

# Kidlington Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Kidlington Parish Council Community Committee held at Exeter Hall at 6.30pm on Thursday 27 February 2025

**Present:** Cllr Fiona Mawson, Cllr Melanie Moorhouse, Cllr Lesley McLean, Cllr Nik Soheili, Cllr Alison Street (Chair), Cllr Doug Williamson, Cllr Phil Wyse, Cllr Naveed Barakzai Pace

**In Attendance:** Community Project Officer

**Apologies:** None received

**25/CO/15 Declaration of Interest:** None declared

**25/CO/16 Minutes:** the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2025 were reviewed and signed as a true record of the meeting, with amendment to the numbering for accuracy.

**25/CO/17 Kidlington Celebration of Volunteering:**

After confirmation of change of date to Wednesday 23 April the following was suggested, with deadline for nominated organisations being 7 March.

**Action:** To consult with the Information Centre for any additional voluntary groups not known by KPC

**Action:** The working group to create a Microsoft form for use for email contacts with wording provided by the Chair of Community.

**Action:** To create a list of potential local caterers with the aim to enable them to promote their businesses, by providing food on the evening.

**Action:** to contact the Deputy Lord Lieutenant's wife regarding a contact for ARC, for email contacts.

**Action:** A video to be created from the nominated organisations streamed via the TV on the evening

**Action:** To consult with Rhiannon and Ruth for table decorations

**25/CO/18 Arrangements for Wild Oxfordshire – 1 April 2025**

The arrangement for Wild Oxfordshire was confirmed as APPROVED for one day a week commencing 1 April 2025. **Action:** to consult with Ruth & Graham regarding KPI's plus request an action plan from Rhiannon for the 24 April Community Meeting.

**25/CO/19 Parkhill Hill Play Area:**

The tender specification and current site plan of Parkhill was circulated prior to the meeting.

Members were updated on the process used for the other park refurbishments. **Action:** The Parkhill Working Group to meet on 2 May and an urban designer recruited to give ideas on better connectivity for the current access points to the park via pathways with safety for older children in mind.

**25/CO/20 St Mary's Fields**

The minutes from January 2025 were circulated prior to the meeting, with confirmation that the Interpretation Board is to be installed soon. Members were updated on the progress of the TOE grant fund application for the resurfacing of the footpaths and the shortfall requested by them from KPC (a shortfall of £25k agreed at a previous meeting). The FM seeking a further quotation for clarity and

fairness. **Action:** A new EMR to be created for this purpose and to be ratified at Finance & Assets on 8 May.

**25/CO/21 National Spring Clean:** Members were updated on the quarterly litter pick sessions previously led by a council member. **Action:** Dates to be sent to community members for Spring confirming when Exeter Hall is open, for a meeting point.

**25/CO/22 Allotments:** members were updated on the recent collection of annual rent, reletting of the current relinquished plots, with fourteen in total across the four sites and the current waiting list numbers. Suggestion was made to consider adding as an agenda item at the next allotment meeting the water trough scheme, piloted at Blenheim Road. **Action:** Feedback to members after the councillor tour on 11 March and the next reps meeting on the 18 March – update for 24 April Community Meeting.

**25/CO/23 Kidlington Eco Group (KEG):** Minutes had been circulated and were noted. Members were reminded that this group is now registered as a community action group and can apply for grants.

**25/CO/24 Natural Environment Group:** Minutes had been circulated and were noted. Members were updated on the status on current projects, namely Watts Way, Lyne Road Green (which is managed by established volunteers), The Phelps (plan drawn up), Axtell Close, and Coronation Garden. The next volunteers group meeting for the Coronation Garden meeting on 15 March. **Action:** A list of dates from the group to be forwarded to the office to add to the new “calendar.” Members were asked to consider a tree planting scheme for Exeter Park to be co-ordinated by Iain Osenton (CDC tree officer) to address the need for shading. **Action:** CDC Tree officer to form a plan and respond to Cllr Williamson with suggested species for that area; Iain is aware of the utilities located there

**25/CO/25 KPC Growing Spaces:** **Action:** To confirm if KPC have a safeguarding policy for volunteers and if not to adopt CDCs, if deemed appropriate. Members were informed of a recent grant received from CPRE, £7,000 and accessible planters purchased for Parkhill and Exeter Close. **Action:** Request dates from KPC Growing Spaces to add to the new “calendar”

**25/CO/26 Engagement with Schools:** Discussion was held on how best to co-ordinate connectivity with local businesses and Gosford Hill Secondary School. **Action:** The Chairperson to contact OXLEP to explore ideas and follow up links made with them.

**The meeting closed at: 8.25pm**

**Date of next meeting: 6.30pm on 24 April 2025**