

KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held the Diamond Jubilee Pavilion, Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground on Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 8.00pm and concluded at 10.20pm.

Present: Dr C D Aldridge (Chairman), T M Perchard (Vice-Chairman), A P Bowley, J M Ducker, A P Harland, I G C Pearson.

Apologies for absence were received from Prof J W Almond, Ms S Matthews, P H Dragonetti (district councillor).

5.01 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2021 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

5.02 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr K Bulmer, the county councillor for the Goring division, had sent 2 e-mails, about

- his Council's approach to securing the cutting of hedges adjacent to the public highway;
- the closure of the Oakley Wood recycling centre on 16 and 17 November 2021, for maintenance and cleaning.

5.03 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

In presenting his apologies for absence, Mr P H Dragonetti, the district councillor for the Kidmore End & Whitchurch ward, spoke to his report, which covered

- the resumption of his Council's garden waste collection service;
- his Council's response to the consultation on Oxfordshire Plan 2050;
- motions adopted at the recent meeting of his Council;
- the resettling of Afghan refugees by his Council;
- the introduction of a simplified Community Speed Watch scheme;
- grants available from his Council.

5.04 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

It was reported that Mr A Whyles had, by e-mail, resigned as a parish councillor that day.

RESOLVED: That Mr A Whyles be thanked for his service to the community as a Member of the Council since November 2020.

5.05 CANINE FAECES

(cf 4.08/21) In the absence of Ms S Matthews, it was again

RESOLVED: That consideration of the report by Mr A R R McAslan and Ms S Mathews on dog fouling be deferred to the next meeting.

5.06 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

(cf 4.10/21) With an e-mail, an officer of the County Council gave notice of the temporary closure, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, of The Hamlet, Gallowstree Common from 12 to 14 October 2021, for emergency service pipe repairs.

5.07 TOKERS GREEN POND

(cf 4.11/21) Members were reminded that there were 2 further matters raised by Mr I Beale of Tokers Green Lane, Tokers Green, when he addressed the Council at its meeting in June 2021 – cleaning the filters on highway drainage inflows to the Tokers Green pond, and protection of the edges of the green at the pond against erosion caused by vehicles. In connection with the latter, flints had been arranged at one of the corners of the green. The Vice-Chairman offered to enquire about the inflow filters.

RESOLVED: That the County Council be requested to clean the filters on the highway drainage into Tokers Green pond and that the advice of the County Council be sought on steps to reduce erosion of the green near the pond.

5.08 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

(cf 4.12/21) The Clerk advised that the total sum of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies held by District Council on the Council's behalf was now £43,464.62.

5.09 GALLOWSTREE COMMON RECREATION GROUND – PURCHASE OF LAND

(cf 4.16/21) It was reported that the purchase of the land between the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground and New Copse had been completed on 1 October 2021.

Mr I G C Pearson advised that he was seeking prices for materials for the fencing to be erected as a condition of the purchase.

5.10 CONSULTATION ON OXFORDSHIRE WASTE AND RECYCLING

(cf 4.19/21) The Chairman advised that she had responded to the consultation on Oxfordshire waste and recycling, indicating that facilities for recycling and waste disposal needed to be as close as possible to where people lived.

5.11 JOHN HOWELL MP

(cf 4.20/21) No invitation, to meet John Howell MP, had been received.

5.12 TOKERS GREEN – PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

(cf 4.21/21) An officer in the County Council's Environment and Place division advised, by e-mail, that the statutory consultation, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, on the proposed 20 mph speed limit in Tokers Green and Chazey Heath (as set out in detail at the last meeting) had started on 29 September and would run until 29 October 2021. The Chairman urged Members to respond to the consultation.

5.13 FINANCE

(i) Balances

The Clerk reported that balances at the bank totalled £44,759.15. He advised that this included a grant of £2,155 from Groundwork, towards aspects of the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

(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 – Trimming hedge in play area at Gallowstree Common	£264.00
Oxfordshire County Council – Vehicle speed survey, Gallowstree Common	£144.00
R F Penfold – Salary net of Income Tax	£146.00
HM Revenue & Customs – Income tax deducted	£97.33

(iii) Budget monitoring

The Council noted a report of the Clerk showing expenditure, up to 30 September 2021, against the approved budget for 2021/22. The report showed a predicted overspend at year end of £737, excluding capital payments and if the Council otherwise spent in accordance with the budget.

5.14 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Decisions

The Council noted that the applications for

proposed 2 storey infill extension plus first floor extension to dormer at Thurlestone, Elm Road, Tokers Green;
single storey rear extension at 3 Craysleaze, Kidmore End;
convert existing garage to habitable room at Mayfield, Hazelmoor Lane, Gallowstree Common;
exterior pool at The Old Dairy, Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green;
proposed erection of rear garden pavilion at Inisfree, Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End

had been permitted conditionally and that the applications for

prior approval for barn for storing hay on land at Bishopswood Farm, Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common;
certificate of lawful development for change of use to provide further residential garden space at Holly Tree Farm, Kidmore Lane, Kidmore End

had been refused.

(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:

convert existing garage to habitable room at Mayfield, Hazelmoor Lane, Gallowstree Common;
exterior pool at The Old Dairy, Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green (amended plan);
proposed erection of rear garden pavilion at Inisfree, Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End;
change of use and extension of former public house to provide veterinary surgery, demolition of outbuilding and erection 1x 3 bed and 1x 4 bed houses at the Reformation, Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common (amended plan);
demolition of part of existing dwelling and detached garage and erection of 4-bedroom 2-storey dwelling at Oldfield House, Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common (amended plan);
side and rear extension at Felix Lodge, Wood Lane, Kidmore End (amended plan).

