

# Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on

### On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2016

Present	Mr B Forster (Chairman)	Elizabeth Oastler (EO)	Josie Allsworth (JA)
	Robert Ian Charlton		
	With 5 members of the public and C.Cllr Tilley (MT), D.Cllr Batts (EB)		
	Commenced 1900	Ended 2125	

1. **Apologies:** David Hancox, Carol Shepherd, Steve Smith
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were recorded as being accurate records of proceedings.
3. **Declarations of interest:** none
4. **Public Participation**
  - a. The Chairman outlined that since the increase in planning applications Parish business Council meetings are becoming longer than time permits. It has been discussed previously and agreed that public participation needs to be changed. Hence Council meetings proceedings will be refined as follows: At the Public participation section of the agenda, the Chairman will ask if anyone is present who wants to speak to report a fault or speak on any subject on the agenda, they will offer their name and subject to the Clerk. Each will be called in turn to speak. When appropriate Councillors may respond. Total public participation time will be no longer than 30 minutes. Public speaking and interruption will then not be permitted for the rest of the meeting.
  - b. Roy Wolfe:
    - Alex Chartres was Chairman of the Sportsfield Committee and also represented the parish Council. Since his resignation, a replacement is required. Mr Wolfe asked for the Council to provide a replacement. The Chairman responded: This issue will be discussed at the Annual meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
  - c. Ron Green:
    - The transfer of land to the Tennis Club (via the Parish Council) has not occurred yet. The Clerk pointed out that Taylor Wimpey had not been in contact on this subject. A reminder email will be sent to Taylor Wimpey to clarify the situation.
    - The Elkins Room is being re-decorated but will not affect meetings.
    - There are two or three vehicles which consistently park across the footway on Sandy Lane which prevents pedestrians from passing. This was noted and the Chairman will contact Thames Valley Police the Local Neighbourhood Group (NAG) for advice on action.
  - d. E Edney:
    - Taylor Wimpey are carrying out work which has reduced the width of the public path on the northern boundary.
5. **Reports from District and County Councillors**
  - a. Cllr Melinda Tilley
    - All the Councils are now fully embarked upon various studies to seek Unitary Status. This varies from 1 to 4 new Councils which replace the existing structure.

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- JA raised the issue on the possible withdrawal of subsidies for the X15 and 63 bus services when there is more than sufficient s106 monies to provide subsidies for at least 2 years. If the buses are not subsidised the s106 monies have to be returned. This mocks the purpose of seeking the contributions (CIL policy!). MT will investigate.
  - MT announced that forcing LA schools to convert to Academies is not appropriate for the long term quality of teaching.
- b. Cllr Eric Batts
- The planning application for the single dwelling on Rimes Close has been withdrawn.
  - The Highway Authority has still not responded to the planning application for the shop and flats on the Crossroads garage site.
  - A traffic management plan is being consulted on for the construction of houses on the Field Close site.
  - Concern was expressed on the effect of construction traffic and traffic from the planning application on Stonehill Lane.
  - EB has sought clarification on the change of exterior finish (stone to brick) of two dwellings fronting Draycott Road. The change in the consent conditions was granted by VOWH Officers as a variation of the consent without consultation as the issue was minor.
  - It appears that the Taylor Wimpey managing director has left the company.
  - The Faringdon Area Committee has grants available for capital schemes available.
  - There are grants available from VOWH for functions being organised by Parish Councils to celebrate the Queen's birthday.
  - At VOWH outsourcing back office functions will continue to make savings however service quality will not be affected.
  - VOWH telephone numbers are changing.

### **6. Planning Applications**

- a. The following planning applications for the Council to consider and resolve a response
- P16/V0610/FUL, Land at Springhill Farm Springhill Southmoor, Temporary siting of residential lodge: It was resolved to object on the grounds off not in keeping with the locality, after 2-2 vote, the Chair used a casting right to resolve to make an objection.
  - P16/V0684/FUL, North of Stonehill Lane Southmoor Abingdon OX13 5HU, Construction of 3 no. new build dwellings, the conversion of an existing vacant agricultural/storage building, the construction of an attached single garage to the side of the residential property known as 'The Timbers' and the localised widening of Stonehill Lane to facilitate the development: concern was seriously expressed by the Council and the public about the effect of traffic on Sandy Lane whilst it was accepted that the development itself was not objected to. It was resolved unanimously to object until the care of Sandy Lane was dealt with by the application.
  - P16/V0490/HH, Yalunga Springhill Longworth Abingdon OX13 5HL, Extension and alterations to existing dwelling. Construction of new 4-bay garage with annex above. AMENDMENT No1: it was resolved unanimously not to object.

