

**Minutes of the Meeting of Kidlington Parish Council
Held at Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington on Thursday 28 March 2019**

Present: Cllr David Betts, Cllr Maurice Billington, Cllr Andy Dyer, Cllr Carmen Griffiths, Cllr Helen Kingsley, Cllr Alan Mackenzie-Wintle, Cllr Carole Pack, Cllr Chris Pack, Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr Sandra Rhodes, Cllr Nigel Simpson (Chairman)

Apologies: Cllr Alan Graham, Cllr Gill Hopcroft

In attendance: Clerk to the Council and 2 members of public

19/084 Declarations of interest – none declared. Cllrs Prestidge, Griffiths and Dyer declared bias as trustees of Kidlington Recreational Trust.

19/085 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2019 were signed as a true record.

19/086 Nick Duval, Chairman of Kidlington Football Club spoke to the Council about the proposal for an artificial pitch at Yarnton Road. He explained why he thought the site was the most appropriate and deliverable above the other sites proposed by CDC at Stratfield Brake and Gosford Sports Centre. In order to apply for funding for the project, he explained that the lease of the ground would need to be extended by 15 years so that it expired in 25 years.

19/087 The Chairman brought forward the subject of the leases with Kidlington Recreation Trust and the Council discussed the options regarding extensions. It was emphasised that any extension of the lease would not automatically mean that the Council supports the proposals for an Artificial Pitch at Yarnton Road. The Council **RESOLVED** to extend the lease for a further 16 years to end 30 April 2035. The extension is conditional on a formal request from KRT to extend the lease with the reasons why this is considered necessary. The clerk to instruct solicitors once conditions met. Cllrs Prestidge, Dyer and Griffiths took part in the discussion but left the room for the vote due to their position as trustees of the Kidlington Recreational Trust (KRT).

The Clerk advised the Council on the status of Parish Council members on the KRT. The lease states that the Council may be represented on the Trust. However, they do not have to be trustees and could therefore represent the views of the Council

19/088 The Council received and **RESOLVED** to move the minutes of committee meetings and to adopt the recommendations:

- Planning Committee – 10 January, 14 February, 14 March 2019
- Community Committee – 7 March 2019
- Policy and Finance Committee – 31 January, 14 March 2019
- Personnel Committee – 7 February, 28 February 2019

19/089 The Council **RESOLVED** to ratify authorisation of payments from 1 January to 28 February 2019.

19/090 The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the meeting dates for 2019/20.

19/091 The Council received the Risk Assessment Policy and documentation. They **RESOLVED** to review and consider adopting at the first meeting of the new Council on 16 May 2019.

19/092 The Council discussed the accessibility options for the well in the main hall at Exeter Hall. The Council **RESOLVED** to install a vertical platform lift. Two quotes had been received for £9,890 and £10,218. The Council **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Clerk to select the most appropriate model.

19/093 The council received the Clerk's report on current matters:

Personnel: The Clerk reported that the new Finance Manager, Alyson Bateman, would be starting on Monday 1 April. Interviews had been conducted for the replacement Grounds Operative and an applicant had been selected with a view to starting on Tuesday 23 April.

Finance: Staff are continuing to work through the historic bad debt but would not have completed the work before the year end.

Exeter Hall: The clerk reported that the work to repair the roof had been successful in fixing the leaks. Works to begin on encapsulating the asbestos over the bar storage area. The bar area was in the process of refurbishment.

Exeter Close Play Area: To consider hard surface under the mound slide where it has become muddy.

Bicester Road cemetery: The clerk reported on a meeting held with all interested parties and contractors to discuss short term solutions to the drainage problems. It was recommended that the ditches along the length of the cemetery and beyond along the north and east of the field under private ownership be cleared. The clerk had sought permission to access and clear these ditches from the land owner.

Barn Conversion: Permission to be sought regarding covenant before proceeding. Legal advice has been sought.

Bowls Club lease: Should be signed mid April.

Exeter Close Development: Grant funding approved from One Public Estate. Clerk to meet with OCC and CDC to progress and keep council informed.

Newsletter: Deliver to all homes and well received.

19/094 The Council **RESOLVED** to approve a grant request from Kidlington Charitable Bingo for a reduction in the hall hire fees of £19 per session.

19/095 The Council discussed its position regarding the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. All councillors expressed concern about the proposals and **RESOLVED** to join the No Expressway Alliance to work with other councils and bodies opposed to the proposal.

19/096 The Council discussed the Annual Parish Meeting and agreed to invite the local MP to speak. The Clerk confirmed that the Police would be attending.

19/097 The Council received the management accounts. The Clerk confirmed that a variance report would be produced following the close down of the accounts on 16 April.

19/098 The Council received a report from the Clerk regarding recommendations for earmarked reserves and **RESOLVED** to allocate the following:

Stratfield Brake:	£34k
Elections:-	£2k
Play Areas:-	£25k
Bicester Road Cemetery:	£25k
Exeter Close Barn conversion:	£50k
Environmental Improvements:	£10k
Events:	£5k

19/099 CDC District Cllr Neil Prestidge had circulated a report which was discussed. He confirmed that the District Council were continuing to investigate the feasibility of decriminalised parking working with the County and other Districts.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm