

# 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 12 January 2023

**Present:**

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| Cllr Alison Street (Chair) | Cllr Lesley McLean     |
| Cllr Doug Williamson       | Cllr Dorothy Walker    |
| Cllr Neil Prestidge        | Cllr Lucy Loveridge    |
| Cllr David Robey           | Cllr Fiona Mawson      |
| Cllr David Betts           | Cllr Alan Graham       |
| Cllr Linda Ward            | Cllr Melanie Moorhouse |
| Cllr Ian Middleton         |                        |

**In Attendance:** Clerk - Rachel Faulkner, FM – Graham Kearney, CPO – Les Dent and one member of the public

**Apologies:** None

### Extraordinary items for consideration:

**23/CO/301 - OUFC** – members discussed the proposed plans for development of the land at the Triangle or Stratfield Brake as both options for the relocation of the OUFC stadium are still being considered by OCC. Members in attendance were reminded KPC needed to form a response with comments in time for OCC's Cabinet meeting to be held on the 24 January. OCC's report will be available ahead of the P&F meeting next week and will be circulated for review. The viability of the proposal was debated for both areas considered. It was discussed whether a Parish Poll may be the best way to understand the views of residents once more information has been provided. Members to agree a response at next week's Extraordinary Meeting of Council.

### 23/CO/302 - Cherwell Collective

Emily Connally, founder of the Collective gave an overview of the structure which includes Cherwell Larder, Harvest at Home, Climatarian Kitchen, Waste Innovation Station (WISH) and Oxford Party Library. The primary goal of the Collective is to reduce carbon emissions by promoting a circular economy and encouraging residents to reduce waste, produce their own food, repair broken items, share and recycle. Since April 2020 The Collective have held a number of successful events at Exeter Hall, manage growing spaces in many of KPC's play areas and, in conjunction with KPC are offering Warm Spaces during the winter months. Emily explained the short, medium- and long-term opportunities for the Collective and how KPC can support these goals.

**Action:** KPC would review the needs, and future collaboration with the Council, after further information has been received on the Collective's requirements for space and other Council resources, future funding support, management structure and strategic priorities. These to be considered in the next committee cycle, and in conjunction with ongoing and future discussions on redevelopment of the Exeter Close site.

**23/CO/303 Declaration of Interest: None**

**23/CO/304 Minutes:** the minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2022 were reviewed, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

**23/CO/305 Matters Arising from previous meeting:**

- **Honor Close:** – it was agreed to continue to chase OCC/Andy Lederer regarding a management plan for the ‘small forest’. Cllr Middleton suggested copying him in to email correspondence.
- **Potential Landscape Plan to replace decking at Exeter Hall/Doctors** – FM confirmed one proposal had been received and will pursue a further two before presenting to members for consideration at Community.
- **Footpath to Ron Groves Gym** – Cllr Prestidge confirmed the meeting of KRT will be held next week and update members accordingly.
- **Bridge 227 Groveland’s** – Canal & River Trust had confirmed by email that this was a low priority but being monitored.
- **Bridge 229 Wooden Bridge at Stratfield Brake** – FM confirmed that these works have been completed satisfactorily and that regular checks were undertaken for H&S.
- **St Mary’s North Gate** – the works for the north side gate has been undertaken. FM will update progress.
- **Warm Spaces at Exeter Hall** – these have been running since early December. The numbers attending have been very small but that could change depending on the weather.

### **23/CO/306 Facilities Manager’s Report**

**Replacement bus shelter on Mill Street/Evans Lane** – Members discussed the option to install a shelter with a Living Roof to replace the damaged shelter but agreed to the original quote for an accessible shelter with good protection and perch seating.

### **23/CO/307 Update on KPC Events:**

**Fireworks:** this event was assessed by members and feedback analysed. Unfortunately, given the failed electronic controller issue this impacted the event as a whole, including security issues, timings of the display itself and layout for the display. **Action:** It was agreed to proceed with Skyline but seek assurances of the nature and length of the display, van supply, music sync, smoke dispersal, and electronic control.

**Christmas Lights Switch On:** A very successful event with positive feedback on all aspects. The repositioning of the stage this year and earlier switch-on time was preferred. Request for more bins from the food providers to aid recycling. **FM** mentioned the timer issues at some of the lamp posts with consideration needed to replace some more next year.

**No Waste Noel 10.12.2022:** A very successful and well attended event deserving of repeat.

### **23/CO/308 Kidlington Environment Group (KEG) Update:**

**Tree Planting at Ron Groves:** the updated tree plan was circulated ahead of the meeting **Action:** A date to be organised with Tree Officer to mark location of tree planting and invite Garden City FC to review before planting.

Cllr Middleton asked if all of the promised replacement trees resulting from felling at Honor Close had been planted. The Clerk confirmed that one tree was outstanding and it was suggested OCC replace the failed Silver Birch outside the Kidlington Centre.

Members discussed the possibility of planting an oak tree at Lyne Road Green.

**Allotment Update:** Members were informed that there are 135 occupied allotment plots and 34 on the current waiting list. There has been a significant increase in demand in the last two years. The Allotment committee had discussed the problems with misuse of the recently installed compost bins and are looking for solutions to educate people how to use them. A councillor tour is planned for March. Members were advised there could be increases in future expenditure for skip hire and removal of green waste on a bi-annual basis.

**KEG Notes:** the notes from a KEG meeting held in November was circulated ahead of the meeting for info.

### **23/CO/309 Playground Improvements Programme:**

**Action:** FM updated members on the recent vandalism and graffiti at the new park at Orchard Recreation Ground which hasn't officially opened. It is anticipated that the park would be open for use within the next few days once replacement equipment was installed and graffiti removed.

**24/CO/310 Community Budget Plans 2023**

Members discussed ideas for the Kings Coronation in May 2023 and the idea of a seed giveaway plus an event to mark this occasion. **Action:** to further progress this item with ideas that could benefit the community as a whole, eg developing a commemorative open space - and to consider how to support an event the Cherwell Collective may be proposing.

An earmarked reserve of £3,000 from general reserves has already been agreed.

The committee discussed options of an electric vehicle in order to bring the travel costs down and in line with the Council's Climate Change policy. **Action:** to collate further information for review.

**The meeting closed at: 9.15pm**

**Date of Next Meeting: 2 March 2023**

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