

ISLIP PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th July 2021, at 7.30 pm at the village hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Parish Councillors:** Nathan Wiles (Chairman), Fiona Forbes, Dennis Price, Anneka Streule and Sophie Miller.

OTHER COUNCILLORS: **District Councillors:** None
County Councillor: Calum Miller

OFFICERS PRESENT: **Clerk to the Council:** Emma Kearney

OTHERS PRESENT: **Members of the Public:** Two.

APOLOGIES: The following apologies were received:
Parish Councillor: Nicola Richardson
District Councillors: None.

057/21 Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None

058/21 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to accept the minutes for the parish council meeting held on Tuesday, 8th June 2021 as a true record.

059/21 Emergency Planning Officer

The Emergency Planning Officer gave a presentation.

- An overview of the service and how it has been supporting through the Covid outbreak.
- Provided information of flooding in the local area.
- Provided an out of hours number that can be circulated.
- There were discussions regarding the community emergency plan.
- It was noted the Village Hall Committee would need to be contacted as part of the plan.

060/21 A34 Southbound Slip Road to Kidlington

- There were discussions regarding the concerns with the road layout, which had also been raised again recently by members of the village.
- There seemed to be confusion with who is responsible for the road, whether it is the County Council or the Highways Authority.
- More is needed than simply better signs and cutting back the verges.
- Cllr C Miller offered to pursue an enquiry and will report back.

Action: Cllr C Miller to investigate and report back.

061/21 Cricket Club Request – Sight Screens

The cricket club request was considered, and it was proposed for the clerk to enquire how much is needed.

Action: Clerk to make enquiries and report back to the council.

062/21 Footpaths

Concerns have been raised with footpaths around the village not being accessible.

Action: Clerk to contact the farmers and request the footpaths are made accessible.

063/21 Otmoor Art Fair

The Otmoor Art Fair request was considered, and it was proposed for the clerk to confirm the amount awarded previously.

Action: Clerk to check the previous amount awarded.

064/21 Finance Matters

It was agreed by unanimous vote to pay the cashbook payments for July.

065/21 To receive an update from

1. County Councillor - Cllr C Miller

I. Flooding

Is in the process of arranging a four-way meeting with Thames Water, Cherwell District Council, Oxford County Council, and the Environment Agency to address the issues, and will provide an update with the outcome.

II. Ray Bridge

The team is considering the responses to the consultation and is still planning to hold a public exhibition as the lock-down restrictions are expected to be lifted. There will not be any works this year, as they have been postponed until next year.

III. Speed Watch

Has been in touch with the speed watch contact, and once they have returned from paternity will ensure their details are passed on to Cllr Price so the connection can be re-established.

IV. Temporary Road Closure – Bletchingdon Road.

This road will be closed from 13th to 15th September for resurfacing.

V. PCR Testing Stations

Due to the high number of Covid cases in the city of Oxford in 18-30-year-olds, there have been PCR testing stations opened for anyone, of any age, who works in Oxford that would like to be tested.

The mobile units are located in -

1. South Park (St Clements's end).
2. Outside the Blavatnik School of Government on Walton Street.
3. Manzil Way Gardens, Cowley Road

VI. Streetlamps

There is a proposal to replace all streetlamps with L.E.D lighting to reduce the carbon footprint, encourage dark skies, and conserve energy. But there is also a balance between this and safety. If there is anyone that has a strong view it would be welcomed.

2. District councillors.

None

3. Parish councillors

1. Cllr Forbes:

No update

2. Cllr Richardson:

No update.

3. Cllr Price:

- I. **Community Speed Watch** – the speed camera is being shared by Weston-on-the-Green and volunteers have been trained.

It has been queried with the police if the volunteers that process the speed watch data can be under 18, it is hoped a response will be received soon.

It was proposed to have a speed watch day after the summer holidays.

4. Cllr Wiles

No update

5. Cllr S Miller

i. Flooding

- Will follow-up from the presentation today and will create a skeleton plan to be filled in by speaking to different groups.
- Will also speak to the resident that is having serious flooding issues, as the purpose of the emergency plan is to help with these situations.

ii. Environment Working Group

- Have met and it was enthusiastically attended.

- There is a plan to collect the plastic surrounding the trees in the Millennium Wood.
- It was mentioned it would be good to have a map of land owned by the parish council, to consider other places for wilding.
- It was noted The Great Big Green week is from 18th -26th September 2021, this is a national event.

6. Cllr Streule:

i. Playground

- Concerns were raised regarding the age of the playground equipment, and it was proposed to start planning the next steps to avoid the playground being out of use.
- It was proposed for a fund-raising page with a QR code to be put in the park, and on the parish website. Visitors could then leave a donation after enjoying using the facilities.
- A playground working group was formed.

ii. Nitrogen Dioxide Tubes

- There were discussions regarding the location of the tubes, and it was proposed to purchase 10 and to place them around the village.

7. Thank you

It was noted from the councillors to say a sad 'farewell' and a huge 'thank you' to Cllr Forbes for all her hard work and contributions to the village over the years. The councillors all wished Cllr Forbes well.

066/21 Date of next meeting:

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 19.30, and it will be held at the village hall.

The meeting closed at 21.17

SIGNED: _____

Councillor: Nathan Wiles - Chairman