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- b. For updates on previous Planning Applications see attached note.

### **7. Accounts**

- a. Refer to Finance Report
- b. The Clerk informed the meeting that an answer has been received from OCC Highways on grass cutting. They will be paying a grant this year as before (value unknown), however next year the parish will have to enter into one of the new 'Oxford Together Maintenance' contracts.
- c. Open Spaces Society – the annual subscription request for 2016-7 has been received (£45). A motion was raised not to continue membership. A resolution was agreed unanimously to discontinue with this membership.
- d. Community First Oxfordshire - the annual subscription request for 2016-7 has been received (£70). A motion was raised to continue membership. A resolution was agreed unanimously to continue with this membership.
- e. Local Council Review Magazine (NALC) - the annual subscription request for 2016-7 has been received (£17). A motion was raised to continue membership. A resolution was agreed unanimously to continue with this membership.

### **8. Correspondence/ Matters arising**

- a. A request has been received from Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club for financial assistance by making a donation of £200 (or whatever the Council feels appropriate) to buy paint and other materials for the repairing and painting of the sight-screens and the more damaged parts of the pavilion and the repair of the net facilities in preparation for the season ahead. It was resolved unanimously to make the donation.
- b. Reminder for Parish Councillors to update Register of Interests with VOWH has been received. The Clerk handed out the forms to be filled in. These are to be passed back for scanning to the Clerk who will forward the forms to VOWH.
- c. Art designs for Village Hall entrance have been received for consideration. The suggestions were acceptable to the Village Hall and hence the Parish Council agreed also.
- d. Summer fete: The Parish Council has received an invitation to attend the Village Fete on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The table cost is £12. It was resolved unanimously to attend and pay the table cost.

### **9. Village Amenities**

- a. General - Monthly Inspection Record – a new inspection sheet done because a formal record of inspections has not been carried out for a while. It was resolved to change the inspection sheet into two sheets so that EO can continue to inspect the playing field and play ground. A separate sheet will be created for the Burial Ground and Millennium Green. A rota of Councillors will be created to do the inspections. The sheets will be filled in and returned to the Clerk for record filing.
- b. Burial Ground – the Clerk has enquired about acquiring a brown bin for the burial ground, a response from VOWH is awaited. A discussion was held in this. Since tidying the area it was resolved that a brown bin was not needed. The Clerk will investigate sharing the job of putting out the black bins with the Church. An informal rota will be needed for the PCs part of this arrangement and to keep the area tidy. The Clerk will create new informative posters to encourage correct use of the bins.
- c. Faults - Overhanging vegetation had been reported adjacent to bus layby on Faringdon Road. The owner has duly trimmed the foliage.

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### 10. Next meetings

- a. The Annual Parish meeting is on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016. An additional meeting will also be required to determine at least one planning application.
- b. The Annual Meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
- c. Next extra meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016
- d. Next ordinary meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

SIGNED

DATE:

### PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATES

- P16/V0126/FUL, Land at Blenheim Way Southmoor, Proposed erection of 2 storey dwelling on vacant land - refused

### FINANCE REPORT

<b>Invoices outstanding</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Value</b>
	OALC subscription	£444.14
	OPFA subscription	£50.00
<b>Invoices paid</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Value</b>
21/3/2016	VOWH – dog bins emptying	£321.48
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Value</b>
None		
<b>Donations</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Value</b>
21/3/2016	Kingston Bagpuize PCC (Village Showcase)	£50.00
<b>Clerk Payments</b>		<b>Value</b>
	Month salary	£333.23
	Expenses (Travel/ Accommodation etc)	£27.15
<b>PAYE</b>	January, February and March	£267.20