

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 9 June 2022

Present: Cllr Alison Street (Chair) Cllr Fiona Mawson
Cllr Lucy Loveridge Cllr David Robey
Cllr Neil Prestidge Cllr Doug Williamson
Cllr Dorothy Walker Cllr Lesley McLean

In Attendance: FM – Graham Kearney, CPO – Les Dent

Apologies: Clerk – Rachel Faulkner, FM

22/CO/279 Declaration of Interest: None

22/CO/280 Minutes: the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2022 were reviewed, agreed and signed.

22/CO/281 Matters Arising from previous meeting:

- **Honor Close** – A meeting was held at site on 7 June; awaiting a conclusion from OCC
- **Exeter Close Table Tennis Table** – this has been ordered and will be in place in time for Gala Day on 23 July 2022
- **Additional Benches/Picnic Tables K5 Trails** – a meeting is scheduled with Mike Clay/CDC on 14 June to confirm locations

22/CO/282 Facilities Manager's Report

Members were updated on items with the bullet points to be added on the VSM drive. Concern was raised by residents at both annual parish meetings on the road surface condition at BRCemetery, in addition an issue of access to water from the new water butts for those less abled. Members were reminded this was a water saving/environmental initiative. It was suggested to wait for the future planned development of BRCemetery ref road surfacing and to install an additional water butt.

Blenheim Road Fence/Gate: the order has been placed and awaiting a start date. A recent fire at an event in Exeter Hall, which was relocated to Oxford, was managed well by the team on shift. After further investigation by the Fire Service who attended, it transpires SSE are responsible for this. A further visit from the Fire Service Safety Officer is planned for 13 June 2022, to review. **Action:** FM agreed to look at a finer grade of gravel in the interim period and to install an additional water butt closer to the Garden of Remembrance. further request for the option of half pints to be served at functions, by The Oxford Bar Company.

22/CO/283 Update on KPC Events:

Members were updated on future events:

Queen Jubilee weekend: it was reported both events were very successful with great attendance for both.

Gala Day at Exeter Close – Saturday 23 July 2022 - CPO advised on some of the additional green stalls for this year plus request for a KEG stall which planned to promote various green initiatives.

Action: CPO to contact Kidlington Gardening Club who are also keen for a stall.

Ron Groves Gym Launch – members were advised on the launch planned for 18 June between 10am-12noon with the local leisure centre attending to promote health and fitness.

Queens Canopy/Ron Groves – Members were advised CDC Tree Officer has placed the order for the 11 mature trees (not 14). Cllr Williamson circulated a leaflet in preparation of the leaflet drop to residents in that area advising on the specimens chosen plus height of the trees. In addition, small whips, seedlings, compost giveaway to be organised for the 19 November which was the suggested “Environment Fest” event with an invite to include Rhiannon & Roselle Wild Oxfordshire/Cherwell Collective and KEG. **Action:** CPO to contact Garden City FC to request that fixtures are avoided on that morning. The funds for the whips/seedlings to be considered from the Environmental Budget. It was agreed Cherwell Graphics to be commissioned to print the leaflets, 150 in total.

A request from Cllr Robey to reintroduce the Kidlington In Bloom event for 2023. CPO advised that a councillor would need to lead on this but confirmation needed from the Clerk; it was suggested this could sit within the KEG group. **Action:** Check with CDC/Tim Green and the Clerk on how to progress this for 2023 as advised Banbury & Bicester have also not committed in recent years. Further discussion to be held at Full Council on 30.6.2022.

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

The minutes of the 5 May KEG meeting were circulated ahead of the meeting.

Members were updated on items raised at the KEG meeting today. The next KEG meeting will be held on 7 July @ 1pm in the small hall.

22/CO/278 Playground Improvement Programme:

- **Ron Groves** - The Outdoor Gym has been installed with the final information board being installed on 13 June, ahead of the launch date.
- **Orchard Recreation Ground** – The accepted HAGS proposal is being finalised with an install date for September time.
- **Park Hill Recreation Ground** – It was RECOMMENDED that this “labelled” budget item could be undertaken in 2024 after approval on confirmation of BR Cemetery and Exeter Close Development plans and budget needs. **Agreed**
- An issue raised on the need for a new dog bin install at Lee Close green space area was considered and agreed. **Action:** FM/CPO to order and install as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at: 7.45pm

Date of Next Meeting: 1 September 2022 @ 6.30pm