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To be confirmed at the meeting to be held on 23 November 2022 KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Diamond Jubilee Pavilion, Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground on Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 8.00pm and concluded at 9.55pm.

Present: Dr C D Aldridge (Chairman), A P Harland (Vice-Chairman), Prof J W Almond, A P Bowley, J M Ducker, D P Malaperiman, Ms J P M Mather, I G C Pearson.

Also present: P H Dragonetti (district councillor).

6.01 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2022 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

6.02 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Reports by Mr K Bulmer, the county councillor for the Goring division, had been circulated prior to the meeting, covering

- the opening of the secondary school place application process for Year 6 children;
- consultation on further measures to restrict private car use in Oxford;
- complaints to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman about his Council, which had increased by 60% in the year to 31 March 2022.

6.03 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

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

- his Council's Councillor Grant Scheme;
- his Council's move of headquarters' offices to Abbey House, Abingdon;
- the outcome of his Council's review of business premises to identify premises not on the rates' register;
- a request by his Council to the Police & Crime Commissioner for action to address the persistent problems of vehicle speeds on the A4074 and A4130 roads;
- the recording of trees planted for the late Queen's Green Canopy;
- his Council's opposition to the creation of any investment zones, as proposed by the Government, in the District.

In answer to a question, Mr Dragonetti undertook to look into the issue of noise pollution caused by recreational aircraft flights in the airspace above the Parish.

6.04 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

(cf 5.05/22) It was reported that that the District Council's Returning Officer had advised that no election had been called to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ms S Matthews. It was, therefore, open to the Council to fill the vacancy by co-option.

6.05 WEBSITE

(cf 5.08/22) The Webmaster reported orally on progress with the project to rebuild and develop the Council's website. In answer to a question, he confirmed that the new website would comply with the current accessibility requirements.

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6.06 CODE OF CONDUCT

(cf 5.10/22) The Chairman reminded Members again about the Code of Conduct training session to be held 27 October 2022.

6.07 DOGS FOULING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

(cf 5.15/22) It was

RESOLVED: That consideration of the request by Mr J A Swift of Chalkhouse Green for the Council to educate the public about nuisance caused by dogs fouling bridleways and footpaths be deferred to the next meeting.

6.08 CANE END ALLOTMENTS

(cf 5.19/22) The Allotments' Manager reported that, having inspected the trees in question, he believed that the tenants at the Cane End allotments had themselves attended to the large overhanging branches on the trees on neighbouring land to the southern boundary of the allotments.

6.09 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

(cf 5.20/22) The Clerk advised that the District Council was holding £51,537.79 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies due to the [Parish] Council.

6.10 FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF GALLOWSTREE COMMON RECREATION GROUND

(cf 5.27/22) Mr D P Malaperiman reported orally on the consultation exercise about the proposal to create and register a new charity which would be tasked with managing the Recreation Ground and the Diamond Jubilee Pavilion at Gallowstree Common, and his initial thoughts about the future management of the facilities.

6.11 FINANCE

(i) Balances

The Clerk reported that balances at the bank totalled £41,569.70.

(ii) Accounts for payment

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

Shield Maintenance Ltd – Emptying dog hygiene bin	£10.39
Mr R J Bisgrove – Bulbs for Tokers Green pond	£283.20
Dr C D Aldridge – Printing Parish Newsletter (reimbursement)	£46.00
Dr C D Aldridge – Fee for 20's Plenty conference (reimbursement)	£114.00
Mr A D Bradbury – Refund of overpayment of rent	£7.50
R F Penfold – Salary net of Income Tax	£151.50
HM Revenue & Customs – Income tax deducted	£101.00
David Woodward – Final design work on NDP	£60.00

(iii) Budget monitoring

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The Council noted a report of the Clerk showing expenditure, up to 30 September 2022, against the approved budget for 2022/23. The report showed a predicted underspend at year end of £139, excluding capital payments and if the Council otherwise spent in accordance with the budget.

6.12 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Decisions

The Council noted that the application for replacing existing roof at Old Well Cottage, Kidmore Lane, Kidmore End had been permitted conditionally and that the application for prior approval for demolition of B1c workshops and construction of 2 detached dwellings at The Piggery, Gravel Hill, Caversham 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:

proposed 2-storey extension and redevelopment of existing dwelling at The Cottage, Park Lane, Cane End;
installation of P-shaped conservatory to rear of 3 Fox Heath Gardens, Cane End;
demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension at Bramley, Tokers Green Lane, Kidmore End.

(iii) Sonning Common Neighbourhood Plan

(cf 9.08(viii)/22) In an e-mail, an Assistant Planning Officer of the District Council advised that the District Council and the independent examiner of the Sonning Common Neighbourhood Plan Review had decided to initiate a further round of consultation on revisions made to the Plan by Sonning Common Parish Council, in the light of earlier comments by the Examiner. The principal change was the proposed allocation of the Little Sparrows' site for housing purposes. The consultation period would end on 20 October 2022.

RESOLVED: That the reviewed Sonning Common Neighbourhood Plan continue to be supported.

(iv) South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils Joint Local Plan

(cf 3.14(iv)/22) The Communications' Team of the District Council, in an e-mail, advised that that Council had published the results of the call for land and buildings available for change, part of the process in creating the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils Joint Local Plan. The District Council was assessing the submissions made on a range of environmental, heritage and physical constraints, to determine their potential "suitability", "availability" and "achievability".

Members noted that the sites under review in the Parish were:

Tokers Green Farm yard, Tokers Green
Dysons Wood Farm yard, Tokers Green
land at Highdown Avenue, Emmer Green
Reading Golf Club (north), Emmer Green
land west of Peppard Road, Emmer Green
land between Coopers Pightle and Butlers Orchard, Kidmore End
The Old Farmyard, Kidmore Lane, Kidmore End.

6.13 OXFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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The Council noted updates for members published by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils in September 2022, with particular reference to the paragraphs about ToE funding, warm hubs, next year's budget, retention of HR records, and Clear Utility Solutions.

6.14 20's PLENTY

In an e-mail, the Campaign Leader for Oxfordshire advised that the "20's Plenty" national annual conference would be held at County Hall, Oxford, on 20 October 2022. The conference fee was £95 + VAT. The Chairman had indicated a wish to attend on behalf of the Council, and, informally, Members had indicated their support for this.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman be appointed to attend the 20's Plenty national annual conference, and that her attendance be an approved duty for the purposes of expenses.

6.15 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

Given the adoption of the Kidmore End Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), it was

RESOLVED: That reports from the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group no longer be a standing item on the agenda of meetings of the Council.

6.16 KIDMORE END PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Kidmore End Playing Fields Committee reported orally on the meeting of the Committee held on 18 October 2022, covering the Committee's concerns about the increasing cost of electricity used at the Diamond Jubilee Pavilion, progress with implementation of the recommendations arising from the health and safety inspection of the Pavilion and the possible use of the Recreation Ground by a walking football group.

6.17 VILLAGES TRAFFIC GROUP

(cf 5.23(i)/22) The Chairman reported orally on the outcome of her request for volunteers amongst residents interested in methods of securing greater adherence to the speed limits on roads in the Parish. She advised that a number of persons had put themselves forward to serve on such a group, and she proposed to summon them to a meeting with a view to establishing a group, independent of the Council, to make suggestions and give advice to the Council on the subject.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and Prof J W Almond be appointed as representatives to serve on an independent group interested in methods of securing greater adherence to the speed limits on roads in the Parish.

6.18 MEETINGS, CONFERENCES ETC

The Chairman reported that she had attended Scribefest, virtually, on 14 October 2022, which event had covered future transport, web accessibility, planning for social media use, annual governance and accountability returns, healthy neighbourhoods, warm spaces and social farms and gardens.