

## KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held the Diamond Jubilee Pavilion, Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground on Wednesday 19 January 2022 at 8.00pm and concluded at 9.10pm.

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

Also present: P H Dragonetti (district councillor).

Apologies for absence were received from Prof J W Almond.

### 8.01 MINUTES

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

### 8.02 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr P H Dragonetti, the district councillor for the Kidmore End & Whitchurch ward, spoke to a report, circulated before the meeting, which covered

- action to reduce or prevent homelessness in the District;
- vouchers available for residents struggling with the cost of living;
- the adoption by his Council of an updated planning enforcement statement;
- the national local government finance settlement;
- his Council's new Gambling Policy;
- changes to the neighbourhood planning process.

Mr Dragonetti answered questions from Members about planning applications and planning enforcement.

### 8.03 TOKERS GREEN POND

(cf 7.06/21) It was noted that a flexible marker post had been installed on the green at the junction of Tokers Green Lane and Dysons Wood Lane, Tokers Green.

### 8.04 PLATINUM JUBILEE OF HM THE QUEEN

(cf 7.13/21) It was noted that there would be other events in the Parish to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM the Queen, as well as the Parish-wide event at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground on 5 June 2022.

### 8.05 USE OF COUNCIL E-MAIL ADDRESSES

(cf 7.14/21) The Webmaster reminded Members of the advice from the Information Commissioner's Office about the use, by councillors, of personal e-mail addresses and devices in connection with data protection compliance, which advice he had circulated to colleagues.

### 8.06 CONDUCT OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

(cf 7.15, 7.31/21) The Council was reminded that it had, in principle, adopted the model standing orders drafted by the National Association of Local Councils, with effect from the Annual Meeting in 2022.

Members noted that it had not proved necessary for the Clerk to invoke the powers delegated to him at the last meeting. However, they were reminded of the national petition, aimed at restoring the ability of

local authorities to meet remotely, as had been permitted from the summer of 2020 until 6 May 2021. Members expressed their support for the petition, and were encouraged individually to sign the petition.

RESOLVED: That the petition calling for the restoration of the ability of local authorities to meet virtually be supported.

#### 8.07 GRANTS

(cf 7.16/21) The Clerk reported receipt of e-mails of thanks from the Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council and the Clerk of Sonning Common Parish Council, and a letter of thanks from Home Start Southern Oxfordshire, in respect of the grants approved by the Council at its last meeting.

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

The Council was advised that Dr C D Aldridge had resigned as one of the Council's representatives on the Kidmore End Playing Fields Committee on 12 January 2022.

RESOLVED: That Mr A P Bowley be appointed as a representative on the Kidmore End Playing Fields Committee for the period until the next Annual Meeting.

#### 8.09 FINANCE

##### (i) Balances

The Clerk reported that balances at the bank totalled £30,869.72

##### (ii) Accounts for payment

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

Royal British Legion – Wreaths (2020 and 2021)	£80.00
Sonning Common Parish Council – Grant to Club SC (replacement)	£250.00
M Jan-Janin – Marker post for green at Tokers Green	£47.85
Green Maintenance & Interiors – Works at Gallowstree Common well	£680.00
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 31 December 2021, against the approved budget for 2021/22. The report showed a predicted overspend at year end of £2,033, excluding capital payments and if the Council otherwise spent in accordance with the budget.

#### 8.10 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING MATTERS

##### (i) Decisions

The Council noted that the applications for

decking overlooking the pond in the garden of The Copse, Mill Lane, Kidmore End;  
construction of a single storey extension in orangery style, first/second floor side extension and rear dormer at Highland Wood House, Mill Lane, Kidmore End;  
variation of conditions to allow uPVC windows at The Old Barn, Tokers Green Lane, Kidmore End;

extend existing roof to provide bedroom and bathroom accommodation on first floor, plus 2-storey extension to side at Waters Edge, Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End;  
variation of conditions (materials for garage cladding) for replacement dwelling and garage at Oakbank, Tanners Lane, Chalkhouse Green

had been permitted conditionally, that the application for prior approval for change of use of 2 agricultural buildings into 3 dwellings at Chamber Copse, Kidmore End Road, Chalkhouse Green had been refused and that the application for variation of conditions to allow resiting of access from Horsepond Road at Fox Heath Gardens, Cane End had been withdrawn.

(iii) 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:

demolition of existing 3 bay garage and construction of new outbuilding at Butlers Farmhouse, Butlers Orchard, Kidmore End;  
side and rear extension including first floor study accommodation at Ambleside, Tokers Green Lane, Tokers Green.

(iv) Tree preservation order

(cf 3.15(iv)/21) In a letter, the Head of Planning of the District Council advised that his Council had confirmed the South Oxfordshire District Council (Kidmore End Area) Tree Preservation Order No 21S13, covering 5 individual trees and a group of trees at Orchard Cottage, The Hamlet, Gallowstree Common, modified as indicated above

(v) Fox Heath Gardens, Cane End

Reference was made to the drawings accompanying the original application for the development now known as Fox Heath Gardens, Cane End, which showed a footway link through the site from Horsepond Road, near the crossroads with Park Lane, to the present bus stop location on Reading Road. The proposed footway link had been retained in the subsequent amending applications. The former vehicular access from Reading Road had been stopped up some time ago, but there was no sign yet of a pedestrian access from the site or path to the bus stop.

RESOLVED: That the District Council be requested to secure compliance with the approved plans for the development at Fox Heath Gardens, Cane End.

(vi) Reading Golf Club

(cf 4.18(v)/21) Members were reminded that Reading Golf Club and its developer partners had submitted a third application to Reading Borough Council for the residential development of that part of the golf course in the Borough. Public notices about the application required comments on the application by 11 January 2022. Following informal discussions with Members, the Chairman had concluded that the third application should be opposed, as had the earlier applications. Accordingly, she had, again after consultation with colleagues, approved the submission of the comments on the application set out in the Appendix hereto.

RESOLVED: That the action of the Chairman be approved and confirmed.

(vii) Planning Enforcement

The District Council's Head of Planning enclosed, with a letter, a copy of his Council's updated Planning Enforcement Statement 2021, devised following a review. He stressed that his Council would

continue to review all reports of alleged of planning rules and regulations. In an e-mail, the District Council issued an invitation to a virtual briefing for town and parish councils about the updated statement, to be held on 26 January 2022.

(viii) Woodcote Neighbourhood Plan

In an e-mail, the Head of Planning of the District Council consulted the Council on the reviewed Woodcote Neighbourhood Plan, which, if adopted, would replace the similar such plan adopted in 2014. The consultation period would end on 1 February 2022.

The Vice-Chairman advised that he had examined the plan. Although the parishes shared a boundary in Deadmans Lane, north of Cane End, nothing in the Woodcote Plan materially affected this Parish. He recommended, therefore, that no comments needed to be submitted.

RESOLVED That no comments be submitted on the reviewed Woodcote Neighbourhood Plan.

8.11 OXFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Council noted an update for members published by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils in December 2021, with particular reference to the paragraphs about grants for tree planting from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment and the call for the return of virtual meetings.

8.12 OXFORDSHIRE SOUTH & VALE CITIZENS' ADVICE

The Director of Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens' Advice, in an e-mail, requested the Council to consider making a financial contribution to the work of the organisation, which provided advice to local residents, including 12 residents from the Parish in 2020/21.

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

8.13 OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIVITY PLAN

By e-mails, the Infrastructure Strategy Team in Environment and Place at the County Council gave notice of the public consultation on that Council's Local Transport and Connectivity Plan, its long-term county-wide transport strategy. The consultation ran from 5 January to 16 March 2022. Details were given about a series of virtual workshops for town and parish councillors, the general public and businesses in January and February 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Transport Sub-Committee review the County Council's Local Transport and Connectivity Plan, and report thereon to the next meeting.

8.14 KIDMORE END PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

The Council considered a report (21/22 - 21) advising it of the outcome of the meeting of the Kidmore End Playing Fields Committee held on 12 January 2022.

Comment was made about grounds' maintenance works undertaken at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground on the morning of 1 January 2022.

The Chairman of the Council explained that, having resigned as one of the Council's representatives on the Playing Fields Committee, she would be in a position to, and would, make proposals to the Council about the future management of the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

#### 8.15 GALLOWSTREE COMMON RECREATION GROUND – LAND ADJACENT TO NEW COPSE

(cf 6.09/21) The Council considered a report (21/22 - 22) by the Chairman arising from her meeting with a representative of Wild Oxfordshire concerning the management of “The Slip”, the land between the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground and New Copse, acquired by the Council in October 2021.

RESOLVED: 1 That, for the time being, the management of “The Slip” remain with the Council.

2 That quotations be sought for the compilation of a report on the condition of the trees growing on “The Slip”.

3 That the practice of composting grass cuttings on the land cease.

#### 8.16 NOTICEBOARDS

(Clerk’s Action 32/21) As there had been no response from Soha Ltd to the request to site a notice board adjacent to the former telephone kiosk at the junction of Craysleaze with Wood Lane, Kidmore End, the Chairman proposed that a replacement board be erected opposite the well in Kidmore End.

RESOLVED: That a replacement noticeboard be erected opposite the well at Kidmore End.