

# 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 28 April 2022

**Present:** Cllr Alison Street (Chair)                      Cllr Chris Pack  
                  Cllr Lucy Loveridge                              Cllr David Robey  
                  Cllr David Betts  
                  Cllr Neil Prestidge  
                  Cllr Dorothy Walker

**In Attendance:** Clerk – Rachel Faulkner, FM – Graham Kearney, CPO – Les Dent

**Apologies:** Cllr Fiona Mawson, Cllr Doug Williamson

**22/CO/270      Declaration of Interest:** None

**22/CO/271      Minutes:** the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2022 were reviewed, agreed and signed.

**22/CO/272**      Rhiannon Evetts from Wild Oxfordshire presented a strategy for enhancing Lyne Road Green to maximise biodiversity with a comprehensive management plan to include a scrubland zone, wildflowers and plug plants, hedge/trees – holly tree planting and small oaks, raised community planters, plenty of opportunity to enable volunteers to get involved, the no mowing of long grass and damp zone with the central play area being mown as normal using the current CDC mowing regime, bug hotel, nest boxes hibernaculum and much more.  
The committee **AGREED** to approve and adopt the plan. **Action:** CPO to circulate brief to members.

**22/CO/273      Matters Arising from previous meeting:**

- **Stratfield Brake** –Chairman reported on the position of this plan; no further updates
- **Bicester Road Cemetery** – members were reminded further information was required from the developers of the PR7A site as the current plans for the south of the site do not include the area allocated for the cemetery extension.
- **Honor Close** –OCC have not yet provided a Management Plan for the Honor Close woodland.  
**Action:** Clerk to chase OCC ref time frame on delivering the plan

**22/CO/274      Facilities Manager’s Report**

Members were informed that the Table Tennis table at Exeter Close had been vandalised beyond repair and removed from the site. The committee **RESOLVED** to replace the table using funds held in reserves for Play Areas. FM sourcing a more robust vandal proof model.

Members were informed the works to replace the wooden gates at St Mary’s are due to be completed in early May; however the posts for the gates are needed at an additional cost.

**Bullers Bridge (227)** over the canal needs maintenance repairs. After contacting the Canal and River Trust for advice, C&RT claimed that the bridge was a C&RT asset. Members agreed to await further response from C&RT, with members being updated once received.

Cllr Robey asked to be included in a meeting with Soundwave with regard to the conference microphone purchase consideration. The date of the meeting is 4 May 2022. The purchase is to reduce the ongoing sound issues experienced in the main hall. **Action:** CPO to confirm meeting time.

The recently installed Zoo Trail benches by CDC had received mixed feedback. **Action:** CPO to circulate the brief received from CDC with details of the amount and location of additional benches across the village.

The use of the bar area was discussed for future council and customer meetings with agreement to review its use after the vaccine programme booking has finished at Exeter Hall or in 12 months' time, whichever is the earlier.

#### **22/CO/275 Blenheim road Allotments Fencing/Gate quote:**

FM advised members that sourcing quotes for these works was proving difficult with a request for approval of the one received.

The committee RESOLVED to accept the quote. This would exceed the Allotment maintenance budget but would be covered by underspend in general grounds maintenance budget.

#### **22/CO/276 Update on KPC Events:**

Members were updated on future events:

**Gala Day at Exeter Close** – Saturday 23 July 2022 - CPO advised most activities for Gala Day have been booked but was hoping to have more “green stalls” and had invited the Canal & River Trust.

**Fireworks at Stratfield Brake** - Friday 4 November 2022 - After members request for research on quieter, more environmentally friendly fireworks, the CPO confirmed a meeting would be held on 4 May with the firework provider Skyline and sound company Soundwave to discuss this new option. Members were advised that part of the cost would be charged to the Environment budget to accommodate this change.

**Queens Canopy/Ron Groves** – Members were advised of a follow up with Iain Osenton/CDC Tree Officer to ensure x14 mature tree specimens are on order for this project. Cllr Street agreed to compile a leaflet in preparation for a leaflet drop to residents in that area advising on the plan and to recruit local volunteers. **Action:** Clerk to chase CDC on this item

**Christmas Light Switch On** – Thursday 1 December 2022 – further info to follow.

#### **22/CO/277 Kidlington Environment Group (KEG) Update:**

The minutes of the 7 April KEG meeting were circulated ahead of the meeting.

The next meeting of KEG to be held on 5 May in the Pavilion at Exeter Hall.

#### **22/CO/278 Playground Improvement Programme:**

- **Ron Groves** - The Outdoor Gym is being installed with handover for 9 May. A Launch Day to be decided upon, possibly in May depending ROSPA inspection, but probably in June.
- **Orchard Recreation Ground** – Four tenders had been received by the Working Group, with one outstanding submission. The working group **RECOMMENDS** accepting the proposal by Hags. It was agreed to request an analytical evaluation of the tender process from the consultant for full Council. **Action:** Clerk to contact the Consultant to request a report for the next Council meeting to confirm quality and value.
- **Park Hill Recreation Ground** – It was suggested that the committee request a capital budget for improvement to this play area of £150,000 – however, to wait for approval on confirmation of BR Cemetery and Exeter Close Development plans and budget needs. **Action:** To “label” this budget as a potential project.
- **Copse/Park Hill** – Members were updated on a letter recently sent to residents from KRT whose gardens back on to this area with info on ownership and need to keep clear.

**The meeting closed at: 8.30pm**

**Date of Next Meeting: 9 June 2022 @ 6.30pm**