

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on On Monday 4th of September 2017

Present	Brian Forster (Chairman)	Stephen Smith	David Hancox
		Carol Shepherd	Josie Allsworth
	With 13 members of the public and C.Cllr Mrs Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor, D.Cllr Eric Batts		
	Commenced 1905	Ended 2140	

1. **Apologies:** Ian Charlton, Keith Marley
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** the minutes of 7th August 2017, with some minor typographical amendments were recorded as being accurate records of proceedings
3. **Declarations of interest:** Steve Smith for item 8(b) and 11(a)-i
4. **Public Participation**
 - a. Thames Water: Huw Thomas gave a very interesting talk on water resources and disposal issues in the Parish as well as a wider picture in the Thames valley: water resource is gradually dwindling whilst consumption is increasing via a rolling 25 year plan. Thames Water is always trying to be more efficient as well encouraging the public to do the same. There is a chance that a new reservoir will be needed. The most likely location is near Steventon. However, given the scale of the project it is not likely that it will be realised for many years. The problems in the area were discussed. Whilst some work has been done (sewer re-lining in School Lane), there are still some flow and smell issues which were noted to be investigated (around the School Lane to Hinds Head, Field Close and Larch Close areas. It was clarified that Thames Water cannot object absolutely to planning applications but can strongly encourage appropriate water systems to be built.
 - b. General participation is included in item 5
5. **Reports from District and County Councillors**
 - a. C.Cllr Mrs Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor
 - i Pre-School finance issues and OCC rental increase: Sarah Moffat has had meetings with John Blandy School in an attempt to solve problems with maintenance and insurance.
 - ii The issue of OCC's notice to start charging residents for tipping certain items from home DIY. Those present and the Parish Council expressed their displeasure that this was being done and it will encourage irresponsible behaviour by fly tipping. Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald O'Connor was asked by the Chairman to convey these feelings to whoever is responsible for this decision.
 - iii There is a consultation document due out soon with respect of the proposed road and rail expressway between Oxford and Cambridge.
 - iv Complaints were made from those present that there was a dangerously low manhole cover and worn out white lines on the A420. This needs to be reported via Fix-My-Street.
 - b. D.Cllr Eric Batts
 - i VOWH have concerns about the OCC charging regime tipping household items at Council tips and that it would create an increase in fly tipping despite Cllr Batts saying that VOWH does have a good record of enforcement of fly tipping.
 - ii Local Plan part 2 will be approved in September 2017 and there is a Parish

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- Council briefing at Abingdon and Witney College on 19th September
- iii On 26th September VOWH launches the Vale Parish Partnership (the Beacon in Wantage) and there is also a meeting with Parish Council representatives with him and the planning Officer dealing with the Fallowfields housing application at 3pm in Southmoor Village Hall. The deadline for the consultation comments has been extended to 6th October.

6. Planning Applications

- a. The following planning applications were considered:
- i P16/V2015/HH, Little Pelham Rectory Lane Kingston Bagpuize ABINGDON OX13 5AT, Proposed new rear dormer windows, new driveway access & entrance gates, and alterations to previously approved single storey ancillary garaging to rear of main house: Amendment No 3. DH proposed no observations, seconded by SS, carried unanimously.
- b. For updates on previous Planning Applications see attached note.

7. Accounts

- a. Refer to Finance Report
- b. The Clerk suggested that in the interim period while finding a new Clerk, that due to the current backlog, some casual help is sought. This was discussed and decided concentrate on recruiting a new Clerk and use a handover period to that effect.

8. Correspondence/ Matters arising

- a. Remembrance Sunday arrangements: BF proposed that a budget for hospitality (providing food after the ceremony for the troops who attend) up to a maximum of £250 and £11.25 per head. JA seconded and it was carried unanimously.
- b. The Clerk outlined an update on the proposed works to improve the surface of Waggon Path: OCC are content with the PC undertaking the works. SS offered to contact OCC to take this issue forward. JA proposed that Sorbus was employed to provide the materials and labour (if needed) and that prices will be reported back to Council prior to starting. This proposal was seconded by DH and accepted unanimously (4-0).
- c. Land from Taylor Wimpey for the Tennis Club purposes: On 3rd July 2017 it was resolved unanimously to amend the prevailing minute (9 (b) (i) 1. 2016-19 page 86) to have the land leased to the Village Hall at a peppercorn rate) who will then lease it to the Tennis Club. The situation needs to be clarified in light of recent discussions. It is proposed that it is minuted that to revert to the original proposal to lease direct to the Tennis Club (with rights of access granted from the Village Hall). A resolution was unanimously made accordingly.
- d. CS raised an issue which arose from a request for a burial while the Clerk was on leave. No-one had complained but some unnecessary distress had been caused by the delay while the Clerk returned to work. All present were sympathetic and realised that some additional procedures were needed so this sort of thing did not occur again.

9. Requests for Donations or Support - none

10. Working Groups- none

11. Village Amenities

- a. General
- i Bus shelter (Latton Close) panel repair update was given by the Clerk. A quote from Euroshel had been received of £790 +VAT. SS (Sorbus) reported that he could acquire the correct glass panel for £140 +VAT and

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supply labour for around £200. It was proposed that Sorbus be employed to carry out the repair but as the costs were not clear that the Clerk be given discretion to proceed up to £400. This was accepted unanimously.

- ii General state of repair of the bus shelters. There is some unpleasant graffiti in various places. It was agreed to ask the Clerk to make an inventory of the repairs and cleaning required to all the bus shelters and seek quotes and report back to Council. It was noted that there is £1500 in the budget for general asset maintenance.

b. Recreation grounds

- i A letter has been received from Mr Nichols of 82 Laurel Drive requesting that the overhanging trees in the Recreation Ground are trimmed back. The Parish Council is asked to consider this request. This request was discussed: although this sort of trimming was done in the past, over the past two years or so, responses to similar requests have been responded to the effect that neighbours are free to trim back overhanging vegetation themselves.

c. Burial Ground - none

d. War Memorial

- i The Memorial Stones need cleaning this year. The Clerk had asked Abingdon Stone to undertake the task but the quote had not been received yet. After a discussion, it was resolved unanimously that the Clerk be permitted to proceed up to a value of £400.

e. Faults

- i Construction traffic from Bullocks Pit Lane is depositing mud on Faringdon Road. This was reported to 'Fix-My-Street'.
- ii Arrangements were made to clean up the broken glass around brick shelter near Latton Close.
- iii The Clerk was asked about the progress of the repairs to the playground. It was reported that Sovereign had been contacted and were still on schedule to undertake the repairs on 14th September. Also, a third quote for the repair of the clatter bridge had been received at a cost of £171.29 +VAT. It was resolved that the Clerk shall proceed to have this added to the works to be done.

12. Next meetings

- a. 18th September 2017 (if needed)
- b. 2nd October 2017
- c. 16th October 2017 (if needed)
- d. 6th November 2017
- e. 22nd November 2017 (if needed)
- f. 4th December 2017

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PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATES

The following planning applications were approved:

- i P17/V1049/RM, Land at Fallowfields Faringdon Road Southmoor, Reserved Matters application following Outline Approval (P15/V0251/O) for the erection of 43 dwellings and creation of a new access off Faringdon Road, together with open space and landscaping and ancillary works, Amended details 14 July 2017
- ii P17/V1625/HH, Yalunga Springhill Longworth Abingdon, Variation of condition 3 of planning application P16/V0490/HH to remove the flat roof and extend the roof to finish as a gable above the extension. Extension and alterations to existing dwelling. Construction of new 4-bay garage with annex above
- iii P17/V1649/FUL, Weybread Cottage Faringdon Road Longworth ABINGDON OX13 5HN, Replacement dwelling
- iv P17/V1765/LDP, Pinewood Faringdon Road Southmoor ABINGDON OX13 5AF, Permitted Development Rear Extension Replacing Existing Conservatory
- v P17/V2013/A, Land East of A415 and South of A420 Witney Road Kingston Bagpuize, request for "land acquired/coming soon" signs relating to proposed development

FINANCE REPORT

Invoices outstanding		Recipient	Value
08/08/17		A&L Garden Maintenance – burial ground INV 118	£72.00
08/08/17		Mc Cracken grass cutting Millennium Green INV 8060	£170.40
08/08/17		Mc Cracken grass cutting other areas INV 8059	£1468.80
08/08/17		LCR magazine subscription	£17.00
Invoices paid		Recipient	Value
03/08/17	01407	Village Hall Apr-Jun 2017	£111.00
03/08/17	01408	VOWH dog bins INV 90094943	£321.48
07/08/17	01410	Glasdon QEII Birthday bench 733448	£604.17
07/08/17	01411	Mc Cracken grass cutting Millennium Green INV 8015	£343.20
	Inc	Mc Cracken grass cutting other areas INV 8014	£1612.80
07/08/17	01412	A&L Garden Maintenance – burial ground INV 82	£72.00
07/08/17	01413	Sorbus Garden Care 00289 weed removal	£95.00
07/08/17	01414	BGG Garden Care inv 344/17	£240.00
Receipts		Payee	Value
02/08/17	direct	HM Revenue & Customs	£2888.18
Donations		Recipient	Value
None			
Clerk Payments			Value
07/08/17	01409	Month salary (inc expenses)	£357.94