

KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Church Room, Kidmore End on Wednesday 21 July 2010 at 8.00pm and concluded at 8.55pm.

Present: A K Martin (Chairman), R S Young (Vice-Chairman), Mrs S M Biggs, R C Gutteridge, Mrs S Hall, R G McQuillan, J A Swift QC.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr J D M McNie, Mrs M S Rowland, R A H Peasgood (district councillor), Mrs C Y Viney (county councillor).

3.01 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2010 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the amendment of resolution 2 in Minute 2.07 to refer to the "Playing Fields Committee" and the heading of Minute 2.11 to read "PROVISION OF ORDNANCE SURVEY DATA".

3.02 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The Clerk read a report from Mr R A H Peasgood, a district councillor for the Shiplake ward, covering:

- consideration and consultation by his Council on the possible governance arrangements – directly elected mayor or "strong" leader – as required by Government;
- postponement of publication of the core strategy of the local development framework;
- propose closure of Didcot Magistrates' Court by Her Majesty's Courts' Service;
- his Council's new website search facility relating to tree preservation orders and conservation areas.

Members wondered whether there would be any changes to the regime of domestic waste and recycling collections.

3.03 OPEN SESSION

During the Open Session, Mrs A D Thiam of The Hamlet, Gallowstree Common reported that the catch on one of the gates into the play area at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground, and the wendy house there, needed repair. The Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee undertook to arrange for the necessary work to be undertaken.

3.04 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

(2.04/10) Members noted that the housing needs survey and questionnaire, as approved at the last meeting, had been delivered to every dwelling in the Parish. It was expected that the report arising from the survey, to be compiled by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, would be submitted to the Council's next meeting, on 29 September 2010.

In a letter, the Rev J Macdonald Smith of Evesham, Worcestershire, who was Vicar of Kidmore End from 1963 to 1982, set out his opposition to the use of the glebe land in Kidmore End for affordable housing, given that the land was presently used as a market garden.

RESOLVED: That the Rev Macdonald-Smith be thanked for his observations.

3.05 RECREATION GROUND, GALLOWSTREE COMMON

(i) Pavilion

(cf 2.07(i)/10) By letter, the Grants Officer of the District Council advised that the grant of £200000 from the District Council's Community Investment Fund, for the replacement of the pavilion at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground, had been extended to 2 July 2011. The letter indicated further documentation required by the District Council in connection with the project and the grant.

Mr F R E Curzon of Sonning Common wrote, on behalf of the Cricket Club, seeking permission to station a storage container at the Recreation Ground, during the course of the building contract, to accommodate equipment which the Club wished to retain. Mr Curzon indicated that the container would not exceed 4 metres in height or 200 cubic metres in capacity.

The Clerk advised that a local authority could erect a small ancillary building on land belonging to or maintained by the authority, required for the purposes of any function exercised by them, as permitted development under the provisions of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, as amended. Any "small ancillary building" was not to exceed 4 metres in height or 200 cubic metres in capacity.

The Clerk suggested that the Council make arrangements for any urgent decisions required before the next meeting, in connection with the project.

RESOLVED:1 That a storage container, within the permitted development dimensions, be sited at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground, at the expense of the Kidmore End Cricket Club, for the duration of the contract to replace the Pavilion.

2 That Vice-Chairman be authorised to settle the siting of the container, following liaison with the architect retained by the Council and the contractor executing the building works, and agree the duration of its stationing on the site.

3 That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to take action, as necessary, between meetings of the Council, in respect of the project to replace the Pavilion at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground.

(ii) Dogs

(cf 2.07(ii)/10) The Vice-Chairman reported further discussion at a meeting of the Playing Fields Committee, when members of the Committee had expressed their appreciation of the actions taken by residents to reduce the incidence of dog fouling at the Recreation Ground, but mentioned their own experiences in removing dog faeces on consecutive days, earlier in July 2010. The Committee was minded to seek the installation of a larger or second dog hygiene bin. The Committee had not supported the imposition of a dog control order at this time.

Members commented that the problems might be caused by persons who walked dogs as a business, resorting to the Recreation Ground from outside the Parish.

3.06 OXFORDSHIRE NATURE CONSERVATION FORUM

(cf 2.10/10) In view of her absence, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of the report by Mrs M S Rowland on Biodiversity News 2010 be again deferred to the next meeting.

3.07 HEALTH NEWS

(cf 2.12/10) In view of her absence, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of the report of Mrs J E O'Sullivan on Health News be again deferred to the next meeting.

3.08 HIGH SPEED RAIL

(cf 2.18/10) In an e-mail, an Administration Officer from the Chilterns Conservation Board urged parish and town councils to express opposition to the proposal in the Government's consultation on the possible high speed rail route from London to Birmingham.

3.09 OXFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

(cf 2.19/10) The Council noted updates for members published by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils in May and June 2010, matters deferred at the last meeting.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the update for members published by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils in July 2010 be deferred to the next meeting, except that it be observed that highway flooding often took place near Kidmore End and Tokers Green ponds, on the road to the south of the Palm Tree restaurant at Cane End, in Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common near the allotments, and in Tokers Green Lane, Kidmore End, at the junction with Butlers Orchard..

3.10 FINANCE

(i) Balances

The Clerk reported that balances at the bank totalled £30,270.71.

(ii) Accounts for payment

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

W A B Grove Ltd – Internal auditor fee	£142.41
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3.11 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Decisions

The Council noted that the applications for

extension of time for 2 storey extensions to side elevation at Field Close, Wood Lane, Kidmore End;
stable block at Collegewood Farmhouse, Cane End;
replacement conservatory to rear of High Thatch, Chalkhouse Green Road, Chalkhouse Green;
variation to parking condition for erection of 2 bedroom dwelling at 10 Craysleaze, Kidmore End

had been permitted conditionally.

(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:

Detached garage at Greenacres, Rokeby Drive, Tokers Green;
Single storey extension to form living room at Brickies, Tokers Green Lane, Tokers Green.

3.12 LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Communications and Engagement Manager of NHS Oxfordshire enclosed, with a letter, a leaflet indicating how the public could register with the Primary Care Trust in order to have a say in how local health services were designed and delivered.

3.13 HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

A Service Development Officer from the County Council's Waste Management Group, sent, with an e-mail, details of a proposal by her Council to introduce a van permit scheme at the Council's household waste recycling centres. The scheme, whereby free permits would be issued to drivers of vans and users of certain sized trailers, was designed to prevent trade waste being deposited at recycling centres.

Members expressed concern that the restrictions might lead to increased fly tipping.

3.14 GOOD EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE

A guide to good employment practice, entitled "Being a Good Employer: A Guide for Parish & Town Councillors", supplied by the National Association of Locals Councils via the Oxfordshire Association, was passed to the Chairman.

3.15 PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee advised that the Committee had met on 14 July 2010, when it had discussed the project to replace the pavilion at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground and there had been a long debate about the issue of dog fouling the Ground. There were concerns about the length of the contract for the building project, which might lead to the Cricket Club being unable to fulfil fixtures in the early part of the season. A grant of £5,000 for the project had been received from the Garfield Weston Foundation.