

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on On Monday 1st of August 2016

Present	Elizabeth Oastler (Chairman)	Brian Forster (Vice Chairman)	Stephen Smith
	Robert Ian Charlton	Carol Shepherd	Josie Allsworth
	With 8 members of the public and D.Cllr Eric Batts		
	Commenced 1900	Ended 2125	

1. **Apologies:** David Hancox, C.Cllr Melinda Tilley
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** the minutes of 4th July 2016 were recorded as being an accurate record of proceedings. The following update was noted:
 - a. 8d: The issue has been published using KBS on-line.
 - b. 8f: The Clerk has contacted VOWH planning dept and David Wilson Homes which have been acknowledged
 - c. 8k: noted that this has not been done.
 - d. 8l: noted that still is waiting to be done.
 - e. 8q:th Parish is in the process of arranging a meeting
3. **Declarations of interest:** none
4. **Public Participation**
 - a. Ron Green: The art feature is still proceeding due to the wall not being built as designed. The stone to be used was not sufficient so reconstituted stone was used. Hence the art feature design needs to be changed as the insets are different. The art designs will be altered accordingly.
 - b. Guy Morgan:
 - Lack of maintenance to verges on Spring Hill. See item below.
 - Local Plan Consultation query: referred to Cllr Eric Batts for further assistance.
5. **Reports from District and County Councillors**
 - a. Cllr Melinda Tilley – not present, refer to report below
 - b. Cllr Eric Batts:
 - Following the Local Plan review the Inspector will be calling for additional consultations on the call for sites on 5th September 2016. Local Plan Part 2 will have to address the housing need.
 - Waste collections have been delayed in various places due to a series of vehicle breakdowns.
 - Householders are reminded that black sacks in the green bins are not permitted. If they are seen in the green bins then the bin will not be emptied.
 - The new corporate services contract comes into force on 1st September 2016.
 - The new planning system comes into force very soon.
 - The planning application for the development on Crossroads garage will be considered at Planning Committee later in the month.
 - There have been changes in the VOWH Cabinet.
6. **Planning Applications**
 - a. The following planning applications were considered:

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- P16/V1568/FUL, Blenheim Farm Stonehill Lane Southmoor ABINGDON OX13 5HU, Conversion and extension to existing cottage, conversion and change of use of Livestock Barn to residential use. It was resolved unanimously not to object. Some comments were added to the consultation.
 - P16/V1727/HH, 1A Redwood Close Southmoor abingdon Oxon OX13 5DH, new entrance porch. It was resolved unanimously not to object.
- b. For updates on previous Planning Applications see attached note.
- 7. Accounts**
- a. Quarterly budget update: noted and accepted.
 - b. Refer to Finance Report
- 8. Co-option of New Councillor**
- a. The Parish has been approached by Keith Marley to be co-opted onto one of the two vacant positions. Keith presented himself:
 - Keith has been a Parish Councillor previously. He held the position of Chairman of the RNLI and has been a director of a printing company for 30 years. He continues to predominantly work from home. He was heavily involved in getting fast broadband into the David Wilson Homes development. He has moved into the area and feeling that he has something to offer wishes to become a parish Councillor here.
 - b. Elizabeth Oastler proposed Keith to be co-opted into one of the vacant positions. Josie Allsworth seconded and the proposals was accepted unanimously.
- 9. Correspondence/ Matters arising**
- a. Update on recruitment for Assistant Clerk: the advert has been placed in KBS News. The supporting information needed is being produced.
 - b. Update on Section 101 Local Agency Arrangements: Elizabeth Oastler has produced a piece for the KBS News. This will need careful consideration as it will affect everyone in the Parish.
 - c. An invitation has been received from Local Impact Oxfordshire for the PC to participate. Brain Forster proposes that the PC joins. This item was deferred.
 - d. The VET who rents a room from the Village Hall has given notice to discontinue. The Village Hall management wishes to know if the PC wishes to take the room at £240 per calendar month. Pros and cons were discussed on the concept and costs. It was decided to collect more information properly on the merits of taking the rental of the room for Parish business to be presented to a forthcoming meeting.
 - e. Barbara Mickland has raised a query of the state of Waggon Path. It is in a poor state of repair in places. The Council is asked what can be done about it. The right of way is the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). The Parish could repair and maintain it but has no funds available. OCC will be approached again. Eric Batts suggested that a Community Pay Back grant might be available to pay for some towards this, and will research and report back.
 - f. Melinda Tilley had forwarded some information from the Junior Citizens Trust together with a request for a donation towards its cause at a previous meeting. The issue was discussed and resolved to defer to another meeting whilst David Hancox clarifies some issues with the John Blandy School as to if they would benefit. This item was deferred.
 - g. The RHS have teamed up with Rotary International to plant 5,000,000 'woodland crocus' or 'Tommies' in support of their 'purple4polio' campaign to end polio. Steve Smith proposes that the PC makes a donation to this cause by purchasing

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5000 bulbs for £85. Steve Smith volunteered to undertake the planting. Brian Forster seconded and it was resolved unanimously to pay the donation.

- h. New Public Consultations: Local Plan 2031 Part 1 Main Modifications & Draft Statement of Community Involvement. The deadline is 14th September but needs an initial discussion on how a response is to be formulated. The documents are in circulation and the issue will be discussed at the meeting on 5th September 2016.
- i. Public Path Diversion Order No 268/7/10: the order was discussed and it was resolved by vote 7-1 not to object.

10. Village Amenities

a. General

- Note from The Village Hall Committee: Following the earlier correspondence and the Parish Council's kind offer to donate £5000 towards the improvements to the Village Hall, the trustees are pleased to announce that the programme of work to replace the windows and external doors will commence on Monday 18th July 2016, with preliminary work centred on redirecting pipework and relocating radiators in the main hall will make way for the new windows and Bi-folding doors to be fitted, this will be followed with replacing the main entrance doors, and Swallow Room side entrance door, both to include automatic opening to assist disabled access. The remainder of the new windows and fire exit doors to the other rooms including kitchen entrance, and improvements to the heating efficiency is planned to be completed by early September, when Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor will have a much improved Village Hall for the community to share. The Summer holiday is traditionally a quieter time for bookings so hopefully there will be less disruption to users.
- The PC has been approached by CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) to support its campaign. To protect it from demolition or change of use, make sure to list it with your local Council as an Assets of Community Value (ACV). You can nominate as a CAMRA Branch, as an informal group of 21 local people or as a Parish Council. Brian Forster proposes that the PC nominates the local pubs of the village as an Asset of Community Value. The issue was discussed and resolved that Brian Forster would collate a wider list of all of the facilities in the Parish that would benefit. This list would be presented to another meeting to ratify. The Clerk would write to CAMRA accordingly.
- The Clerk has been made aware of a possible business use in a residential property in Latton Close. Details have been passed to Planning Enforcement of VOWH Council.

b. Recreation grounds

- The resident of 6 Restwood Place has contacted the Clerk about overhanging shrubs/ trees from the Recreation Ground. Members are aware that some tree trimming is needed elsewhere around the recreation ground boundary for which there is some money in the budget. In the case of Restwood Place, it was decided that the Clerk approaches the resident to review the problem and if appropriate allow the resident to cut back the offending shrubbery.

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c. Faults

- Letter received from Mr Viney: The Chairman read out the letter:

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1. Update on proposed bench opposite Aylesford House: the Clerk replied that a response was still awaited from Oxfordshire County Council
 2. Request to have the style on the footpath off Stonehouse Close to be replaced with an accessible type: This issue has already been investigated and the owner does not wish the style to be changed.
 3. Provision of bus shelters and seats: The Parish Council is working on this with Oxfordshire County Council.
- Various contacts and complaints have been received about overhanging vegetation on Faringdon Road (Spring Hill/Little London area) and along various public footpaths (notably adjacent A420, Beggars Land to Draycott Road.
 1. Spring Hill: an email has been received from Paul Spicer (Oxfordshire County Council). There seems to be some confusion as to whose responsibility it is to maintain this section of verge. The issue will be followed up.
 2. Public Footpaths: the Parish has limited resources to follow this up to maintain all of the public footpaths. A similar situation to above also appears to be happening especially as the County Council is reducing spending on this.
 - Barbed wire removed off fence to David Wilson Homes land rear of Scout Hut and replaced with plain wire.

11. Next meetings

- a. Extra meeting 15th August 2016 if needed
- b. Faringdon NAG 25th August 2016
- c. Ordinary meeting 5th September 2016
- d. Extra meeting 19th September 2016 if needed
- e. Ordinary meeting 3rd October 2016

SIGNED

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PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATES

- P15/V1808/O, Land South of A420 and east of A415 Witney Road Kingston Bagpuize OX13 5AN, Outline application for the development of upto 280 dwellings with access from Witney Road and Oxford Road and associated open space and landscaping. Amendment No1 – approved 30/6/2016 after s106 agreed
- P14/V1321/O, Appleby House Oxford Road Kingston Bagpuize Abingdon, Outline application for proposed residential development comprising 8 no. units - approved
- P16/V0768/HH and P16/V0769/LB, Little Pelham Rectory Lane Kingston Bagpuize Abingdon OX13 5AT, Proposed single-storey extensions, internal alterations, and loft conversion to main property, and construction of new garage building – approved
- P16/V1228/FUL, Land of Field Close Kingston Bagpuize, Extension of two dwellings with provision of access road, drainage and landscape works – approved
- P16/V1373/HH, Race Farm House Race Farm Race Farm Lane Kingston Bagpuize ABINGDON OX13 5AU, The proposed works is to install a traditional Oak Timber Framed 3 bay garage / car port within the garden of the property - approved

FINANCE REPORT

Invoices outstanding	Recipient	Value
None		
Invoices paid	Recipient	Value
18/7/16	A&L Garden Maintenance invoice 102 chq 01312	£70.00
18/7/16	McCracken & Sons invoices 7508 & 7509 chq 01313	£1495.20
1/8/16	KBS Village Hall, quarter 2 room hire, chq 01314	£110.00
1/8/16	VOWH, dog bin emptying, invoice 90071084, chq 01315	£321.48
1/8/16	Arrow Accounting, internal audit, invoice P204, chq 01316	£337.00
Receipts	Payee	Value
None		
Donations	Recipient	Value
None		
Clerk Payments		Value
1/8/16	July salary	£379.31
	Expenses (Travel/ Accommodation etc)	£7.20
	Chq 01317	£386.51

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OUTTURN FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17						
Actual figures up to end Jun	Budget 16/17	%eoy	actual	% outturn	eoy outturn	
INCOME	39571	50%	19609	98%	38808	
EXPENDITURE						
General Admin	12486	33%	4067	87%	10849	
Professional services	3200	0%	0	75%	2400	
Grounds maintenance	7453	40%	3007	87%	6508	
Rep & Maint	7832	0%	0	80%	6248	
Litter	4800	14%	650	84%	4050	
War memorial	0		0		0	
Donations	3300	16%	512	86%	2837	
Election	500	0%	0	0%	0	
TOTAL	39571	21%	8236	83%	32892	

REPORT FROM C-CLLR MELINDA TILLEY

STATEMENT FROM OCC LEADER ON APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRIME MINISTER

Cllr Ian Hudspeth, the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council, commented on the appointment of the new Prime Minister:

"The saying 'a week is a long time in politics' certainly applied the events in July with the appointment of the new Prime Minister, Theresa May. I have met her on several occasions regarding major issues, but also on more local matters, as her Maidenhead constituency is adjacent to Oxfordshire. I wish her well and welcome the opportunity to work with her to continue to grow the Oxfordshire economy. I would also like to wish David Cameron and his family all the best for the future – perhaps this year he'll be able to enjoy the summer holidays more!"

PROPOSALS FOR UNITARY COUNCIL

Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire's district/city councils have issued the following joints statement:

With a new Prime Minister and new Secretary of State now in place and a number of pressing economic and policy issues to work through at national level, we recognise that it is sensible to take the time to understand how the government intends to take forward devolution and local government reorganisation in Oxfordshire and other areas before presenting further proposals for reforming public services and changes to council structures in the county.

Following discussions with civil servants all the Oxfordshire councils have agreed to work together to discuss areas of common ground, assess potential options and establish whether we can agree a way forward building on the work we have both done to date. We have agreed to postpone publication of both the Grant Thornton and PwC studies, and pause plans for consultation until these plans have been jointly developed.

Our aim has always been to seek investment in housing and transport infrastructure, to improve skills training and develop the local economy. This investment is needed if we are to reach our potential, and therefore agreeing a way forward with government is a high priority for

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all of us.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES CONSULTATION

As part of securing Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) sites across Oxfordshire, OCC will be seeking a new management contract to operate these sites. OCC would like to know residents' views on measures that could be taken to make savings and to create income, in order to provide the most affordable service for residents of Oxfordshire. Note that this is different to the previous HWRC consultation, which focused on the number and location of sites.

There will be a consultation on the proposals running until 11 August 2016. The consultation documents are available online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste and people are encouraged to complete the response questionnaire. If residents need support to take part in this consultation, contact Oxfordshire County Council on 01865 816043 or email waste.management@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

OXFORDSHIRE BUCKS TREND IN HOSPITAL DELAYS

The number of people delayed in Oxfordshire's hospital beds when they no longer need to be there has fallen more than 45%. The latest figures are in marked contrast to national numbers, which saw Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC) rise by 25% between May 2015 and May 2016. The improvement in Oxfordshire is the result of a joint initiative by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG), Oxford University Hospitals, Oxford Health and Oxfordshire County Council, to move people out of hospital more quickly when they have been appropriately treated and no longer need to be there. The £2m initiative, launched in December 2015, includes: funding extra temporary care home beds where people can stay until they are ready to return to their own home or move to a permanent care home; and the recruitment of more home care staff to support people in their own homes. Previously the Oxfordshire had been at the bottom of the DToC 'league table' across the country.

RAILWAY CLOSURES IN OXFORDSHIRE

Between 30 July and 14 August Network Rail will be carrying out work to maintain the railway and prevent them from being affected by floods. This work is part of the wider flood prevention scheme, which is being carried out to protect homes to the south of Oxford.

Some railways lines will be closed during the work, including on weekdays.

30 July - 14 August the railway will be closed between Oxford and Didcot Parkway to enable Network Rail to carry out flood prevention work in the Hinksey area.

30 July - 7 August the railway will be closed between Oxford and Banbury for re-signalling work.

3 - 7 August the railway will be closed between Oxford and Hanborough for bridge repair work. Buses will replace trains on affected routes for travel within Oxfordshire.

Rail tickets will be accepted on local buses and on Chiltern Railways services to London.

Go to the Great Western Railway (GWR) website for full details of all replacement services and alternate routes.