

**Minutes of the Meeting of Kidlington Parish Council**  
**Held at Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington on Thursday 11 October 2018**

**Present:** Cllr David Betts, Cllr Gill Hopcroft, Cllr Carole Pack, Cllr Sandra Rhodes, Cllr Mark Turner, Cllr Alan Graham, Cllr Carmen Griffiths, Cllr Helen Kingsley, Cllr Chris Pack, Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr Alaric Rose, Cllr Nigel Simpson (Chairman)

**Apologies:** Cllr Alan M-W, Cllr Maurice Billington, Cllr Andy Dyer,

**In attendance:** Clerk to the Council

18/050 Declarations of interest – none declared

18/051 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2018 were signed as a true record. It was noted that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting on 6 September or Personnel Meeting on 20 September were not available.

18/052 Public Participation – none

18/053 The council received and **RESOLVED** to move the minutes of committee meetings and to adopt the recommendations:

5.1 Planning Committee – 13 September 2018

5.4 Policy and Finance – 4 October 2018

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Grant of £1200 to Kidlington Recreational Trust

Grant of £487.50 to Animation Station

Increase of £5k to Grants Budget for 2019/20

18/054 The council received the Clerk's report on current matters:

- Personnel: It was confirmed that the Open Spaces Manager had resigned effective from 1 October 2018. The clerk would be advertising for a newly created role of Facilities Manager. Job description to be reviewed by Personnel Committee.
- Exeter Hall: The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the quote from Aldens regarding repairs to the boiler at Exeter Hall. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the quote for remedial works from Inside Out following the 5-year electrical inspection.
- Masterplan: Councillors asked what the process for implementing the actions from the masterplan entailed. It was decided to create a Strategy Group to discuss priority actions and how to bring them forward.
- Exeter Close: the Clerk updated Councillors on the recent meetings with lease holders. OCC officers from the One Public Estate team are bidding for funds from central government for the scheme. The clerk reported that additional adjoining land may be available.
- Events: the Clerk confirmed that the Pye Charitable Trust are providing sponsorship for the Christmas Lights Switch on event.
- Exeter Close Play Area: the Council agreed to turf the mound and see how it performs over the winter before investing in artificial grass or bonded mulch surfacing.
- Bicester Road cemetery: Cllr Betts had noticed that the plans drawn up by Cemetery Development Services did not meet the brief and suggested using land not in KPC's ownership. The Clerk and Cllr Betts to refer back to them for revised proposals.

18/055 The Council received and approved the Annual Return for 2017/18 including the Audit Certificate in Section 3.3. There had been no comments or qualifications from the external auditor.

18/056 The Council ratified authorisation of payments between 1 June and 31 August 2018.

18/057 CDC Partial Review. Cllrs Simpson and Betts had attended a workshop at CDC with the developers who hope to bring forward some of the developments. They updated the council on

some of the proposals. It was agreed that if developers requested meetings with the Council they would be invited to attend full Council meetings.

Cllr Graham updated members on the pre-hearing meeting at CDC

The council agreed that although members might continue to attend meetings of the Cherwell Development Watch Alliance, the Parish Council could not join as the Alliance are objecting to the whole plan whilst the Council have made no objection to some of the proposals.

18/058 Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. Some councillors had attended a meeting with Cllr Barry Wood (CDC) and Cllr Ian Hudspeth (OCC) and reported that the leaders had both said the proposal was a government directive. A decision over the exact route had yet to be made and public consultation was not expected until 2019. It was agreed that the Council needed to decide on its position and write to the leaders expressing that. To be brought forward to meeting on 8 November.

18/059 Reports were received from District and County Councillors.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm