

KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Church Room, Kidmore End on Wednesday 21 March 2007 at 8.05 pm and concluded at 9.30pm.

Present: A K Martin (Chairman), R S Young (Vice-Chairman), Mrs S G Hall, R G McQuillan, Prof T R Morris, R M Naish, Dr R J Potter.

Also present: M H Leonard (district councillor).

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J A Appleton, R E Bayliss, Dr D J M McNie, Mrs M S Rowland, Mrs C Toms, N Spencer-Jones (district councillor), Mrs C Y Viney (county councillor).

10.01 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2007 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

10.02 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr M H Leonard, a district councillor for the Shiplake ward, reported that there would be elections for his Council on 3 May 2007. He was standing for re-election, whilst his ward colleague, Mr N Spencer-Jones, was not.

Mr Leonard went on to report

- that his Council had not increased its share of the Council Tax to be levied for 2007/8;
- about his Council's garden waste service;
- that portable CCTV equipment had been acquired for a year's trial, aimed at identifying the perpetrators of anti-social behaviour;
- that more affordable housing was to be provided across the district;
- that it was unlikely that unitary local government would be introduced in Oxfordshire, unless Oxford City Council's bid for unitary status was successful.

Mr Leonard sought to answer questions from Members about the possible extension of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

10.03 WEBSITE

(cf 9.03/07) By letter, Dr & Mrs C W Bradford of Tokers Green Lane, Kidmore End thanked the Council for agreeing to place unconfirmed minutes of its meetings on the website kepc.info. Reference was made to posting minutes, following their confirmation.

The Chairman reported on his continuing discussions with Dr R J Potter and a resident of the Parish about the appearance of the website.

RESOLVED: That the confirmed minutes of meetings be made available routinely on the website www.kepc.info.

10.04 KIDMORE END POND

(cf 9.13/07) During the Open Session, Mrs S Biggs of Kidmore End reported that she had received a response from the County Council's Area Engineer that he was prepared to place a salt or grit bin near Kidmore End pond, provided that the cost thereof, £150, was met by the Parish Council.

The Vice-Chairman reported that he had obtained 2 quotations for the cutting back of the willow trees at Kidmore End pond, as follows:

Ian Kendrick Ltd	£345 + VAT
Terry's Gardening Services	£300

He had accepted the quotation of Terry's Gardening Services, and the work had been completed.

RESOLVED: That the Area Engineer of the County Council be requested to provide a salt or grit bin near Kidmore End pond at the expense of his Council, as highways authority.

10.05 GALLOWSTREE COMMON RECREATION GROUND

(cf 9.15/07) The Chairman advised that he, the Vice-Chairman and Mr R E Bayliss had yet to inspect the Pavilion at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground.

Quotations were opened for works to the trees (removal of dead trees, removal of low limbs of other trees) on the south-western boundary of the Recreation Ground, as follows:

Acorn Services	£390
Ian Kendrick Ltd	£410 + VAT

RESOLVED: 1 That the contract for the works to trees at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground be let to Acorn Services, and that the contractor be requested to complete the works by the end of April 2007.

2 That, notwithstanding Financial Regulation 3.5, unspent budgetary provision for groundworks at the Recreation Ground be "rolled forward" into the budget for 2007/8.

10.06 CODE OF CONDUCT

(cf 9.20/07) In view of her absence, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of the report by Mrs M S Rowland on the consultation on Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members be deferred to the next meeting.

10.07 OXFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

(cf 9.26/07) The Council noted County Circular 1/2007 from the Oxfordshire Association of Locals Councils, consideration of which had been deferred at the last meeting.

10.08 KIDMORE END PLAY AREA

(cf 9.27/07) A quotation was opened for repairs to the play equipment at the Kidmore End Play Area and the removal of a dead tree at that site. The quotation was from Ian Kendrick Ltd, in the total sum of £505 + VAT.

RESOLVED: 1 That the contract for repairs to the play equipment and removal of dead tree at the Kidmore End Play Area be let to Ian Kendrick Ltd.

2 That, notwithstanding Financial Regulation 3.5, unspent budgetary provision for groundworks and equipment at the Kidmore End Play Area be "rolled forward" into the budget for 2007/8.

10.09 MAP OF FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

(cf 9.28/07) In presenting his apologies for absence, Dr D J M McNie had advised that his

researches suggested that the cost of a display map of the rights of way in the Parish would be c£500. He had felt that a good site for such a map would be near the Charles Paddick memorial seat at Gallowstree Common. Members suggested that Dr McNie develop the project further, although comment was made that maps of the public rights of way could be made available on the Council's website.

10.10 FINANCE

(i) Balances

The Clerk reported that balances at the bank totalled £10,293.85.

(ii) Accounts for payment

RESOLVED: That the following accounts, listed in the schedule under Financial Regulation 5.2, be approved for payment:

R S Young – Expenses in attending meeting	£19.50
The Henley College – Photocopying Parish Newsletter	£25.00
NALC – Subscription to “Local Council Review”	£13.50
R F Penfold – Clerk’s salary	£577.50

10.11 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Decisions

The Council noted that the following applications had been permitted conditionally

installation of solar panels on rear, south facing, single storey roof slope at Fairhaven, Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End;

erection of detached garage, provision of access and turning area at Collegewood Farm House, Cane End;

conversion of rural building as a dwelling house following demolition of lean-to additions, erection of single storey extension and garage, erection of porch at Collegewood Barn, Cane End (amendment to permission P06/E1028);

single storey rear extension at Newhaven, Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End;

erection of roof extension, single storey side extension and front entrance porch to bungalow and replacement of attached garage at Weston, Reades Lane, Gallowstree Common.

