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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday 2 August 2021, 6.30pm, the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Bello, Cllr Charlton, Cllr Forster, Cllr Grant (chairman), Cllr Warr, Cllr Weeks

6 members of the public

MINUTES

62. **Apologies:** Cllr Swale (on holiday), Cllr Pearce (unwell), District Cllr Batts, County Cllr Ash
63. **Reports from** District Councillor Cllr Eric Batts and County Councillor Juliette Ash: Cllr Batts' report not received until after the meeting (appendix 1). Cllr Ash has reported an OCC senior enforcement officer has monitored works at Swannybrook Farm and did not record any breaches of the planning conditions on the two waste management planning permissions at that time of his visit. Cllr Ash is working towards helping achieve the crossing on the A415, and is awaiting information from colleagues on the costs and upkeep of SUDs such as those on the Kingston Park development.
64. **Public Participation: an adjournment of 20 minutes to allow the public to ask questions.** It was reported that the vehicle activated speed sign near Frax Close not working and this has been reported on FixMyStreet.
65. **Approval of minutes of the meeting of 6 July 2021.** Agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.
66. **Clerk's report:**
 - a. Path re-surfacing across the recreation ground, snagging details have been dealt with by the contractor.
 - b. Cllr Charlton had been passed a petition from residents of the Latton Close regarding the overgrown bushes and vegetation in the central piece of land, which is reported to be used for nefarious purposes. This land is owned by the Vale so the petition has been passed to District Cllr Batts to report to his colleagues at the district council.
 - c. Litterbugs detective trail: an outdoor activity devised for children to raise awareness regarding litter and recycling has been organised by the Vale Waste Team in the rec and Orchard Gate from 9-30 Aug. This will be advertised on the parish council website and Facebook pages and posters will be put up by the Vale
 - d. Bloor Homes – transfer of land for community building. The clerk had been contacted by Bloor's solicitor to ask that the parish council accept the transfer. Requested that documentation was sent through along with confirmation that services would be provided to the site with a plan showing their location. So far nothing further has been received.

- e. Footway on Springhill: a number of complaints have been received regarding the vegetation along this stretch rendering the footway almost impassable. This has been put on FixMyStreet a number of times. Clerk will enlist help from County Cllr Ash in expediting Highways to deal with this.
- f. Taylor Wimpey: transfer of public open space – following site visit by the clerk and several councillors a number of sections were identified that did not appear to comply with the description of public open space. A request was put to the Vale to ascertain whether it would be possible to remove these sections from the S106 agreement. A response is still awaited.
- g. Memorial Green damage to kerb and turf – letters written to developers and OCC Highways (via FixMyStreet) to request help with reparations. Kingerlee Homes replied to confirm they are willing to make a contribution. Cllr Smith recommended waiting until the developments are finished before restoring the site.
- h. Covers to the flagpole mounting: clerk has requested quotes for the work to replace these, which are awaited.

67. Declarations of interest: none declared

68. Planning Applications for consideration:

- a. [P21/V1875/HH](#), 1 Rose Villas, Faringdon Road Kingston Bagpuize Abingdon OX13 5AQ, two storey side extension: council voted no objections.

69. Planning Applications results:

- a. [P21/V0521/FUL](#) Springhill Farm Spring Hill Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, OX13 5HL: Development of two dwellings and relocation of field access (Amended by drawings received 14th June 2021). **Permission granted (with conditions).**
- b. [P21/V1484/HH](#), 7 The Yews, Kingston Bagpuize OX13 5PQ, erection of single-storey extension to rear of the property. **Permission granted (with conditions).**

70. Accounts: the council to approve payments presented by the clerk, and acknowledge receipts

Payments

Date	Method of payment	Payee	Details	Amount (£)	VAT (£)
10/07/2021	DD	HP Instant Ink	Printer ink replacement service	5.41	1.08
16/07/21	DD	Vale of White Horse	Annual subs for garden bin for burial ground	51.50	
26/07/2021	DC	Post Office	Stamps	10.20	
22-26/07/2021	DC	Land Registry	Land reg docs	12.00	
03/08/2021	SO	Village Hall	Office rental	210.00	
03/08/21	BACs	AKS Ward	Construction engineer services	855.00	171.00
03/08/21	BACs	BGG	Litter	337.50	67.50
03/08/21	BACs	Logs Unlimited	Grass cutting	1495.00	299.00
03/08/21	BACs	Logs Unlimited	Repair of goal post	30.00	6.00
03/08/21	BACs	S&S Building Construction	Concrete base for bench	630.00	126.00
03/08/21	BACs	Spartan Cleaning	Bus shelters (plus removal of dumped items)	165.00	
06/08/2021	DC/SO	Giffgaff	Mobile phone contract	5.00	1.00
03/03/2021	BACs	Ubico	Dog bins	346.19	69.24
25/08/2021	BACs	Clerk	Salary	Confidential	
25/08/2021	BACs	OCC Pension	Pension contributions	Confidential	

Receipts

Date	Method of Receipt	From	Details	Amount (£)
16/07/2021	BACs	Vale of White Horse	S106 monies (pavilion)	4,984.90

71. Councillors to be appointed to authorise the month's online payments. Cllr Grant and Cllr Warr

72. Recreation and Play Facilities:

- a. Report from Cllr Weeks, including July's monthly inspection: play bark under the jubilee fort has been topped up to maintain safety depth. Thanked Rob and James from Sorbus for help distributing the bark. Invitations sent out to 6 companies to supply a quote for an aerial runway for the recreation ground with a deadline of 30 July. Only 2 responses were received. Cllr Weeks will produce a summary report for consideration by the recreation facilities committee, to be tabled at the full council meeting on 6 September. The outdoor gym equipment had been expected to be installed in the Millennium Green this week. The supplier Caloo have now provided a date of 10/11 August, with equipment ready for use on 16 August. Monthly inspection took place on 20 July with four new findings of loose fittings on the jubilee fort and the climbing stones, which have since been tightened. Seesaw very noisy in operation, probably needs a new service. Side entrance gate not fully closing, new closure spring needs adjusting. S&S Construction re-laid concrete base for the refurbished bench in the playground which will be reinstalled this week. Repainting of equipment agreed at the last meeting will take place during the second week in September once children are back at school.
- b. Councillors to be appointed for August's monthly inspection: Cllr Weeks and Cllr Bello were appointed.

73. Proposed transfer of public open space from Bloor Homes (Kingston Park): update. The clerk is still awaiting answers from Bloor Homes to questions raised at the meeting on 29 June (minutes, Appendix 2). District Cllr Eric Batts has confirmed to County Cllr Juliette Ash that there are no other parishes in the Vale of White Horse

district who have had transferred to them open space on any development in recent years owing largely to concern about the cost implications once the S106 monies have been exceeded. It is therefore difficult for KBS Parish Council to obtain either the costings of maintaining features such as the SUDs or advice on maintenance from a similar council. Cllr Grant reported that at a recent training session undertaken by herself and Cllr Forster the question was raised as to whether parish councils have a legal power to be responsible for the maintenance of private drainage system which are part of the design of large developments.

Pavilion build: update from Cllr Warr: tenders were received and were opened in the presence of the chairman, the clerk and myself on Friday 9 July. Four were received and all were in excess of the sum available in S106 monies. As a consequence the architects are in conversation with the lowest bidder to examine the amount of leeway in terms of reducing that sum. Because negotiations are ongoing the amount of the bid and the identity of the lowest bidder will remain confidential until such time as a workable figure is arrived at, at which point it will be presented to the full council for a resolution.

Any leeway resides in the contingency sum, the provisional sums, and the external works allowance. All of these contain non-essential items which may have to be the subject of future fund-raising or community efforts and the contingency contains a large proportion to cover unforeseen underground works (e.g. aerodrome taxiways) which may not be needed.

The clerk, Cllr Warr and Cllr Grant are meeting with the Vale S106 officer on 18 August to confirm the current value of the S106 sum and to examine ways of bridging the current gap in funding.

- 74. Council to consider request from two residents that the stile on the footpath from Bellamy Close to the church be replaced with a suitable gate and decide on any actions to be taken.** The stile is 5' (or 150cm) wide with two steps leading to a narrow path to Rimes Lane. The owner of the land has indicated her willingness for the parish council to replace the stile with a gate. An estimate received by the chairman for the cost of gate and posts (excluding installation) was c. £350. The nature of the path (sloping, curving, narrow and with protruding tree roots) means that it would remain tricky to renegotiate for anyone infirm or pushing a buggy without extensive resurfacing. Quotes to be sought for the costs in replacing the gate and possible resurfacing. Cllr Charlton to contact the footpaths officer at the county council to see if there are any grants available towards resurfacing and wheelchair access.
- 75. Council to consider request from the Millennium Green Trust to reinstate footpath on sections around the football pitch at the Millennium Green (letter and map circulated to councillors) and decide on actions to be taken.** To obtain quote for work to bring to the next meeting.
- 76. Council to consider approval of one of two noticeboards recommended by the clerk to be situated on Hind's Head Co-Op wall.** Council resolved to purchase the two-bay A2 wall-mounted board from Greenbarnes for £461.12.
- 77. Council to consider approval of purchase of a further speed indication device to be placed further west along the Faringdon Road, pending quotes and advice from Highways on location.** The chairman thanked Cllr Smith for his work on installing the existing SIDs. Cllr Grant proposed that two further SIDs were required. Clerk to obtain quotes and to speak to Highways regarding appropriate location. To be tabled at September meeting for a resolution.
- 78. Use of CIL monies:** request to councillors to put forward suggestions for projects for the use of these monies, with a view to a community survey through KBS News and social media. CIL monies are for use on community infrastructure and can be used for the provision, renewal or maintenance of facilities or services covering a wide

spectrum. Councillors to consider and provide suggestions at the next meeting.

79. Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Council has received a letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire requesting the council to consider the proposal of a community event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to be tabled at the September meeting. Queen's Green Canopy is a project to plant trees.

80. Next meetings:

Monday 6 September

Monday 4 October

Meeting concluded at 8.15pm

Clerk: Sarah Bates

Signed Chairman Dated