

Kidlington Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Kidlington Parish Council's Development and Strategy Committee

held at Exeter Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 9 January 2025

- Present:** Cllr David Betts, Cllr William Easdown Babb, Lesley Mclean (Chair), Cllr David Robey, Cllr David Thurling, Cllr Linda Ward, Cllr Phil Wyse.
- In Attendance:** Clerk – Rachel Faulkner, CDC Councillor – Dorothy Walker
KPC Councillors - Cllr Fiona Mawson, Cllr Nik Soheili, Cllr Alison Street, Cllr Dave Kanonuwa.
Two members of the public
- Apologies:** None
- 25/DS/01** **Declaration of interests** – none declared.
- 25/DS/02** **Public Participation** – A resident thanked the Council for their input on the Local Plan and in particular the protection of the green spaces behind The Moors, and raised a query over the X5 bus service, which will be referred to the TAC.
Alan Lodwick from Kidlington Development Watch spoke to the Council about the Local Plan and asked them to continue to push for a green ring around the village with the introduction of three new green spaces. He stressed that it was important that areas are protected in the Local Plan by being given the formal planning designation of Local Green Spaces (LGS) which offers some protection from future development.
- 25/DS/03** The minutes of the meetings of the Development and Strategy Committee held on 12 December 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
- 25/DS/04** The committee considered the following planning applications and will respond on Cherwell District Council's planning portal:
- 24/03155/F 116 Mill Street
Proposal: Extension of existing garage to provide studio and utility room – no objection.
- 24/03315/F 77 Bicester Road
Proposal: Demolition of the existing builders yard building at the rear of the site and construct a replacement purpose designed facility in support of a local funeral directors located at 7 Bicester Road. This would include a parking garage for hearses, coffin storage and workshop, alongside staff amenities. This single storey building

remains unchanged in its design from that which was previously approved – no objection.

24/03292/F 27 Crown Road

Proposal: Extension to the side and rear of the existing bungalow to improve the layout and add first-storey accommodation to create a family home. Additionally, the proposal includes the creation of a single-story annexe in the garden – no objection.

24/03306/TPO 7 Meadow View

Proposal: T1-3 Ash - crown reductions 5m to clear branches – no objection.

24/03365/LB 54 Church Street

Proposal: Replacement of front ground floor sash window to sitting room with like for-like window with same material, ironmongery, single glazing and paint colour – no objection.

24/03350/F 73 High Street

Proposal: RETROSPECTIVE - First floor extension over an existing garage with eaves height increment to accommodate new windows
KPC objects to this application
as technically this is a second retrospective application and therefore invalid so should not be considered. We are concerned that CDC's Conservation Officer was not consulted given the age and historic significance of the property.

25/DS/05

The committee discussed OUF's application proposal (24/00539/F) for the erection of a stadium (Use Class F2) with flexible commercial and community facilities and uses including for conferences, exhibitions, education, and other events, club shop, public restaurant, bar, health and wellbeing facility/clinic, and gym (Use Class E/Sui Generis), hotel (Use Class C1), external concourse/fan-zone, car and cycle parking, access and highway works, utilities, public realm, landscaping and all associated and ancillary works and structures.

Response: The committee discussed the application and reviewed the comments previously circulated by Cllr Betts. It was recommended that a group comprising Cllrs Betts, Ward and Soheili consider KPC's response which is likely to replicate the council's original objection with some additional points.

Action: Response to be presented to full Council on 23 January

25/DS/06

The committee discussed CDC's draft Local Plan. Cllr McLean informed the Council that the Plan is likely to be submitted unchanged. Any responses to the consultation will be reviewed and judged separately by the inspector.

Action: Cllr Ward to prepare the Council's response with an emphasis on protecting the Local Green Spaces **around** the village. To be presented at full Council on 23 January.

25/DS/07

The committee discussed the proposal from East West Rail (EWR). It was agreed that the documentation is difficult to comprehend but that there seemed to be a requirement for land around Oxford Parkway station to be utilised for offices, storage and other ancillary uses which may well have a detrimental effect on plans

for that area of the village in particular the proposed sports pitches in Gosford parish. It was suggested that the Council respond by saying that 'Due to the lack of details in the proposals, KPC can only express concern about the potential loss of recreational space and to ensure that the applicants appreciate that their proposals lie within the Green Belt.

Action: the Clerk to respond as above.

25/DS/08 The committee discussed Oxfordshire County Council's consultation regarding the introduction of ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) to restrict unauthorised vehicles entering the High Street between 10am and 4pm. The committee fully endorsed the proposal and commented on how confusing the current signage is and asked whether there would be cameras at the exit end of the High Street to monitor vehicles entering illegally.

Action: Clerk to respond to consultation with these points.

The committee agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue beyond the allotted two hours.

25/DS/09 The committee noted Cllr Street's report regarding KPC green spaces in relation to the Council's Aims and Objectives.

25/DS/10 The committee discussed the lack of policing in Kidlington following some burglaries reported in the area. Cllr Easdown Babb shared details of the website that records crime data. It was suggested that the Police may be invited to the Council's Annual Parish Meeting as they have been previously.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm