

**KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY 14 MAY 2018 AT 7PM**

Present: Cllr B Forster Chairman, Cllr J Allsworth, Cllr I Charlton, Cllr D Hancox, and Cllr S Smith
District Cllr Eric Batts
County Cllr A Fitzgerald O'Connor

8 Members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Carol Shepherd
2. **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Brian Forster was nominated by Cllr Ian Charlton, seconded by Cllr Steve Smith. Cllr Forster unanimously elected as Chairman and signed acceptance of office.
3. **Election of Vice Chairman:** Cllr Ian Charlton nominated by Cllr David Hancox, seconded by Cllr Steve Smith. Cllr Charlton unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman. To sign acceptance of office next day (this was done).
4. **Members Leaving the Council - none**
5. **Confirmation of Committees and Representatives**
 - a. Planning Committee: all Councillors
 - b. Recreational Facilities: Cllrs Allsworth and Forster
 - c. Burial Ground – Cllrs Allsworth and Forster
 - d. Village Hall Committee – Cllr Charlton
 - e. Blandy Foundation – Cllrs Hancox and Shepherd
 - f. Faringdon Neighbourhood Area Group – Cllrs Forster and Smith
 - g. KBS News Liaison – Chairman Forster
 - h. Civil Protection Officer – Chairman Forster
 - i. Parish Transport Representative – Cllr Allsworth
 - j. Age UK – Cllr Charlton
 - k. Youth Facilities Co-ordinator – Cllr Hancox
 - l. Sports Field Committee – Cllrs Charlton, Smith & Forster
 - m. Longworth charities – Cllr Charlton
 - n. OALC – Cllr Charlton
6. **Public Participation: an adjournment of 20 minutes to allow the public to ask questions.**

Member of public asked if the Council were planning an event to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. The Chairman advised that he would contact other local parishes and the Royal British Legion to ascertain whether any special arrangements are being made. Suggestion from Cllr Smith that a joint event with other parishes could be organised.

The applicants for planning permission for a 1-bed dwelling at 56 Laurel Drive attended the meeting to request the Parish Council's support as following refusal of a previous application they believe they have heeded the planning officer's advice with regard to this latest application. District Cllr Batts feels that a precedent has been set already for this type of build and supports the application and will be calling for it to go to the Planning Committee. Cllr Charlton expressed the view that if it made it possible for young couples to stay in the village it should be approved.

The Chairman of the Tennis Club requested that, in view of length of time taken for the land transfer from the Taylor Wimpey estate to take place, the lease between Village Hall and Parish Council be agreed swiftly to allow the Tennis Club to apply for the grant needed to build the tennis courts this year. It was agreed that the following the Village Hall committee meeting the

following night, any amendments to the lease would be communicated to the solicitor by the Clerk with a view to expediting matters.

7. Reports from District and County Councillors

a. Cllr Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor reported the difficulties faced by the County Council during the particularly cold winter: gritters were out 76 times, snow ploughs 4 times and 16,000 tons of rock salt used. Potholes are being repaired as fast as possible but the funds for this are finite. £240 million is being spent on helping vulnerable people. Applications for the local fund can be made now and Cllr Fitzgerald, urged applications to be submitted early. Following a question by a member of the public Cllr Fitzgerald stated there will be an investigation into the fatal accident on by-pass near Fyfield, following which decisions will be made regarding warning signs, etc. The Chairman reported that he had received a great number of emails showing concern regarding safety on this stretch of road. He requested, asked Cllr Fitzgerald to take this back to Highways. Cllr Smith requested that the clearing back of vegetation from roads and walkways be taken back the County Council. Chairman asked that OCC review the problem of the parish's potholes. Cllr Allsworth asked what progress had been made with regard to the pedestrian crossing on the A415. It appeared that nothing had happened and it was requested that County Cllr Fitzgerald follow up this as the money had previously been secured from the legal agreement with David Wilson homes. A member of public asked about the Fallowfields signage being removed as the business has now closed.

b. Cllr Eric Batts: District Cllr Batts' report shown below as Appendix 1:

Cllr Charlton asked whether the Parish Council are given the opportunity to comment on licensing applications as he is concerned regarding an application submitted by the Co-op. Cllr Batts advised that members of the public have the right to object direct to the District Council.

8. **Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2018 and matters arising:** further to the question of provision of a health centre in the parish, the Parish Council will communicate with the White Horse Medical Practice to ascertain what the timescale is for inclusion in their plans regarding staffing a surgery in KBS. Cllr Hancox to draft the letter.

9. **Declarations of interest:** none

10. Planning Applications for consideration:

P18/V0826/HH 29 Norwood Avenue, Southmoor, construction of side extension to form ground floor living accommodation (extension to 15 May for consideration by PC requested and approved by Planning Dept): **No objection**

P18/V0854/DPO, Stable End, Kingston Bagpuize, removal of condition 3 and S106 agreement Schedule Three to allow a planning application to be made to subdivide the property: **No objection**

P18/V0960/FUL, 56 Laurel Drive, Southmoor, to build a one-bedroom dwelling: **No objection** (majority vote – one objection)

P18/V1052/FUL Middle Barn, Bullocks Pit Lane, Longworth Abingdon, variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of planning permission P17/V0940/RM to substitute the fibre cement garage cladding for brickwork. **No objection**

P18/V0447/FUL, 7 Rimes Close, Kingston Bagpuize, amendment to existing planning application (construction of 2-bed dwelling) re car parking plan: **Objection, local residents' access issues**

P18/V0939/FUL, Lower Lodge Farm Charney Road Longworth, conversion of existing barn, including new ancillary buildings: **no objection**

P18/V0940/FUL (also Lower Lodge Farm) replacement of existing barn with 1no. new dwelling, carports and works thereto: **no objections**

P18/V1117/A, The Hinds Head, Witney Road, Kingston Bagpuize, erection of 4 illuminated signs and 7 non-illuminated signs. **No objection, with recommendation that hours are stipulated for the illuminated signs.**

11. Planning Applications results:

P18/V0148/FUL, 56 Laurel Drive, Southmoor, 2-bed dwelling: **refused**

P18/V0457/LDP, 6 Stonehill Lane, Southmoor, removal of existing conservatory and construction of a rear single storey lean-to extension: **approved**

P17/V3206/FUL Fairfield/Springhill Longworth ABINGDON OX13 5HL, residential application for 5 two-storey, 4+ bedroom units with associated developments and access: **application withdrawn**

P18/V0518/HH, Hollyfield House Faringdon Road, Southmoor, proposed first floor extension above garage: **approved**

P18/V0523/FUL The Hygiene Centre Oxford Road, Change of use of premises to Kitchen Showroom: **approved**

P18/V0615/HH, 3 The Paddock, Longworth, erection of garage: **approved**

P17/V2268/FUL, Land at Fallowfields Hotel, Faringdon Road, Southmoor OX13 5BH, demolition of the former Fallowfields Hotel and all ancillary buildings, the erection of 35 residential dwellings and all associated infrastructure: **approved**

12. 2017/18 Audit:

- a. Chairman and Clerk signed Annual Governance Section 1 for external audit 2017/18.
- b. Cllr Charlton to verify bank reconciliation provided by Clerk.

13. Request from the Fyfield Land Action Group (FLAG) to endorse their submission opposing the development of the area known as the Land East of Kingston Bagpuize with the construction of 700 houses. Agreed

14. Public Open Space at Bloor Homes development: Council considered the need for public consultation on change of prospective use from provision of parkour to local equipped area of play, including the use of arts fund money to provide attractive street furniture, and how consultation will be achieved. Cllr Hancox explained that although there is money to design a parkour facility and maintain it, there is no longer money to build it. However the S106 fund stipulates the provision of a parkour, which Bloor Homes will need to renegotiate with VoWH. Council agreed that a note will be inserted in the KBS News to advise the public that they can put forward views regarding the new facility via the Clerk. Note to be composed by Cllr Hancox. The Council agreed to reimburse the Village News for cost of advertising the consultation to the amount of £25.00.

15. Accounts

For payment	Recipient		Details	Value (£)
19 Mar 2018	VoWH	Ch	Emptying dog bins	321.48
31 Mar 2018	Sorbus Garden Care	Ch	Installation of bin and transfer of dog waste	78.00

25 April 2018	Clerk	Ch	Salary (19 Mar – 30 April)	999.98
27 April 2018	VoWH	Ch	Emptying dog bins	51.34
30 April 2018	Sorbus Garden Care	Ch	Installation of litter bins	112.80
30 April 2018	Sorbus Garden Care	Ch	Tree work	78.00
30 April 2018	Sorbus Garden Care	Ch	Repair of dog bin	36.00
30 April 2018	Sorbus Garden Care	Ch	Supply and lay granite for path along playground	1296.00
30 April 2018	BGG	Ch	Litter picking April	264.00
1 May 2018	Village Hall	SO	Office hire	200.00
7 May 2018	LGRC	Ch	Locum clerk services	542.64
9 May 2018	Chairman	Ch	Cork for notice boards	35.82
10 May 2018	OALC	Ch	Clerk to attend training “The Clerk’s Year”, Burford	96.00
30 April 2018	McCracken & Son Ltd	Ch	Grass cutting	1431.00

16. Requests for donation or support – ARCh request £250 to supply trained volunteer at John Blandy School for assisted reading (email 18/04/2018). This is for the year 2018/19 and the school will pay a contribution of £170 to make up the £420 needed in total. **Agreed unanimously**

17. Village Amenities

- a. Trees and shrubs: Council agreed to appoint Andrew Maclean to remove condemned black poplar in the playground removed at a cost of £600 (stump to be left at around 1m). **Agreed**
- b. Dog and litter bins: labels for dog bins have been printed free of charge by All Labels in Kingston Business Park and will be stuck on all bins to alert the public to the fact that general landfill bins can be used for dog waste. Thanks passed to All Labels.
- c. Recreation grounds: Council to consider repair to open fronted shelter, located on Parish Council owned land on Millennium Green under duty of care. To obtain quotes to renovate.
- d. Playground – it was agreed Cllr Allsworth would do the inspection for May.
- e. Burial Ground:
 - i. Council to consider request to reserve two burial plots for parents to be next to their daughter who was buried in 2017 (email from J Godfrey Funeral Directors, 26 April). Clerk to advise J Godfrey that a review of the Council's policy for reservation of plots will occur and a decision made at that time.
 - ii. Owing to an overflow of decayed floral tributes and greenery Council to consider proposal to pay £40.50/year for brown garden bin from VoWH – **agreed**. Cllr Smith will ensure the bin put out. It was reported that maintenance to the area is needed and Sorbus will quote.
- f. War Memorial. Flags will fly 6 June 6, 27 June (Armed Forces Day), Cllr Brian Forster.
- g. Faults: none reported

18. Next meetings

- a. Tuesday 29 May 2018, 7.00pm, Swallow Room, Village Hall – Annual Village Meeting
- b. Monday 4 June 2018, 7.00pm, Swallow Room, Village Hall – Parish Council meeting
- c. Monday 2 July 2018, 7.00pm, Swallow Room, Village Hall, Parish Council meeting

Meeting concluded at 10.10pm

Appendix 1

District Council Report Eric Batts

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Local Plan: A date has now been fixed for the hearing by the planning inspector; it will commence in July and end in late August, with the inspector's decision expected by the end of the year.

We are still waiting the outcome of the governments review of the NPPF, which is still hoped to be published before the commencement of the inspectors hearing, however ever a recent change of minister may not be helpful for its publication.

I have been asked by the Fyfield action group where I stand on the 700 houses, I have informed them and put my view on record tonight, whilst I support the principle of the local plan part 2, I do not however support the site to the east of the village.

Reservoir: Firstly, thank you to all those of you who responded to my request in last month's KBS news, most responders oppose the proposal and I am now in the process of submitting my comments to Thames, you will have seen that the leader of the Vale has also written a formal letter of the objection.

Planning issues in the village: I have asked the enforcement team to carry out an investigation to the earth bunding on the Bloor Homes site, as to whether it has been constructed as per consent. I recall a bund in that location on the application but don't recall it being that high or with a fence on top of it.

Rimes Close: This is scheduled to come to committee on 30th May, I understand officers are recommending approval.

Fallow Field: The application for the demolition of the Hotel and redevelopment of the site for housing has finally been granted.

Planning application has been submitted for the new leisure centre at Wantage

Growth Deal: All Councils in the County are in the process of agreeing that common terms of reference for the deal, once this is done funding applications can be submitted to the government for infrastructure projects.

Oxford to Cambridge Expressway: The Vale are supporting the call for fuller consultation on the route, but it is likely that the government will announce a preferred route ahead of consultation

John Blandy School: Following the introduction of the new food waste collection wagons the Vale ran a competition amongst primary schools in both Vale and South to name them, I am pleased to say that John Blandy pupils were the winners in the Vale with the name Munching Molly.

Neighbourhood Action Group: I understand that a volunteer has come forward to take on the role of chairman of this group, I myself have had discussions with the deputy area police commander about the way forward for this, following notification that both the current chairman and secretary intended stand down.

New Council leader: You will be aware that Matthew Barber is standing down from this post at the annual council meeting on Wednesday evening, the ruling group meet last week to appoint a new group leader and deputy leader and it is hoped they will be confirmed as leader and deputy leader of the council on Wednesday.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the new outdoor pool at Abbey Meadow Abingdon will be officially opened on Saturday 16th

District Cllr Eric Batts