

KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held at Exeter Hall on Thursday 27 March at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr David Betts (Chairman), Cllr Alan Graham, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr David Robey, Cllr Linda Ward

In attendance: Rachel Faulkner – Clerk

Present: 1 member of the public

Apologies: Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr David Thurling, Cllr Alison Street

Did not attend: Cllr Katharine Tyson

23/PF021 Public Participation

A member of the public asked whether BMX tracks and Skateboard parks would be included in the Playing Pitch Strategy as these are popular sports with young people and there is no local provision. **Action:** the Clerk to feedback to CDC officer.

23/PF022 Disclosures of interest – none declared.

23/PF023 The committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2023 were a correct record and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

23/PF024 The committee considered two S137 grant applications

- £1,590 was awarded to Cherwell Theatre Company
- £2,500 was awarded to the North Oxfordshire Foodbank, on condition that outline information about the current financial position was provided by the applicant to confirm the need for the grant: the information to be assessed and a final decision made by the Clerk in consultation with Chairs of the Committee and Council.

23/PF025 The committee discussed CDC's Playing Pitch Strategy and the headline needs that it identified. The report has not yet been adopted by CDC as they are awaiting sign-off from some of the sport's governing bodies. Cllr Robey told the committee that he has met with Gosford All Blacks and Kidlington Youth Football Clubs as they are the most impacted by the strategy and the possibility of OUFC relocating to Kidlington. He intends to meet with Kidlington Cricket Club and Kidlington Football Club in the near future to better understand their needs and aspirations.

23/PF026 It was noted that following the forthcoming election there would be three vacancies on the Council which would need to be filled by co-option. The committee noted that the vacancies will be advertised immediately with a deadline for applications on 10 May. If there are only three candidates co-options could be made at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 18 May. If there are more than three candidates the process for co-option may be postponed to the meeting of the Council in June.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.