrad Copeland, Cllr Katharine Tyson

22/030 Election of Chairman for 2022/23

Cllr David Robey was elected as Chairman by a unanimous vote.

22/031 Election of Vice Chair for 2022/23

Cllr David Betts was elected as Vice Chairman by a unanimous vote.

22/032 Declaration of Interest: None disclosed.

22/033 Cllr Chris Pack resigned from the Council having served since 2001. The Chairman thanked him for his commitment, vision, dedication and achievement during his time on the Council.

22/034 The minutes of the Council meeting of 31 March 2022 were agreed for accuracy and signed by the Chairman.

22/035 The Council approved the calendar of meeting dates for 2022/23 and noted that committee meetings in April 2023 are optional and will be called if required.

22/035 The Council appointed members to Standing Committees and Working Parties.

Community Committee (8 members): Alison Street, David Robey, Dorothy Walker, Doug Williamson, Fiona Mawson, Lesley Mclean, Lucy Loveridge, Neil Prestidge.

Alison Street was elected Chairman, Neil Prestidge as Vice Chairman.

Policy and Finance Committee (9 members): David Betts, Conrad Copeland, Alan Graham, Ian Middleton, Neil Prestidge, David Robey, Alison Street, David Thurling, Katherine Tyson.

David Betts was elected Chairman, David Thurling as Vice Chairman.

Planning Committee (7 members): David Betts, Alan Graham, Lesley Mclean, Lucy Loveridge, David Thurling, Dorothy Walker, Doug Williamson.

Alan Graham was elected Chairman, Doug Williamson as Vice Chairman.

Personnel Committee: Chairs and Vice Chairs of Council and all standing committees.

Complaints and Appeals Panel: Chair and Vice Chair of Council

Exeter Close Working Group and Sub-committee: David Betts, Conrad Copeland, Alan Graham, Ian Middleton, Lesley Mclean, David Robey (Chairman), Alison Street, Katherine Tyson, Doug Williamson.

Allotments: Fiona Mawson, Doug Williamson

22/036 Appointments to External Bodies:

Kidlington Recreational Trust:	Neil Prestidge
Kidlington Voice Committee:	Lesley Mclean
No-Expressway Alliance/ARC:	David Robey, David Betts
Oxford Airport Consultative Committee:	David Thurling, Katherine Tyson, Ian Middleton
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils:	David Robey
Parish Transport Representative:	David Betts
Police Community Forum:	Neil Prestige
St Mary's Fields Management Committee:	David Thurling, Doug Williamson
Stratfield Brake Liaison:	Alan Graham, David Betts, David Robey
Traffic Advisory Committee:	Alan Graham, David Betts, David Thurling
Kidlington Eco Group (KEG):	Alison Street, Fiona Mawson, Lucy Loveridge

22/037 The minutes of committees were moved by Chairs:

- **Planning Committee:** 14 April and 12 May – moved by Cllr Graham
- **Community Committee:** 28 April – moved by Cllr Street
The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Working Group and Community Committee for the proposal by HAGS to supply and install new play equipment at Orchard Recreational Ground for the agreed price of £100k. The Council had previously agreed to use the services of consultancy Sports and Play Consultants Limited, who the Council used for the redevelopment of the play areas at Exeter Close and Ron Groves Park, to assist with obtaining and evaluating tenders for the project. The Working Group met with the consultant to review the proposals and unanimously agreed that HAGS submission met the brief and offered the best value for money. It was agreed that an order would be placed with a view to work on installation beginning after the school summer holidays.

The Council discussed future events and agreed that it should be made clear in all publicity for the Fireworks event that the Council had made a decision to use lower noise fireworks because of the disruption caused to pets and wildlife.

The Clerk was asked to contact OCC regarding a management plan for the Honor Close woodland area.

- **Policy and Finance Committee:** 22 April 2021 – moved by Cllr Betts
The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Policy and Finance Committee to extend the leases with Kidlington Recreational Trust to 2050 with no break clauses so that the clubs are in a better position to apply for grants and funding.
- **Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC)** – it was agreed that the TAC minutes would be presented to the P&F committee in future and any items raised there.

22/038 Review of Statutory Documents

The Council had reviewed their Standing Orders at their meeting on 23 September and they **RESOLVED** to adopt them.

The Council agreed to review Financial Regulations at Policy and Finance meeting in June 2022.

The Clerk to work with the Chairman to review the Scheme of Delegation for committees and officers and Terms of References for committees.

- 22/039** The Council received the Clerk's Report on current matters.
- The Clerk informed the Council that the 2022 Newsletter had been published and was being distributed ahead of the Annual Parish Meeting.
 - The newsletter includes information about a vacancy at the Parish Council for an Administrative Assistant.
 - Members were informed about the celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee organised by Cherwell Collective/WISH and supported by the Council.
 - The Jubilee mugs have been delivered to all the local schools.
 - Members were informed that the new Outdoor Gym is now operational at Ron Groves Recreation Ground.
- 22/040** The Chairman brought members up to date with the Options Appraisal for the redevelopment of Exeter Close. Willmott Dixon have now completed their report and confirmed that the Council's aspirations are achievable. A meeting to be arranged with members of the Working Group to share the findings of the report.
- 22/041** The Council discussed the proposal from OUFC to lease the land at Stratfield Brake. Members discussed whether there would be any benefit from early consultation with residents about the principle of building a stadium on Green Belt land. It was **AGREED** that the Council should maintain its position of waiting until detailed information is provided by the club and the County Council about the scheme before asking the public their view and taking a decision. Members agreed that as much information as possible should be provided to residents so that they understood the impact of such a development particularly in light of the additional homes being built in the area. It was **AGREED** that given the importance and delicacy of the issues the Council should seek to employ a consultant for advice about communicating and consulting with the public on it.
- 22/042** **Future meetings** – It was agreed that Council and Standing Committee meetings would in future be held in the Small Hall, and that the use of microphones would be trialled at the next Council meeting. The question of whether hybrid meetings should be held would be decided in the light of the decision on the use of microphones.
- 22/043** Reports were received by County and District Councillors
- 22/044** The Council received details of the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting taking place on Thursday 26 May at Exeter Hall.

The meeting closed at: 9.30 pm