

KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held at Exeter Hall on Thursday 18 August 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr David Betts (Chairman), Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr David Robey, Cllr Alison Street, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Alan Graham.

IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Faulkner – Parish Clerk, Alyson Bateman – Responsible Finance Officer
OCC Cllr Nigel Simpson,
KPC Cllr Victoria Campbell,
KPC/CDC Cllrs Fiona Mawson and Dorothy Walker

PRESENT: Phil Riley, Home Office, to speak to item 9

APOLOGIES: Cllr David Thurling

DID NOT ATTEND: Cllr Conrad Copeland, Cllr Katharine Tyson

22/PF034 **Agenda item 9** taken first due to presence of Phil Riley from the Home Office. Mr Riley referred to the announcement and recent communication to the Parish Council of the intention to re-open Campsfield House detention centre in 2023/24. Having surveyed a number of sites, this site was considered the most appropriate due to its previous similar use. Facilities would be extended, updated and improved to provide accommodation for up to 400 detainees, an increase over the previous capacity of 250. Mr Riley advised that discussions would take place with the Planning Authority regarding the increased capacity. He advised the intention to recruit up to 300 staff along with NHS England who were a key partner in the development. Councillors discussed the proposals and asked a number of questions regarding choice of site, type of resident (Adult males awaiting deportation), NHS provision (New bespoke NHS building to be built on site), Previous poor conditions, Procurement process, Risk of protests. It was agreed that the Council would contact Mr Riley after its meeting on 15 September who said in turn that he would consult and update. Cllr Betts would draft a letter.

22/PF035 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Prestige declared a possible interest in item 9.

22/PF035 The minutes of the meeting of 16 June 2022 were approved by the committee and signed by Cllr Betts.

22/PF036 **Finance Reports**
Councillors received report on the first quarter outturn for the current year revenue. No specific concerns were raised.
Councillors also received the reports of capital and earmarked reserves.

22/PF037 The KPC Risk assessment were **approved** with one amendment to re-classify the risk "Councillors Propriety" from H (High) to M (medium).
ACTION: Risk assessment to be so amended.

22/PF038 Councillors discussed whether party political stalls would be permitted at KPC Community events such as the Gala Day. It was **AGREED** that they should not

- 22/PF039** The Committee agreed to the S137 Grant request of £1,000 by Citizen's Advice.
- 22/PF040** Stratfield Brake meeting between KPC and CDC to establish financial position resulted in advice from CDC that the facility was running at close to break-even and that the status quo could be maintained for the foreseeable future unless changes arising from OUFC discussions were made.
Councillors discussed the timing and format of the planned public information gathering exercise in relation to the OUFC proposals which will be discussed in full at Council.
- 22/PF041** The committee discussed the proposals for the North Oxon corridor scheme which included significant changes to the Kidlington (Rosie's) Roundabout including the removal of some mature trees. Cllr Middleton stated that the proposed scheme may not now be going ahead. He would confirm with OCC officers the current position and report back to the Council.
- 22/PF042** The Committee agreed to extend the leases between Kidlington Recreation Trust and the Parish council in order to allow the Trust to bid for FA Support which was previously not forthcoming due to shorter length of lease. The first new lease for Yarnton Road football Club which now ends in 2049 was agreed and signed accordingly.
- 22/PF043** The Clerk presented a draft Schedule of Policies and Statutory Documents. The document to be completed and kept under review by P&F committee.
- 22/PF044** A small note was presented detailing some of the costs related to hosting the Cherwell Collective. Once the transfer of catering staff to other duties is taken into account, it is calculated that a net loss of catering income of £4k occurred in 21/22 as against 19/20. This was offset by a corresponding increase in income from Hall hire. It was accepted that this was only a high level calculation. However, the benefit to the community, the reputational benefit and the synergy with the Council's Climate Change agenda would compensate for any small loss. It was agreed that the situation should be kept under review.
- 22/PF045** The meeting closed at 8:30pm. Date of next meeting 3 November 2022.