

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Committee  
Held at Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington on 19 April 2018**

**Present:** Cllr N Prestidge (Chairman) Cllr G Hopcroft  
Cllr A Rose Cllr N Simpson  
Cllr M Billington Cllr C Pack  
Cllr C Griffiths  
Cllr Chris Pack (sub for Cllr Betts)  
Cllr H Kingsley

**Non Attendance:** Cllr G Hopcroft, Cllr D Betts

**In Attendance:** Clerk – Rachel Faulkner  
Community Projects Officer – Les Dent  
Senior Transport Planner – Ben Smith  
Andrew Moss & Chris Brennan – members of public

**Declaration of Interest:** None disclosed.

**161. Minutes**

The minutes of 8 February 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.

**162. Cycling in Kidlington**

Two members of public attended and addressed the Committee with a request to consider the improvement of the cycling network with a request for a much improved cycle network provision within Kidlington, to make the village a safer cycleway.

Ben Smith from OCC explained the proposal for improving the cycle network trunk roads which OCC have been preparing over the last couple of years, dependent on Section106 funds and to include hybrid cycle paths. He agreed to be part of a small working party to include Messrs Moss, Brennan and some councillors working towards possible solutions using the maps that OCC have been working on for the last couple of years, breaking down in sections to offer ideas and solutions. Ben requested a turnaround of 3 week response would be needed to have any effect on the proposals worked on. Cllr Prestidge agreed to lead on this.

**163. Matters Arising**

- **Bicester Road Cemetery**

The Clerk updated committee on the progress on this item, awaiting a specification from EA with a view to tender given the potential expensive costs involved; 3 contractor quotes will be required. It was agreed the drainage works needed to be sorted before any further consideration of enhancement works being undertaken at site. Cllr Prestidge asked that Gosford & Water Eaton PC be kept informed at all phases.

- **Roundabout Art Project (Minute 154)**

The Clerk advised on the recent meeting held where the artist chosen for this project attended to meet and discuss the process involving the different stages of work, along with school involvement, leading up to installation date; circa September 2018. A small model was available to view. CDC attended to give advice on landscaping requirements ahead of

the project starting. It was highlighted the necessity of liaising further with OCC Highways for permission. Tara to co-ordinate.

- **Kidlington In Bloom**

The Clerk updated committee on the KIB initiative of commemorating the end of WW1 with the preparation of land by CDC, planting of poppy and cornflower seeds, and installation of a single steel statue of a soldier, in both prepared beds by CDC, creating an even more impressive focal point at both entry points to Kidlington. CPO has successfully been in contact with the Kidlington Army Cadets who were keen to be part of the planting; it is hoped the British Legion would also be available to participate. Date TBC. In addition the planters kindly donated by Bunkers Hill and compost and seeds by CDC will be delivered to all schools and Messy Play at the Methodist Church, next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April. CPO to ask that planting of seeds to be done ASAP with photos sent through to be included in the KIB portfolio for 2018. The front garden competition poster and entry forms have been well circulated.

#### **164. Open Spaces Report**

- **Memorial Benches**

The resident who requested a memorial bench at BRC has agreed to pay for the KPC preferred style of bench with a plaque to be erected on it for her daughter only. There will be three benches ordered, two of which will be made available for additional memorial plaques to be added when a request is received. These are available in the office at a cost of £90 each (cost of engraving included).

A request to relocate one of old benches from BRC to Foxdown Close and placed on the green. A consideration needs to be given to installation costs.

- **Deer Fencing**

It was confirmed all the deer fencing has now been completed at Station fields allotments. Lee Hancox to check all the works.

- **Spruce Road**

The Clerk confirmed this land had been offered to Sanctuary Housing to convert into parking bays for residents. No response of acceptance to this offer had yet been received.

#### **165. Exeter Close Design and Expenditure Approval**

The Clerk confirmed the preferred contractor attended a site meeting in the week and recommended siting the benches on the grass areas. It was **RECOMMENDED** the committee confirm agreement to the design and budget of £150,000 for this project. The Committee agreed to approve and **RESOLVE** this item.

#### **166. Exeter Close Outdoor Gym**

The various designs and options were considered. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Fresh Air Fitness design.

#### **167. Refurbishment of Other Play Areas.**

Consideration was given to undertake additional works to other play areas within Kidlington. It was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** this was not a project for this year. Cllrs, Rose, Prestidge, Billington and Simpson will act as a working group to assess these in for next year.

**168. Fencing Consideration (a) Banbury Road (b) Wise Avenue (c) Bicester Road/Evans Lane Junction**

All three areas were considered for knee rail fencing. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Billington to assess any surplus 106 monies after the Broadway works have been completed and to pool additional OCC funds from Cllr Billington and Griffiths' allowance together with other possible sources of funding. Four voted in favour and four against with Chairman having the casting vote. It was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** to proceed with the fencing at Wise Avenue and await confirmation of funds for the other areas.

**169. Website and Strapline**

The Clerk had circulated information on this item ahead of the meeting. Cllr Pack agreed to take photos at the next Full Council Meeting in May. It was **PROPOSED** to reduce the existing KPC strapline mission statement.

**170. Review of Cemetery/Burial Charges**

It was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** to increase the charges for cremations at both burial grounds introducing a new charge of £100 for ERB rights, to continue charging £90 for the 1<sup>st</sup> interment of ashes and £90 for 2<sup>nd</sup> or subsequent ones. For full burials and increase in the charge to £200 for the ERB rights. There will be no increase to charges for full burials at Bicester Cemetery until all the drainage works have been completed.

**171. Community Fun Day/Events**

It was reported that plans were underway and initial contact has been made with various entertainers. Confirmation of contacts and budgeting for the Community Fun Day will be collated and reported asap. Fireworks event was confirmed for the 5<sup>th</sup> November and Christmas Light Switch on the 29<sup>th</sup> November; The Clerk to check with Bicester Town Council no clash with the date.

**172.** The next meeting to be held on 21 June @ 6.30pm in the Bar area.

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm**