

# KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held at Exeter Hall on Thursday 3 August at 6:30pm

**Present:** Cllr Lesley McLean (Chair), Cllr David Betts, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr David Robey, Cllr Linda Ward, Cllr David Thurling, Cllr Alan Graham, Cllr Alison Street, Cllr Danny Wright,

**In attendance:** Rachel Faulkner – Clerk, Alyson Bateman – RFO, Cllrs Phil Wyse, Will Easdown Babb.

**Apologies:** None

A representative from Friends of Stratfield Brake addressed the committee regarding OCC's consultation with residents concerning OUFC's aspirations to build a new football stadium in Kidlington.

**23/PF039** The committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2023 were a correct record and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

**23/PF040** **Finance Papers**

The committee noted the budget monitoring for Quarter 1 and the Capital and Reserves statement as presented by the RFO.

**23/PF041** **Scheme of Delegation** Cllr Robey proposed some alterations to the draft with the intention to bring back to full Council for approval in September, as follows.  
Under Delegation to the Proper Officer  
2. The recruitment and day to day supervision and control of all the staff employed by the Council, except that the appointment of the RFO shall be approved by Council. Where appropriate appointments will be made in consultation with councillors.

Under Planning Matters

The Clerk, or named officer, shall, following consultation with the Chair of the Planning Committee, be delegated to inform Cherwell District Council Planning Officers of the decision or comments of the Council if the Planning Committee cannot meet within the time allocated.

Under Planning Committee

This committee reviews planning applications of interest to the Parish to the Planning Authority. Final decisions are made by District Council Officers under delegation or, if placed before them, the District Council Planning Committee.

**23/PF042** The committee reviewed the S137 Grant policy and **RESOLVED** an amendment to the wording of Section 2.1 to *It is expected that grant money will be spent within one year of receipt*. Some minor modifications were made to the grant application form.

**23/PF043** The committee **RESOLVED** to approve two S137 grant applications

- The Application from Kidlinks, £2,000, was **approved** with the request that explanation of how grant was spent was supplied in due course.
- The Application from Robin Preschool, £500, was **approved**.

- The previous £2,500 awarded to the North Oxfordshire Foodbank, but as yet unpaid, would not be paid until their reserves were depleted or a specific need was identified and another application made.

**23/PF044** Matters arising from Traffic Advisory Committee The committee agreed that proposed new yellow line painting would be referred back to TAC at their next meeting in October and that SID discussion would be deferred until proposed road layout changes were made.

**23/PF045** The committee discussed how best to capture information about sports and recreation requirements and how to maximise any opportunities that may arise as a result of the new housing allocations and possible relocation of Oxford United FC. It was agreed to await a draft list of priorities from CDC for the distribution of S106 funds for recreational facilities before deciding how best to progress a response from the Council.

**23/PF046** The Committee discussed the Stratfield Brake Liaison Group and agreed that meetings should be held quarterly with most on line and at least one meeting on site each year.

The drainage at SB was discussed and the Liaison Group will continue to work with CDC officers to understand the situation better.

The committee agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue.

**23/PF047** It was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting of the Council on Tuesday 29 August 2023 to discuss the response to be made to OCC's consultation regarding OUFC stadium proposals, following the forthcoming meeting with the club. The Committee discussed the list of pledges offered by OUFC and it was agreed that Cllr Robey would produce a list of questions in consultation other councillors for discussion at the meeting with OUFC.

**23/PF048** Cllr McLean updated the committee on progress with the possible redevelopment of Exeter Close. The working group is requesting that funds be used to further explore the options on the site. A proposal will be put to full Council in September.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.