(iii) Proposed development on land between Coopers Pightle and Butlers Orchard, Kidmore End

(cf 4.18(iii)/21)The Council noted an e-mail from Mr E Madejski about his application, with Mrs J Twibill, for the erection of 4 detached dwellings with parking and on-site turning on land between Coopers Pightle and Butlers Orchard, Kidmore End.

(vi) Oxfordshire Plan 2050

(cf 3.15(viii)/21) The Council noted the response, sent by the working party established at the last meeting, to the consultation on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050. The draft had been circulated to Members before it was sent.

(vii) Oxford-Cambridge Arc

The Council noted the general thrust of the response, sent by the working party established at the last meeting, to the consultation on the Oxford-Cambridge Arc. The intended draft had been circulated to Members before submission.

5.15 PROVISION OF BENCH

Mr D Kedge of Sonning Common asked the Council, by letter, to consider providing a bench, for the ease of walkers, on the large green area at the southern end of Emmons Lane, Kidmore End. Members noted that the area of land was not owned by the Council, nor was it registered as common land: the consent of the landowner would be required. In addition, Members were not aware of wider demand for the facility.

RESOLVED: That no steps be taken to provide a bench at the southern end of Emmons Lane, Kidmore End, at this time.

5.16 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.

5.17 CHURCHYARD OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, KIDMORE END

(cf 1.13/21)The Treasurer of the Parish of Kidmore End and Sonning Common requested the Council to consider making a contribution towards the cost of works to the trees in churchyard of St John the Baptist, Kidmore End.

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

5.18 TOKERS GREEN LANE, TOKERS GREEN – ENCROACHMENT ON HIGHWAY

(cf 11.17/21) A technical officer in Highway Records at the County Council, by e-mail, advised that the case about encroachment of the highway at The Coppice, Russell Road, Tokers Green had been closed, following the removal of the fence adjacent to the carriageway in Tokers Green Lane.

5.19 OXFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Council noted an update for members published by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils in September 2021, with particular reference to the paragraph about the Government's Platinum Jubilee website.

5.20 ETHICAL STANDARDS' TRAINING

By e-mail, the Democratic Services Manager of the District Council gave details of refresher training sessions, on the behaviours expected under the ethical standards' regime, for parish councillors and clerks. The sessions would be held virtually on 9 and 18 November 2021.

The Chairman encouraged Members to attend the training sessions.

5.21 CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT

The County Council's Cabinet Member for Traffic Management, in a letter, reminded that civil parking enforcement would be introduced on 1 November 2021 in South Oxfordshire. Enforcement of on-street restrictions would be managed by the County Council's contractors, Conduent Public Sector UK Ltd. The Cabinet Member asked that parish councils advise his Council of where enforcement of restrictions would make a difference. He also referred to a review of existing restrictions and the introduction of new restrictions.

RESOLVED: That the County Council be asked to enforce the parking restrictions in Chalkhouse Green Road and Tokers Green Lane, Kidmore End, in the vicinity of Kidmore End School.

5.22 COUNTY COUNCIL'S NEW PRIORITIES

The Leader of the County Council, in an e-mail, gave details of online workshops, on 18 and 21 October 2021, to introduce the new 9 priorities of her Council's Cabinet. The Chairman had attended the workshop on 18 October and had circulated a report (21/22-13) about the workshop.

5.23 READING GOLF CLUB

(cf 4.18(v)/21) A founder member of KEG (Keep Emmer Green) sought, in an e-mail, support from the Council for the development of an arboretum on what was the Reading Golf Club course, the arboretum to form the base for fitness trails, sensory areas and open air theatre events etc.

RESOLVED: That the proposal be noted with interest, and that KEG be requested to keep the Council appraised of developments.

5.24 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

The Council noted a report (21/22 - 14) by Ms S M Biggs, on behalf of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

It was reported that the Examiner had granted an extension of time, to 19 November 2021, for receipt of the Council's response to his note of clarification. The response would, therefore, be settled at the next meeting.

5.25 KIDMORE END PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

(i) General

The Council noted a report (21/22 - 15) by the Chairman of the Kidmore End Playing Fields Committee.

(ii) Draft constitution

The Council considered the draft charity constitution for the Kidmore End Playing Fields Committee, adopted by the Committee at its meeting on 8 September 2021, by 3 votes to 2.

Following a lengthy and wide-ranging discussion, covering not only the draft constitution but other matters relating to the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground, the Diamond Jubilee Pavilion, the Playing Fields Committee and its relationship with the Council, it was

RESOLVED: That the Kidmore End Playing Fields Committee be asked to reconsider the draft constitution, mainly because, as drafted, trustees appointed by the Council (the owners of the Recreation Ground) would not have an overall majority.

5.26 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the meeting, pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, during consideration of the following item on the grounds that exempt information, under paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Act shown below, would be discussed:

Item	Paragraph
Allotments	1
Kidmore End Play Area – Access	1

5.27 ALLOTMENTS

The Council decided to revise the waiting list of persons seeking tenancies of allotments at Cane End or Gallowstree Common, in order to give priority to residents of the Parish and that plots at the Gallowstree Common site be divided in half, as and when they become vacant. It also took decisions about individual plots at the Gallowstree Common site.

5.28 KIDMORE END PLAY AREA – REQUEST FOR ACCESS

The Council granted access over the Kidmore End Play Area, in order that a resident's contractors could repair the septic tank in the rear garden of an adjoining property, subject to requirements about indemnity, restoration of site etc.