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To be confirmed at the meeting of the Council to be held on 16 December 2020 KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 8.00pm and concluded at 9.15pm.

Present: Dr C D Aldridge (Chairman), Ms S M Biggs (Vice-Chairman), J M Ducker, Mrs S Hall, A P Harland, I G C Pearson, T M Perchard, J A Swift QC, A Whyles (from Minute 6.06).

Also present: P H Dragonetti (district councillor).

Apologies for absence were received from Ms A S O'Reilly.

6.01 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2020 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Particular reference was made to Minute 5.15, the accuracy of which had been challenged by a resident, Mr A McAslan of Tokers Green Lane, Kidmore End. Copies of 2 e-mails from Mr McAslan had been circulated to all Members prior to the meeting.

6.02 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr P H Dragonetti, the district councillor for the Kidmore End & Whitchurch ward, had circulated a report, in advance of the meeting, covering

- his Council's intention to take over enforcement of on-street parking restrictions from the Police;
- the ending of the consultation on the main modifications to the Local Plan 2035;
- his Council's corporate plan;
- a consultation on carparking charges across the District;
- the councillor call-in process in respect of planning applications, to ensure their consideration by the Planning Committee.

Mr Dragonetti confirmed that his Council would consider the modified Local Plan at a series of meetings in December 2020.

Later in the meeting, Mr Dragonetti referred to grant funding, to be awarded at his discretion, for projects in his Ward.

6.03 OPEN SESSION

During the Open Session,

- Mr A McAslan of Tokers Green Lane, Kidmore End read a statement challenging the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council held in October 2020 and posed the question "Did you agree the draft plan in principle, or did you agree in principle to start the consultation process?";
- Mr C Fink of Kidmore Lane, Kidmore End explained his objections to the planning application for The Old Farmyard, Kidmore Lane;
- Mr I Elliott of Kidmore Lane, Kidmore End advised that he shared Mr Fink's objections.

6.04 TOKERS GREEN POND

(cf 5.03/20) Mr A P Harland reported on his search for contractors to clear the sediment from

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Tokers Green pond, and asked questions about the provenance of the figure for the project included in the Council's budget for 2020/21.

6.05 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

(cf 5.04/20) Mr A Whyles of Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common had, by e-mail, provided some biographical details, which details had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED: That Mr A Whyles be co-opted, in accordance with Section 89 of the Local Government Act 1972, to fill the vacancy for the office of parish councillor caused by the resignation of Mr A B Gitsham.

(Mr Whyles, being present, was deemed to have signed a declaration of acceptance of office, and joined the meeting.)

6.06 GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON PLANNING AND RELATED ISSUES

(cf 5.07/20) The Council noted the response submitted by the Chiltern Society on the White Paper, "The Future of Planning".

6.07 THE REFORMATION PUBLIC HOUSE, GALLOWSTREE COMMON

(cf 5.09/20) Having now received a response to the request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for correspondence between the District Council's Planning Department and Brakspear Ltd concerning the Reformation public house, Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common, the Vice-Chairman and Mr J M Ducker were working on the Council's fifth nomination of the premises to be listed as an asset of community value. There appeared to have been little correspondence between the Department and the Company.

6.08 WEBSITE

(cf 5.18/20) It was noted that the Webmaster had reconfigured the website, for which she was thanked.

6.09 FINANCE

(i) Balances

The Clerk reported that balances at the bank totalled £45,187.82.

(ii) Accounts for payment

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

Ian Kendrick Ltd – General mowing and cutting verges	£2808.00
United Kingdom Debt Management Office – Loan repayment	£6608.24†
R F Penfold – Salary net of Income Tax	£146.00
HM Revenue & Customs – Income tax deducted	£97.33

† *To be paid by direct debit*

6.10 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Decisions

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The Council noted that the applications for

demolition of single storey attached garage with first floor extension over, single storey rear extension, bike and bin store to side of garage at The Old Crown, The Hamlet, Gallowstree Common;

single storey extension to rear at The Corner House, Russell Road, Tokers Green

had been permitted conditionally.

(ii) Applications

The Council considered applications referred to it since the last meeting .

RESOLVED: 1 That no objections be made to the application to construct an outbuilding to accommodate a new larger garage and garden room, linked to the main dwelling, at Collegewood Barn, Cane End for Mr Rayner.

2 That the following comments be made on the application for demolition of existing agricultural buildings and the construction of a new single storey building to create 6 rural craft units with associated storage and toilet accommodation at The Old Farm Yard, Kidmore Lane, Kidmore End for Mr & Mrs C Leeke:

“Objection.

- The Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish is currently at Regulation 14 consultation. This use at this site does not feature in the draft Plan. The site was ruled out for development, in connection with the Plan, on highways’ grounds.
- The highway concerns remain with the proposed development, given the on-site parking provision envisioned, bearing mind the narrow carriageway in Kidmore Lane, and the significant use of that rural road by cyclists and pedestrians, particularly in connection with the 3 schools within 1 mile or so of the site.
- In addition, there is no definition of rural-based crafts in the application: the units could become used for purposes which might be anti-social to neighbours, in terms of noise and smell.
- The proposed building would change the nature and appearance of the site from agricultural to industrial, out of keeping with an almost totally residential village”.

(iii) Planning Appeal

(cf 2.12(iii)/20) A copy letter from the Planning Inspectorate indicated that the inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, had allowed the appeal against the refusal of the District Council to grant planning permission for a single storey extension to existing garage/outbuilding at Oakridge Farm, Wood Lane, Kidmore End.

6.11 HOMESTART SOUTHERN OXFORDSHIRE

By e-mail, the Development Manager of Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire requested the Council to consider making a donation to the organisation, which provided support to vulnerable families across southern Oxfordshire who had at least one child under the age of 5.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the request be deferred to later in the financial year.

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6.12 CLUB SC

By e-mail, the Youth Leader of Sonning Common Parish Council requested the Council to consider making a financial contribution to the Sonning Common Youth Club (Club SC), a local community run and funded club, hitherto based at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge School, but latterly at the Kidmore End War Memorial Hall, because of the restrictions imposed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Year 6 pupils from Kidmore End School were eligible to join.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the request be deferred to later in the financial year.

6.13 OXFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Council noted an update for members published by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils in October 2020.

6.14 THE CHILDREN'S AIR AMBULANCE

By e-mail, the Community Fundraising Executive of the Children's Air Ambulance requested the Council to consider making a donation to the organisation, which provided an intensive care life-saving transfer service for neonates, babies and children, with one of its 2 helicopters being based at Oxford Airport.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the request be deferred to later in the financial year.

6.15 READING GOLF CLUB

(cf 4.12(viii)/20) The Council noted copies of letters sent by Keep Emmer Green (KEG) to the County and District Councils about the potential impact of the residential development of that part of the Reading Golf Club course in the Borough of Reading and an e-mail from Ms J Townend of Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green expressing concern about the potential increased use of the entrance to the Golf Club carpark at the junction of Tanners Lane with Kidmore End Road.

6.16 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

The Vice-Chairman reported that the NDP Steering Group had launched the consultation of the draft Plan, under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. She indicated that the consultation period might need to be extended.

6.17 PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee reported that the Committee had met on 11 November 2020. Given the second Covid-19 lockdown, as a result of which the Diamond Jubilee Pavilion was again closed, there was little to report. However, it was possible that the Committee would receive a further business interruption grant from the Government. In the meantime, arrangements were being made for the members of the Committee to meet informally about the future management of, and funding for, the Pavilion.

6.18 TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

It was reported that Mr J A Swift had retired as a member of the Transport Committee. The Council considered filling the vacancy so caused.

The Vice-Chairman reported on her meeting with an officer of the County Council to discuss the concerns about traffic speeds expressed by members of the public at the September meeting of the Council. She

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had circulated notes from the meeting to all Members, prior to the meeting of the Council. She intended to share the outcome of the meeting with the members of the public who had raised the issues.

RESOLVED: 1 That Mr T M Perchard and Mr A Whyles be appointed as members of the Transport Committee, for the period to the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2021.

2 That consideration of the outcomes from the meeting between the Vice-Chairman and the officer of the County Council be deferred to the next meeting.

6.19 MEETINGS, CONFERENCES ETC

The Vice-Chairman advised she had attended a planning meeting at the Chilterns Conservation Board.