

## **KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Church Room, Kidmore End on Wednesday 20 May 2009 at 8.20 pm and concluded at 10.15pm.

Present: Mrs S M Biggs, R C Gutteridge, Dr B J Knapp, Dr J D M McNie, R G McQuillan, A K Martin, Mrs M S Rowland, R S Young.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Hall, Mrs J E O'Sullivan, J A Swift,

The outgoing Chairman, Mr A K Martin, took the Chair.

### **1.01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: That Mr A K Martin be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

(Mr Martin thereupon signed a declaration of acceptance of office.)

### **1.02 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: That Mr R S Young be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

### **1.03 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2009 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the correction of the word "FUND" in the heading for Minute 11.04 and the renumbering of Minutes following Minute 11.17.

### **1.04 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Mrs C Y Viney, the county councillor for the Sonning Common division, reported on a Police Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting. Mrs J E Bowen of Mapledurham had resigned as a member of the NAG. Enquiries were made of Mrs Viney as the replacement of a successor, given that Mrs Bowen had represented parish councils. Mrs Viney undertook to report to the next meeting on the criteria for appointment as a member of a NAG.

Mrs Viney reported that a proposal had been submitted to the District Council, in connection with the latter's core strategy under its local development framework, for a green belt to be established around the north of Reading.

### **1.05 OPEN SESSION**

During the Open Session, Mr T M Whitaker of Mapledurham drew the Council's attention to a planning application for aircraft hangars at Whittles Farm, Mapledurham. Mr Whitaker was of the view that the replacement hangars, if permitted, would be used to house microlight aircraft, and that more use would be made of the airstrip at Whittles Farm as a result. This could well lead to increased noise nuisance not only for residents of the Parish of Mapledurham but also parts of neighbouring parishes, eg Cane End in this Parish.

### **1.06 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL**

(cf 11.03/09) The Clerk advised that no one had contacted him, expressing an interest in serving as a parish councillor. Mrs M S Rowland indicated that she would approach possible candidates resident in Tokers Green.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the filling of the vacancy for parish councillor be again deferred to the next meeting.

#### 1.07 READING TRAVEL TO WORK AREA TRANSPORT INNOVATION FUND (TIF) BID

(cf 11.04/09) Draft minutes of meetings, held on 19 March and 30 April 2009, of representatives of parish councils, to discuss the Reading Travel-to-Work Area Transport Innovation Fund (TIF) bid were circulated to Members present. Mrs S M Biggs reported orally on a further meeting held on 14 May 2009, and, in presenting his apologies for absence, Mr J A Swift had submitted some comments about that meeting to the Chairman.

Members discussed at some length the proposal arising from the meetings that there should be a consultation exercise in the parishes concerned, in order to gauge views on proposals which might be included in the TIF bid. In this connection, it was intended to send a questionnaire to each household in each of the parishes, with local arrangements for collecting the completed forms. Members commented on the questions which might be posed, and what answers were likely to be adduced. They felt that great care would be needed not only in setting the questions, but also in ensuring that adequate information was available for residents to complete the questionnaire.

RESOLVED: That, in principle, the proposal to survey local residents on aspects of the TIF bid be supported and an appropriate share of reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the survey be met by the Council.

#### 1.08 UNDERSTANDING RURAL ISSUES

(cf 11.05/09) In view of her absence, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of the report of Mrs J E O'Sullivan on the District Council stakeholder workshop about rural issues be again deferred to the next meeting.

#### 1.09 CANE END ALLOTMENTS

(cf 11.09/09) Mrs M S Rowland requested further time to research matters relating to the possible "re-opening" of the Cane End allotments, eg the provision of water to the site.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the "re-opening" of the Cane End allotments be deferred to the next meeting.

#### 1.10 KIDMORE END POND

(cf 11.17/09) Mr R C Gutteridge reported that he had not yet been able to inspect the duck house at Kidmore End pond.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the future maintenance of the duck house on Kidmore End pond be deferred to the next meeting.

#### 1.11 REVIEW OF PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION

(cf 11.19/09) Mr R C Gutteridge advised that he expected to be able to represent the Council at the stakeholder meeting about provision of primary schools, on 21 May 2009.

#### 1.12 RECREATION GROUND, GALLOWSTREE COMMON

(cf 11.23/09) The Hon Secretary of Kidmore End Cricket Club, in a letter, apologised for his Club's part in the circumstances at the Recreation Ground, Gallowstree Common, on 21 April 2009, giving

rise to the complaints reported at the last meeting. Due to a lack of communication between his Club and the Football Club, junior cricket training had commenced on the same evening as a football match, re-arranged, because of the weather, from earlier in season. He commented that such a clash of events was very rare and would, hopefully, not be repeated.

#### 1.13 WELLS

(cf 11.24/09) Mr R C Gutteridge indicated that he had in hand the inspection of the wells at Gallowstree Common and Kidmore End.

#### 1.14 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS, SUB-COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED: That consideration of the various annual appointments be deferred to the next meeting and that existing appointments be extended to the meeting in June 2009.

#### 1.15 FINANCE

##### (i) Balances

The Clerk reported that balances at the bank totalled £27,113.18.

