

## KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL

### DECISIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER UNDER THE POWERS DELEGATED TO HIM BY THE COUNCIL ON 27 APRIL 2021, FROM 7 TO 19 MAY 2021

The Clerk has

1	Noted that the County Council continues to classify the fence adjacent to the carriageway in Tokers Green Lane, Tokers Green as encroachment on the highway, and requires its removal by 2 June 2021	7 May 2021
2	Noted that no election had been requested to fill the vacancy for parish councillor	9 May 2021
3	Noted the re-election of Mr K Bulmer as county councillor for the Goring division	10 May 2021
4	In consultation with the Chairman, renewed the Council's Zoom licence for one year	10 May 2021
5	Noted the contents of the letter of apology from the Hon Secretary of the Kidmore End Cricket Club to the Kidmore End Playing Fields Committee and the Council regarding the cricket practice nets at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground, sent to the Chairman of the Committee on 21 April 2021	10 May 2021
6	Noted that a long-serving recently retired councillor, Mrs Sarah Hall, passed away on 10 May 2021	11 May 2021
7	Given that virtual meetings had been unlawful since 7 May 2021, and the continuing restrictions covering indoor gatherings, following consultation with the Chairman, cancelled the meeting of the Council scheduled for 19 May 2021	12 May 2021
8	Noted that the Kidmore End Cricket Club had submitted an application for planning permission for the extended cricket practice nets	12 May 2021
9	Noted the installation of a "gate" and replacement 30mph speed limit sign at the west "entrance" to Gallowstree Common and the restoration of "30" roundels and "Slow" markings on the carriageway in Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common	17 May 2021
10	Noted determination of planning applications by the District Council, as follows:  <i>Permitted</i> Installation of 10kw solar panel system at The Old Orchard, Wood Lane, Kidmore End; Enlargement and alterations to dormer windows on front	18 May 2021

	<p>elevation at Treetops, Elm Road, Tokers Green;          Replace existing outbuildings with single storey rear and side extensions at Haystacks, The Hamlet, Gallowstree Common;          Excavation and installation of new swimming pool and associated plant at Trees, Wood Lane, Kidmore End;          Construction of a timber frame outbuilding in rear garden, removal of chimney stack and construction of a timber and brick porch on front of Tember, Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End</p> <p><i>Refused</i>          Demolition of existing agricultural outbuildings and construction of a single storey building to create 6 rural craft units, with associated storage and toilet accommodation at The Old Farm Yard, Kidmore Lane, Kidmore End</p>	
11	Noted the oral report of the Chairman on the annual inspection of the 2 play areas: some minor repairs were required.	19 May 2021
12	Following informal consultation with Members, deferred, to a future meeting, consideration of the report by Mr A R R McAsland and Ms S Matthews on dog fouling	19 May 2021
13	<p>Following informal consultation with Members, set dates for the Council's meetings in the "municipal" year 2021/22 as follows:</p> <p>23 June 2021            17 November 2021    23 March 2022          21 July 2021            15 December 2021    20 April 2022          22 September 2021    19 January 2022      18 May 2022          20 October 2021      16 February 2022</p>	19 May 2021
14	Following informal consultation with Members, fixed the venue for the next meeting as the Diamond Jubilee Pavilion at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground	19 May 2021
15	Following informal consultation with Members, appointed Mr A R R McAslan to liaise with the contractor repainting the former telephone kiosk at Cane End	19 May 2021
16	Noting that the Council's balances were £52,695.09, following informal consultation with Members, approved the payments set out in Appendix 1	19 May 2021
17	Following informal consultation with Members, approved the action of the Plans Sub-Committee as set out in Appendix 2	19 May 2021
18	<p>Following informal consultation with Members, decided to send the following responses on planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement single-storey extension to rear of</li> </ul>	19 May 2021

	<p>Maplecote, The Hamlet, Gallowstree Common - No objections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barn for storing hay on land at Bishopswood Farm, Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common (<i>second consultation</i>) - The Council is opposed to this proposed development, because <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council supports the statement of the Chilterns Conservation Board that the proposal is too big, out of place and intrusive;</li> <li>It objects to the filling of green spaces between built communities, as it impacts the visual amenity of this area within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	
19	Following informal consultation with Members, decided not to submit written representations to the Inspector in respect of the appeal by T A Fisher & Sons Ltd against refusal by the District Council of the application for a variation of a condition in respect of the planning permission for land to the rear of 44 Kennylands Road, Sonning Common [Parish of Sonning Common].	19 May 2021
20	Noted that the appeal by Bioabundance CIC against the refusal of leave to seek judicial review of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan had been dismissed, and costs awarded against the Company	19 May 2021
21	Following informal consultation with Members, noted the update for members issued by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils in April 2021, and, arising therefrom, undertook to draft, with the Chairman, comments in response to the Government's call for evidence in respect of virtual meetings	19 May 2021
22	Noted that Kidmore Lane, Sonning Common would be temporarily closed to traffic on 8 and 9 July 2021, for telecoms works	19 May 2021
23	Following informal consultation with Members, decided to put information about the Great British Spring Clean (28 May to 13 June 2021) on the Council's website	19 May 2021
24	Following informal consultation with Members, noted the report of the Kidmore End Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group. <i>[A copy of the report will be inserted in the Minute Book]</i>	19 May 2021
25	Following informal consultation with Members, noted the report of the Chairman of the Kidmore End Playing Fields Committee and a statement about the governance of the Committee. <i>[Copies of the report and statement will be inserted in the Minute Book]</i>	19 May 2021
26	Following informal consultation with Members, urged the	19 May 2021

	Kidmore End Playing Fields Committee to complete its governance review by 30 September 2021	
27	Noted that gates had been installed in place on stiles on footpath 10, between Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End and Emmens Lane	19 May 2021
28	In light of the speed survey results reported by, and the recommendation of, the Transport Sub-Committee, as set out in Appendix 3, and following informal consultation with Members, requested the County Council to make an order for the reduction of the speed limit on the following roads in Tokers Green to 20mph: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tokers Green Lane from the County boundary northwards to a point (to be agreed with the County Council) north of Little Croft;</li> <li>• Rokeby Drive from its junction with Tokers Green Lane westwards to the parish boundary.</li> </ul>	19 May 2021
29	Advised Reading Borough Council and Mapledurham Parish Council of the above decision	19 May 2021
30	Following informal consultation with Members, deferred consideration of the report by Mr A R R McAslan on governance arrangements to a future meeting and, in the meantime, encouraged Members to comment direct to Mr McAslan on the report	19 May 2021
31	Following informal consultation with Members, agreed a suggestion by the Chairman that the Council support 2 community groups in terms of seeking public liability insurance cover for them via the Council's policy, provided that there is no additional cost to the Council	19 May 2021
32	Noted that the damaged notice board opposite the well in Kidmore End had been taken into safe storage, and, following informal consultation with Members, approached Soha Ltd for permission to site a replacement board at the entrance to Craysleaze	19 May 2021

## APPENDIX 1

In accordance with Financial Regulation 5.2, the schedule of accounts for payment is:

R F Penfold - Printing	£8.30
R F Penfold - Duckhouse (Reimbursement)	£365.00
Playsafety Ltd - Annual inspection of play areas	£202.20
Bluestone Planning Partnership LLP - Settlement character appraisal and basic conditions' statement (NDP) (Replacement cheque)	£6570.00
R F Penfold - Zoom licence for 1 year (Reimbursement)	£143.88
United Kingdom Debt Management Office - Loan repayment	£6540.99
R F Penfold - Salary net of Income Tax	£146.00
HM Revenue & Customs - Income tax deducted	£97.33

## APPENDIX 2

### Register of applications considered by Plans Sub-Committee

Plan No	Date Received	Applicant	Proposal	Observations
P21/S1258/HH	08.04.21	Mrs H Kirkland	Construction of timber frame outbuilding in rear garden, removal of a chimney stack and construction of timber and brick porch at front of Tember, Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End	No objections
P20/S1320/HH (amended plan)	19.04.21	Mr & Mrs Felwick	Replace existing outbuildings with single storey rear and side extensions (and garage) at Haystacks, The Hamlet, Gallowstree Common	No objections
P21/S1659/AG	22.04.21	B W Farms	Barn for storing hay on land at Bishopswood Farm, Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common	See below
P21/S1492/FU L	22.04.21	Mr & Mrs Skinner	Alterations to approval P19/S1436/HH and division into 2 residential units at Alazan Oak, Reading Road, Cane End	No objections
P21/S1633/FU L	24.04.21	Anderson Orr Architects Ltd	Variation of condition 2 of application P20/S1323/FUL - replacement of velux windows from garage roof by new dormer window - at Oakbank, 19 Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green	No objections
P21/S1398/FU L	25.04.21	Mr & Mrs Murdoch	Proposed garden room, ancillary accommodation and alterations at The Old Orchard, Wood Lane, Kidmore End	No objections

#### Comments on application P21/S1659/AG

There is no basis for the Council objecting to this application as permitted development.

The Council wishes to observe, however, that

1 the building is out of scale for its location, especially its proximity to mature woodland;

2 the building will be clearly visible and detracts from the appearance of an otherwise unbuilt rural location in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

## KEPC SPEED SURVEYS

### Results

Road	Situated	Mean (mph)	85 <sup>th</sup> ile (mph)
<i>Tokers Green</i>			
Tokers Green Lane	Mill Lane/Skarries View	20.99 (22.38)	27.66 (28.13)
Tokers Green Lane	Russell Road/Beech Road	19.32 (20.00)	24.89 (25.69)
Rokeby Drive		21.24 (21.74)	26.29 (27.24)
<i>Cane End</i>			
A4074	Mill Lane to Horsepond Road	34.50 (34.64)	40.07 (38.19)
A4074	Deadman's Lane to Horsepond Road	32.30 (34.86)	37.67 (41.02)
<i>Gallowstree Common</i>			
Horsepond Road	The Hamlet	29.77 (29.44)	34.56 (34.50)
Horsepond Road	Reades Lane	28.97 (27.82)	33.67 (32.92)

“Mean” - Average speed over 7 days (Bracket figure is opposite direction)

“85<sup>th</sup>ile” - The “mad” 15% who drove over the speed limit!

An “acceptable” mean speed is the speed limit, plus 10%, plus 2 miles an hour. So, for 30mph, it's 35mph, and for 40mph, it's 46mph!

To succeed at reducing the limit to 20 mph, the “mean” speed must show a maximum of 24mph. This proves that drivers are already driving at the lower speed anyway.

### Tokers Green Lane and Rokeby Drive

The “mean” speeds are ideal for a reduction 20mph, as they fall under the 24mph maximum. With Council's approval, we can proceed without further measures. Part of Rokeby Drive is in Mapledurham. The total cost of reducing the limit will be in the region of £5,000 (excluding VAT).

### Cane End and Horsepond Road

The “mean” speeds show there is no problem on either of these road stretches - other than the mad 15%, who don't have any influence on the final assessment.

It is good news for Tokers Green, disappointing for the rest. Further conversations have been requested regarding Cane End and Horsepond Road, because these results are difficult to comprehend. Radar was used at Cane End which was difficult for drivers to see, so that also adds to the strange result.