

KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Church Room, Kidmore End on Wednesday 18 June 2008 at 8.00 pm and concluded at 9.40pm.

Present: A K Martin (Chairman), Mrs S Hall, R G McQuillan, Prof T R Morris, Mrs M S Rowland, J A Swift, Mrs C Toms.

Also present: Mrs C Y Viney (county councillor).

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S M Biggs, Dr J D M McNie, Mrs J E O'Sullivan, R S Young, R A H Peasgood (district councillor).

2.01 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2008 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the amendment of Minute 1.10 to read "Wells Manager - Mr R C Gutteridge".

2.02 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mrs C Y Viney, the county councillor for the Sonning Common division, reported that her Council appeared to have completed the works on the A4074 road through Greendene Bottom. She advised that her Council

- was actively, and successfully, enforcing weight restriction on some roads in southern South Oxfordshire;
- had received £7.7m from the Government to improve the provision of early years' services;
- was taking over the operation of the park and ride facilities of Oxford City Council;
- was working with Thames Valley Police to take action on "rogue" traders, eg builders, gardeners and roofers.

Members posed questions to Mrs Viney about the County Council's views on restricting, by satellite navigation systems, the use of inappropriate roads by heavy goods vehicles, the value placed on comments from parish councils by her Council, during consultation exercises, and the possible use of school transport, provided by the County Council, by pupils of Kidmore End School resident in Reading (see also Minute 2.13). Mrs Viney indicated that she would seek responses to the questions.

2.03 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

In presenting his apologies for absence, Mr R A H Peasgood, a district councillor for the Shiplake ward, reported that his Council

- had awarded grants totalling £13,800 to 38 talented young people;
- had launched, with the County Council, a campaign to tackle air pollution in Henley;
- was urging residents to keep food chilled and to observe food "use by" dates.

It was suggested that an item about food hygiene should be included in the next edition of the Parish Newsletter.

2.04 REGIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY

(cf 1.07/08) Mrs S Hall reported on the South East England Regional Housing Strategy 2008-11, the consideration of which matter had been deferred at the last meeting. Mrs Hall advised that the Regional Assembly was currently responsible for the strategic direction of housing. The Strategy stated the importance of affordable housing in the regional context, but sought to secure delivery of aims through a sub-regional approach. The Strategy acknowledged that present funding for affordable housing was

insufficient.

2.05 ACCOUNTS, 2008/9

(cf 1.12/08) Members were reminded that the Council had underspent its budget in 2007/8 by £2,000.

RESOLVED: That £1,000 be transferred from the general fund balance to the fund for replacement of the Pavilion.

2.06 BUS STUDY

(cf 1.14/08) Mr J A Swift reported on the revised version of chapter 3 of the County Council's Bus Strategy. He had found the document somewhat impenetrable, and had not submitted a response on behalf of the Council.

However, Mr Swift had detected from the revised chapter that the County Council needed to be kept apprised about demand for bus services, so that it might target subsidies for services effectively. He suggested that, in order to be in a position to influence the County Council's decisions, the views of residents should be sought, via the Parish Newsletter, on interest in services, not only in terms of existing services, but also services which might encourage residents to use public, instead of private, transport. Mrs C Toms indicated that she would assist the exercise by drafting a suitable questionnaire.

RESOLVED: That the views of residents be sought, via the Parish Newsletter, as to the provision of bus services.

2.07 FINANCE

(i) Balances

The Clerk reported that balances at the bank totalled £18,788.37.

(ii) Accounts for payment

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

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| Kidmore End Parochial Church Council – Contribution to maintenance of churchyard | £600.00 |
| South Oxfordshire District Council – Fee to accompany Building Regulations' application | £499.38 |
| W A B Grove Ltd – Internal audit fee | £99.87 |
| R F Penfold – Clerk's salary | £611.00 |

2.08 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Decisions

The Council noted that the application for 2 storey extension to rear and first floor side extension creating new family room, bedroom, bathroom and en-suite at 11 Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green had been permitted conditionally.

Reference was made to a summerhouse erected at the site. Members had no recollection of planning application for the structure.

RESOLVED: That the attention of the planning authority be drawn to the summer house at 11

Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green, in case the structure requires planning permission.

(ii) Action of Plans Sub-Committee

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

demolition of existing 3 bay garage to be replaced with a 2-bay garage and garden room at Butlers Farm House, Butlers Orchard, Kidmore End;
listed building consent for demolition of flint wall, replacement of garages with new and garden room at Butlers Farmhouse, Butlers Orchard, Kidmore End;
outline application to replace existing 1 bedroom detached cottage with 3 bedroom cottage at Pool Cottage, Cane End;
lawful change of use of agricultural land (The Piggery and grain building) to workshop and associated storage at Bugs Bottom, Gravel Hill, Emmer Green;
erection of single storey rear extension and raising of roof to create first floor accommodation with 2 dormer windows to front elevation, and erection of detached garage to rear at Bramble Cottage, Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common;
front porch extension and roof dormer to side elevation at Westfield, Tokers Green Lane, Tokers Green;
detached oak framed garage at Glebe Cottage, Wood Lane, Kidmore End.

(iii) Open Space Sport and Recreation Study

(cf 1.13(vi)/08) In his absence, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of the report of the Vice-Chairman about the District Council's Open Space Sport and Recreation Study be deferred to the next meeting.

(iv) Tanners Cottage, Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green – Works

Reference was made to recently completed works at Tanners Cottage, Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green, whereby the gap between the dwelling and the garage had been enclosed.

RESOLVED: that the development at Tanners Cottage, Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green be drawn to the attention of the District Council.

(v) South East Plan

With a letter, the Chief Executive of the South East England Regional Assembly enclosed a copy of consultation document about the changes proposed by the Assembly for calculating the amount of land-won aggregates (sand, gravel and crushed rock) that each minerals planning authority was expected to provide, thus adjusting Policy M3 of the South East Plan. Comments were invited by 8 August 2008.

RESOLVED: That the consultation papers on the review of sub-regional allocation of primary land-won aggregates in the South East be referred to Mrs M S Rowland for consideration and report.

(vi) South East Regional Sustainability Framework

The Council noted a communiqué from the Chairman of the Sustainable Future Group of the South East England Regional Assembly, with which was enclosed a copy of the South East Regional Sustainability Framework. The Framework set out a vision – “ A socially and economically strong, healthy and just South East that respects the limit of the global environment”.

(vii) County Council Planning Matters

The Director for Environment & Economy of the County Council advise, in a letter, that his Council had published its list of information required to validate a County Matter or County Council planning application.

(viii) Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Plan

(cf 4.12(v)/07) The Council noted a Newsletter, issued in May 2008, by the County Council in respect of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Plan.

2.9 TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL FORUM

In a letter, the Leaders of the County and District Forum gave advance notice of the liaison meeting involving their Councils and parish and town councils at Crowmarsh on 11 November 2008, and indicated that chairmen and one other member of each parish council were invited to attend.

2.10 RURAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Council noted an invitation to a meeting, arranged by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and the Oxfordshire Rural Housing Partnership, about rural affordable housing at Brightwell-cum-Sotwell on 2 July 2008.

2.11 PROPERTY NAMING

In letters, the District Council's Head of Business & Information Systems advised that the property known as Orchard Lea, Wood Lane, Kidmore End had been renamed The Old Orchard and the property known as Deangate, Wood Lane, Gallowstree Common had been renamed Acorns.

2.12 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

(cf 11.10/08) In a letter PCSO J Smith of the Thames Valley Police advised that she and PCSO B Wyatt had patrolled near Kidmore End School on 2 and 8 May 2008, when they handed out advice leaflets to parents and left warning notices on dangerously parked vehicles. PCSO Smith hoped to deliver a leaflet to the School which every pupil could take home.

2.13 KIDMORE END SCHOOL

Arising from the matter referred to in Minute 2.12 above, Members discussed a variety of issues associated with travel to school by pupils at the Kidmore End School, and expressed regret that the communal transport provided by the County Council for pupils could not also be made available to pupils of the School resident in the Borough of Reading.

RESOLVED: That representations be made to the County Council's Cabinet Member for Schools' Improvement that Reading-resident pupils of Kidmore End School be permitted to use the transport provided by the County Council, for a charge.

2.14 THAMES VALLEY POLICE AUTHORITY

An Executive Officer of the Thames Valley Police Authority, by letter, advised of an event organised by her Authority for representatives of town and parish councils at Thame on 21 July 2008, as part of a consultation exercise about crime and community safety issues.

RESOLVED: That, if she is able to attend, Mrs M S Rowland be appointed to attend the event organised by the Thames Valley Police Authority on 21 July 2008, and that attendance be an approved

duty for the purposes of allowances.

2.15 READIBUS

The Council noted an invitation to be represented at the Annual General Meeting of Readibus in Reading on 10 July 2008.

2.16 RECREATION GROUND, GALLOWSTREE COMMON

By letter, Mr & Mrs D Beddis of The Hamlet, Gallowstree Common drew attention to their concerns about aspects of use of the Recreation Ground, Gallowstree Common. The letter was signed by 7 other residents of the western end of the The Hamlet and was accompanied by photographs. The residents, although supportive of the efforts of Kidmore End Cricket Club to promote sport for young people and of the replacement of the Pavillion, were concerned about:

- inappropriate use of the children's play equipment, eg standing on the roof of the shelter, by young people who appeared to be associated with the Cricket Club;
- particularly heavy traffic in the Recreation Ground and The Hamlet on the evening 17 June 2008, which could have led to difficulties had any of the emergency services had to attend the premises;
- the arrangements for the presentation of refuse for collection at the Recreation Ground.

Members commented that the points made related to the use of the Recreation Ground by the Cricket Club. They suggested, therefore, that the matter should be referred to the Club, feeling that the Club would share Members' view that it was important to keep local residents "on side", bearing in mind the project to replace the Pavilion.

RESOLVED: 1 That a copy of the letter from Mr & Mrs D Beddis and others be passed to the Kidmore End Cricket Club, with a request that the Club address the points made therein, and report back to the Council on the action taken.

2 That Mr & Mrs Beddis be thanked for bringing their concerns to the attention of the Council, and be advised that the matter has been referred to the Cricket Club.

2.17 PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

It was noted that the Playing Fields Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Council.

2.18 RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

Comment was made that some paths were becoming overgrown.

2.19 TRAFFIC CALMING SUB-COMMITTEE

Mrs C Toms observed that the Traffic Calming Sub-Committee had not addressed any new issues, not mentioned elsewhere in the meeting.

Reference was again made to accident record of the A4074 road, especially in respect of those lengths through the Parish and the Parish of Mapledurham, notwithstanding the recently undertaken, but minimal works. It was suggested that approaches should again be made to the County Council, via the relevant Cabinet Member, that greater efforts should be made to improve the safety of the A4074 road through the Parish, by way of enforcement of existing speed limits.

RESOLVED: That representations be made to the County Council's Cabinet Member for Transport Implementation that his Council press for

- a more and better situated speed cameras (that at Cane End is at a busy junction where

- traffic speeds are likely to be reduced in any event);
- b more enforcement by police patrols, and
- c consideration of average speed controls over distances between cameras.

2.20 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN

In answer to questions, the Chairman indicated that

- a the Council had not been consulted over the possible expansion of Heathrow Airport;
- b he did not know the membership of the local Police Neighbourhood Action Group.