##### (ii) Accounts for payment

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

Kidmore End Playing Fields Committee – Contribution to Pavilion fund	£1000.00
Kidmore End Playing Fields Committee – Grant 2009/10	£840.00
F R E Curzon – Matting for practice nets	£702.40*
Mapledurham Parish Council – Contribution towards cost of Rokeby Recreation Ground	£105.00
Richard P James Ltd – Architect's fee	£3320.89

\* Kidmore End Cricket Club to contribute £610.98 towards the cost

#### 1.16 ACCOUNTS, 2008/9

The Council considered a report (09/010 – 1) of the Responsible Financial Officer, being the summary income and expenditure accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009. The Responsible Financial Officer suggested some adjustments to the presented accounts, in respect of invoices received or awaited.

RESOLVED: That the accounts presented be received, subject to the adjustments proposed by the Responsible Financial Officer.

#### 1.17 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING MATTERS

##### (i) Decisions

The Council noted that the following applications had been permitted conditionally.

front garage extension, garage conversion, first floor and single storey side extension, front porch extension and replace flat roof with pitched at Conecroft, Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green;  
single and 2 storey extensions to dwelling and replacement garage at The Old Chapel, Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common;  
removal of existing timber shed and construction of 2 single storey extensions to form a kitchen

and single garage, proposed relocation of vehicular access at Rokeby Hall, Rokeby Drive, Tokers Green;  
first floor extension over garage and extension to rear to create additional first floor accommodation at 23 Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green;  
2 storey side and single storey rear extensions at Kemp Wood, Cane End.

(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:

removal of existing timber shed and construction of 2 single storey extensions to form a kitchen and single garage, proposed relocation of vehicular access at Rokeby Hall, Rokeby Drive, Tokers Green (amended plan);  
first floor extension over garage and extension to rear to create additional first floor accommodation at 23 Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green (amended plan);  
alterations and extensions including detached garage at Mayfield, 5 Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green;  
2 storey side and single storey rear extensions at Kemp Wood, Cane End (amended plan);  
replacement of existing detached dwelling and detached garage at Leawood, Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green;  
raising of roof to facilitate first floor accommodation and internal alterations at 7 Tanner Lane, Chalkhouse Green.

(iii) Development at Whittes Farm, Mapledurham

Arising from the discussion during the Open Session (see Minute 1.05 above), the Council considered whether to comment on the planning application for the erection of replacement hangars at Whittles Farm, Mapledurham.

RESOLVED: That the District Council be advised that this Council would be concerned that, if, as a result of approval of the planning application, there was to be a significant increase in aviation activity to and from the airstrip at Whittles Farm, leading to residents of the Parish suffering increased noise nuisance.

(iv) Reading Borough Council – Local Development Framework

In a letter, the Planning Policy Manager of Reading Borough Council drew attention to his Council draft Parking Standards and Design supplementary planning document, which had been issued for consultation: comments were invited until 26 June 2009.

(v) South Oxfordshire Local Development Framework

(cf 11 12(v)/09) In a letter, the District Council's Head of Planning Services acknowledged receipt of the Council's comments in respect of the draft Core Strategy for the Local Development Framework.

The Council reviewed those comments, in the light of the minutes of meetings about the TIF bid (see Minute 1.07) and observations made by Mr J A Swift in presenting his apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: That the additional comment below be submitted to the District Council in respect of the draft Core Strategy:

"My Council recalls that the draft core strategy included recognition of the probable need for park and ride facilities to the north of Reading. My Council is concerned that there appear, presently, to be no clear proposals for park and ride facilities. The impact of insufficient such sites to the north of Reading on the existing infrastructure in the 5 villages in this Parish could be significant.

In the circumstances, my Council suggests that yours should be wary about stated support for such facilities through the Core Strategy.”

#### 1.18 OXFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Council noted an update for members published by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils in April 2009.

#### 1.19 FOOTPATH NO 3

(cf 6.13.08) By letter, a Rights of Way Officer of the County Council advised that his Council was considering another application made by the owners of May Lodge, Cane End to divert footpath no 3, under the provisions of Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980. There had been 4 objections to the previous proposed diversion, upon which the County Council had consulted informally in October 2008. The revised proposal was for the path to run diagonally, in a southwesterly direction, across the paddock from Withy Copse to Park Lane, Cane End. Comments were invited on the proposed diversion.

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised to the proposed diversion of footpath no 3.

#### 1.20 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

The Summer 2009 edition of the County Council's Home 2 School Newsletter was passed to Mrs S M Biggs.

#### 1.21 PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee advised that the Committee had met on 13 May 2009, when it had discussed:

- progress with the replacement of the Pavilion, including impending visits by representatives of funding agencies;
- the contributions to the cost of the Recreation Ground made by the Cricket and Football Clubs;
- conflicts between the playing seasons of the 2 clubs.

#### 1.22 DATES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED: 1 That the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 30 June 2009 at 8pm.

2 That meetings of the Council be held on the following Wednesdays at 8pm:

22 July 2009	18 November 2009	17 February 2010
23 September 2009	16 December 2009	24 March 2010
21 October 2009	20 January 2010	21 April 2010

3 That the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on 21 May 2010 at 8pm.