(ii) Action of Plans Sub-Committee

RESOLVED: That the action of the Plans Sub-Committee in respect of the following application, as set out in the register of action, be approved:

single storey conservatory extension at Pippins, Wood Lane, Gallowstree Common.

(iii) Applications

The Council considered an application referred to it since the last meeting.

RESOLVED: That no strong views be submitted on the application for new detached garage at Crispins Way, Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green for Mr M Lincoln.

(iv) Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework

(cf 9.17(iv)/07) Mr R M Naish reported on the County Council's Preferred Options Consultation

Paper, in connection with the Core Strategy of the Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework. He felt that no representations needed to be made by the Council, but suggested that the matter be kept under review.

With a letter, a Principal Planning Policy Officer of the County Council enclosed a copy of a consultation paper on the Waste Sites Proposals and Policies Development Plan Documents, further documents to form part of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework. Comments were invited thereon by 30 March 2007.

RESOLVED: That the County Council's draft Waste Sites Proposals and Policies Development Plan Document be referred to Mr R M Naish, and that Mr Naish be authorised to comment thereon on behalf of the Council.

(v) May Lodge, Park Lane, Cane End

(cf 8.14(v)/07) The Clerk reported that he had been advised informally, by an officer of the District Council, that the building works at May Lodge, Park Lane, Cane End were not at variance with the approved plans.

(vi) South East Plan

In a letter, the Chief Executive of the South East England Regional Assembly advised that the Assembly was to undertake a partial review of the South East Plan to apportion the distribution of primary land-won aggregates by county. He enclosed with that letter copies of the consultation draft project plan and statement of public participation and draft sustainability appraisal scoping report. Comments were invited by 30 March 2007.

(vii) Chiltern Buildings Design Guide

(cf 7.10(iv)/06) In a letter, the Planning Officer of the Chilterns Conservation Board advised that the Chilterns Roofing Materials Supplementary Technical Note was to be launched at a workshop in Chesham on 29 March 2007.

10.12 THAMES VALLEY ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVICE CENTRE

With a letter, a member of the Advice Service Team of the Thames Valley Energy Efficiency Advice Centre enclosed copied of posters promoting the availability of energy saving information packs.

10.13 REGIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY REVIEW 2007

The Chair of the South East Regional Housing Board, with a letter, enclosed a copy of a draft review of the Regional Housing Strategy, which had been published for consultation. The primary focus of the consultation was to seek views on what priorities the Board should take into consideration in allocating its funds for the 3 year period starting in 2008/9. Comments were requested by 27 April 2007.

RESOLVED: That the draft review of the Regional Housing Strategy be referred to Mr R G McQuillan for consideration and report.

10.14 HORSEPOND ROAD, GALLOWSTREE COMMON – SPEED LIMIT

By letter, Mr C Duckworth of Wood Lane, Kidmore End commented that there were deficiencies in the signage for the 30mph speed limit on Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common, which would render the limit unenforceable. Mr Duckworth argued that the combined village and speed limit signs, erected as part of the CountryWays experiment, did not conform to the regulations, in that the speed limit roundels were not mounted on a grey or yellow background.

Given the continued instances of vehicles travelling through Gallowstree Common at speeds in excess of 30mph, Member were disturbed to hear that the limit might not be enforceable.

RESOLVED: That the Area Engineer of the County Council be invited to comment on the observation of Mr C Duckworth, and that he be requested, If what Mr Duckworth says is true, to take steps to secure an enforceable speed limit through Gallowstree Common.

10.15 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Returning Officer of the District Council, in a letter, referred to the quadrennial elections for parish councillors to be held on 3 May 2007. He enclosed, with the letter, nomination packs, which the Clerk distributed to those members present who requested them. The Returning Officer also pointed out that, if there was a poll, the votes would be counted at Crowmarsh on 4 May.

10.16 OXFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY TOURING SCHEME 2007/8

By letter, the District Council's Head of Leisure & Economic Development drew attention to promoter events in connection with the Oxfordshire Community Touring Scheme at Islip on 25 April and Dorchester on Thames on 26 April 2007.

10.17 CELEBRATING OXFORDSHIRE 2007

The Managing Director of Oxfordshire Inspires enclosed, with a letter, posters and brochures about events to celebrate a thousand years of Oxfordshire in 2007.

10.18 COMMUNITY POLICING AWARDS 2007

The Council noted an invitation from a Public Relations Officer of the Thames Valley Police to nominate police officers, special constables, police community support officers or police volunteers to receive a Community Policing Award.

10.19 PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee reported that the Committee had met on 7 March 2007. Aside from issues relating to the replacement of the Pavilion, the Committee had decided to write to the occupiers of Beechwoods, The Hamlet, Gallowstree Common, indicating that the Council would cut back their rear garden hedge, which currently significantly overhung the boundary between that property and the Recreation Ground.

10.20 RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

Mr R G McQuillan advised that he had obtained a quotation from Acorn Services in the sum of £325 for the replacement of a style on footpath no 15, at its junction with Tanners Lane, with a hunting gate. The County Council had offered a grant of £350 for the work, as part of the Rights Of Way Improvement Plan.

10.21 MEETINGS, CONFERENCES ETC

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman reported on a meeting they had attended, at the invitation of the Chairman of the County Council, concerning her Council's services, at County Hall, Oxford on 28 February 2007.

10.22 WELLS

In presenting his apologies for absence, the Wells Manager had reported the Kidmore End well to be in good order. He had also reported that the Gallowstree Common well had been inspected. It was

186 ft deep, with 25ft of water. He had commented that the well head trap door needed to be repaired.

10.23 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN

In answer to a question, the Chairman noted the litter clearance work undertaken at Chalkhouse Green, the results of which had been accumulated on the green in that village. Someone had thereafter deposited some household waste at the site. The District Council had quickly cleared the debris, once notified.