

Minutes of the Meeting of Kidlington Parish Council
Held at Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington on Thursday 13 September 2018

Present: Cllr Alan Graham, Cllr Carmen Griffiths, Cllr Helen Kingsley, Cllr Alan McKenzie-Wintle, Cllr Chris Pack, Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr Alaric Rose, Cllr Nigel Simpson (Chairman)

Apologies: Cllr David Betts, Cllr Maurice Billington, Cllr Andy Dyer, Cllr Gill Hopcroft, Cllr Carole Pack, Cllr Sandra Rhodes, Cllr Mark Turner

In attendance: Clerk to the Council

18/042 Declarations of interest – none declared

18/043 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2018 were signed as a true record. Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting on 6 September were not available.

18/044 Public Participation – none

18/045 Following the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on 6 September the Council instructed their Planning Consultant, Deirdre Wells to prepare a response for the Pre Hearing Meeting of the Partial Review of Cherwell Local Plan to be held on 28 September. The report had been received and reviewed by councillors. It was **RESOLVED** that Mrs Wells' document would be submitted and that she would be asked to represent the Council at the meeting accompanied by a member of the Parish Council if permitted by the Inspector. Other Council members to attend as observers.

18/046 The council received and **RESOLVED** to move the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 14 June 2018, 12 July 2018 and 9 August 2019.

18/047 The council received and **RESOLVED** to move the minutes of the Community Committee held on 21 June 2018 and 6 September 2018 and accept its recommendations.

- **Exeter Close Play Area:** The Clerk updated the Council on works to complete the installation. Councillors were informed of an incident that had occurred that resulted in a young child breaking her arm. The Clerk explained that the equipment is regularly monitored and assessed for any safety risks. The Council was asked to consider recommendations to change the spec of the original design by creating a concrete mound with a tunnel and artificial grass covering for the piece of equipment yet to be finished due to dry weather preventing the contractor from turfing. The Council agreed this was a better option and further quotes to be sought. The Council accepted that a further investment of no more than £10,000 would be required.
- **CCTV at the Pavilion:** The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Community Committee to install CCTV at the Pavilion to link to the current system at a cost of £5266.
- **Fire Alarm at Exeter Hall:** The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Community Committee to replace the fire alarm system at a cost of £6624 to come from the Council's Capital Funds as part of the necessary improvements at Exeter Hall.
- **Bicester Road Cemetery:** The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Community Committee to accept the quote from White Horse contractors for drainage works at Bicester Road cemetery at a cost of £26,689. The project is on the Council's agreed list for Capital Funding.
- **Solar Lighting at Exeter Close:** The Council agreed that lighting the path from the car park to the play area was necessary and **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation to accept the quote from Zeta Lighting for £9,480. The funds to come from Capital Funds as a new project as a result of the new Play Area and Outdoor Gym. The clerk to confirm the lighting pattern before acceptance of the quote.

- **Exeter Hall Roof:** Quotes had been sought for repairs to the roof at Exeter Hall as a result of the survey recently completed. Two quotes had been received. The surveyor would be asked to analyse before a decision is made.
- **Redevelopment of the Barn:** Councillors agreed that the Clerk should further investigate conversion of the barn to a café with publicly accessible toilets. A tender document would be prepared to secure an operator for the facility.

18/048 The council received the Clerk's verbal report on current matters:

- **St Mary's Fields:** Meeting on Monday 17th at 10am. The Chairman intends to attend in place of Cllr Chris Pack who is unable to attend.
- **Bowls Club:** the new lease is yet to be signed but agreed in principal. Currently with Bowls Club solicitors.
- **Website:** the Clerk is working with Vision ICT who are have been contracted to build the new website. Councillors were asked to submit good quality photographs of the village.
- **Allotments:** the Clerk reported that following a recent Allotments committee meeting, a list of actions had been drawn up that the outdoor staff are working through. The Clerk and Allotments Administrator (Carol) would be meeting with the Probation Service next week to discuss how they could help with some of the larger projects on a regular basis.
- **Christmas:** The Clerk reported that she was hoping to secure sponsorship for this year's event but that the Council had made provisions for funds if required to ensure the event is as good as last year. There had been a suggestion that the stage might be situation in the Piazza/Watts Way this year and the Events committee would be asked to consider. A meeting had taken place with the Kidlington Centre who are very keen to work with KPC again this year and will provide funds to assist.
- **Rosie Project:** The Clerk reported that the installation of the sculpture on the Sainsbury Roundabout would take place on Thursday 4 October around 11am. A fourth piece, designed with the help of Gosford Hill students, of a zookeeper would also be installed on the Bicester Road side of the roundabout.
- **Exeter Close development:** The Clerk reported that she would be meeting from OCC officers working on the One Public Estate programme to ascertain how this works and whether it is the most appropriate way forward.
- **Training:** The Clerk reported that she had started work on the CILCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) which requires at least 200 hours work in the coming 12 months. The Chairman signed a learning agreement that confirmed the Council's support for this training and that time would be allowed to complete the learning.

18/049 Reports were received from District and County Councillors.

OCC Cllr Griffiths explained that the joint working with CDC could result in a large number of job losses but this was yet to be explored.

CDC Cllr Prestidge said that a Working Group had been set up for Parking Strategy across the district in which decriminalisation of parking would be considered.

He reported that Planning Officers had been asked to attend a Scrutiny Committee to discuss how to move forward with the Masterplans.

TVP Chief Inspector to attend CDC Council meeting in October so councillors were advised to field questions through CDC representatives.

CDC Cllr Rose reported that he is a member of the Parking Strategy committee.

CDC Cllr Mackenzie-Wintle reported that the expansion of the Begbroke Science Park had been approved at Planning Committee.

Cllr Simpson confirmed that resulting S106 funds would be used for a pedestrian crossing at Begbroke across the A44.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm