

**MINUTES of Islip Parish Council Meeting**

*preceded by a meeting of the Expressway sub-group* [see minute 122/19/2]

**Islip Village Hall**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

I certify that these minutes are a true reflection  
of the events that took place  
date:                      signed:

**110/19 Present:** Mr P Collins (Chairman), Mrs F Forbes, Mr D Price, Ms N Richardson,  
Mr M Wilkinson (Clerk)

**111/19 Apologies:** Mrs D Chapman, Mr N Wiles, Mr D Sames (OCC)

**112/19 Minutes:** the minutes of the meeting of **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019** were approved and signed.

**113/19 Matters arising which will not be raised under subsequent agenda items:** none.

**114/19 District and County Council Reports:** not present. The Clerk had in circulating the agenda that the Council would be interested to hear the views of OCC and CDC on the Oxford/Cambridge Expressway, particularly as CDC has not yet debated the matter, Oxford City Council has come out against the Expressway, and the County Council is not unanimous in its support of the Expressway.

**115/19 Changes in Members' interests and declarations of personal or prejudicial<sup>1</sup> interest:**  
none.

**116/19 Administrative Matters: 1. Succession Planning:** the Clerk had made contact with Kidlington Parish Council in order to investigate the possibility of continuity planning, particularly with reference to the keeping of the Council's accounts. This is to be pursued once the finance officer at Kidlington has had time to settle in.

**117/19 Financial Matters: 1. Year-end accounts 2018-19:** the Clerk confirmed that the accounts had now been submitted to the external auditor.

**118/19 Environment: 1. Flood Management Plan:** nothing to report. **2. Village Planters:** the Council confirmed its email approval of the purchase of planters and planting from Bunkers Hill Plant Nursery, who had been very helpful to the Council. The Council was pleased to thank all those who had volunteered to monitor the planters. **3. Register of assets of community value:** the Council confirmed its approval of the registration of the Swan Inn and the Red Lion as assets of community value. It was noted that registration allows the village to match, if it so wishes, to match the asking price of any such asset should it come on the market. **4. River Ray:** the Clerk had reported the extensive algal growth in the River Ray to the Environment Agency; the EA had informed that Clerk that the outlet downstream of which the algae proliferated was that of the Islip sewage works. The Clerk had asked whether the EA had the power to approach Thames water with a view to limiting the phosphate content of the water pumped into the Ray. It was noted that Jocelyne Bangham monitored the water quality; the Clerk is to contact her.

**119/19 Communications:** the Clerk reported that should a commercial operation mount a local event, then he is minded to circulate the details on info4islip: the Council approved.

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<sup>1</sup>“one in which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest”

**120/19 Traffic, Highways and Footpaths:** **1. Pavements/footpaths:** the Clerk reported that he had had nothing further from Mr Matthew Scott on the progress of the permissive right of way Kidlington road to Mill Lane. The difficulty was brought to the attention of the Church Commissioners at their meeting with the Chairman and the Clerk on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May; the Church Commissioners asked that they be informed of any further significant delay. The Clerk had notified Mr Scott of this, and had noted, too, that the lead-time for quotations in order to carry out the work after the harvest is limited. **2. Speed limit enforcement:** Councillor Price presented a petition signed by all residents living on the south side of Islip bridge that the 20 mph speed limit be moved up the hill on the Wheatley Road; the Council approved the resolution unanimously. This would cost of the order of some £2K. The Clerk was instructed to start the legal process. **3. Speed camera – operation and contributions to cost:** the Clerk had informed Cllr Price of the appropriate level of contribution to the cost of the speed camera to be made by Weston-on-the-Green, amounting to approximately one third of the cost, £1,100. This was approved. **4. Pedestrian/equestrian bridge:** the Clerk reported that Cllr Chapman had informed those using the equestrian/pedestrian bridge in a pony and trap that an objection had been received from a villager, but that the Council considered the matter to be outside its jurisdiction.

**121/19 PC Properties:** **1. Playing Field Safety, etc:** the Chairman reported that Trevor Stewart had submitted a revised quotation for the work. The quotation was accepted; the Chairman is to commission the work. **2. Swan Inn carpark - lease:** the Clerk reported that the owner of the Swan Inn, Oxford Sky Ltd, is keen to complete a lease observed since the purchase of the property from Greene King, but which appears not to have been completed. *quondam* Councillor Mr Jonathan Smith had been contacted about this, and had kindly contacted the solicitor who had acted for the Council in the matter. Mr Smith was thanked for his assistance. The Clerk is now in contact with the solicitor, who is to co-ordinate both the lease of the carpark and that of the electricity substation to SSE.

**122/19 Planning:** **1. Planning Applications:** Cllr Wiles guided the Council through the following applications:

Address	Application number/details	Decision
Mr P Bell, 30 Bletchington Road Islip Kidlington OX5 2TQ	19/00635/F Form new vehicular and pedestrian access including highway crossover	Approved by CDC.

**123/19 Strategic Planning:** **1. Church Commissioners meeting:** the Chairman, Cllr Brown, and the Clerk met with John Weir of the Church Commissioners in the Red Lion at 10.30 am, 24<sup>th</sup> May, to discuss the CC's proposals for the extensive enlargement of the village – by some 3,000 dwellings. The Chairman confirmed that the village is against such overwhelming over-development, but that should the plans gain approval, the Council would work with the Church Commissioners on a proper basis. Mr Weir said that he is prepared to meet villagers, but that until and unless the proposal gained traction, any discussion would be hypothetical and so of limited usefulness. **2. The Oxford/Cambridge Expressway sub-group report:** the Chairman reported that the Corridor Assessment Report (CAR) prepared by Highways England in 2018 had been subject, all 1,000 pages of it, to close analysis by Professor David Rogers of Horton-cum-Studley. The Chairman proposed that Professor Rogers and Barry Wood (Chair, CDC) be invited to address the village about the Expressway. This was agreed. **3. Neighbourhood Planning:** Cllr Richardson is to meet Christina Cherry of CDC 12<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the Council's possible proposal to designate the parish as its area of interest, and then to point to the

likelihood that the Council would likely wish to approve the limited development of the old oil dump – a brownfield site in the Green Belt. If both elements are acceptable to CDC, then the Council is to consider the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan, using funding made available for the purpose. Cllr Richardson is also to meet Diane Bohm the lead on the Neighbourhood Plan at Weston-on-the-Green parish council. Cllr Price noted that as Weston-on-the-Green started the NP process, it was only then that CDC was obliged to divulge any plans it had for the parish.

**124/19 Village Hall:** the Clerk reported that the defibrillator had been fixed to the front of the Village Hall. The Council thanked Mr Neil Brock for his work, and the Village Hall for its permission and access to a mains feed (needed to maintain the charge of the defibrillator battery). Cllr Forbes was thanked for having sourced the defibrillator: she is now to arrange for training.

**125/19 Education:** Cllr Forbes had nothing to report.

**126/19 Public Transport: lottery funding for bus:** Cllr Richardson had passed the details to Cllr Forbes for investigation. Cllr Forbes had discovered that Weston-on-the-Green has a minibus which can be hired at a very reasonable rate; the Council agreed that this be recommended to prospective users such as Dr South's School, and the Three Parishes Good Neighbour Scheme.

**127/19 Health:** see minute 124/19 above.

**128/19 Security:** nothing to report.

**129/19 Action Points:** the Chairman read through the action points for May, and noted those items outstanding.

**130/19 Any other business: 1. Noticeboards:** the Clerk noted that Mr Brian Nash had reluctantly resigned his duties in keeping the village notice boards. The Council thanked Mr Nash and his late wife Janet Nash for their years of service to the community. The Clerk is to stand in for Mr Nash for the time being; notices can be sent electronically to [info4islip@gmail.com](mailto:info4islip@gmail.com) **2. Mill Lane status:** the Clerk is to look into a notice reportedly erected in Mill Lane, part of the highway, saying "private land".

**131/19 Date of the next meeting:** the Parish Council will next meet (preceded by a short meeting of the Council's Oxford/Cambridge Expressway Group) on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**132/19 The Meeting Closed** at 9.15pm.