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<b>Kingsmere Residents' Association General Meeting</b>	
Date:	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 19:30
Venue:	Zoom Virtual Meeting

<b>Guests:-</b>	
Clare Dowling (CD)	Sustrans, Delivery Manager
Rosie Rowe (RR)	Cherwell District Council/Oxfordshire County Council
Margaret Kunzer (MK)	Head Teacher St Edburg's Primary School
Adrian Cush (AC)	Head Teacher, Whitelands Academy
Nicky Oakley (NO)	Director, Kingsmere Community Centre
Vicky Hodgins (VH)	Director, Kingsmere Community Centre
Neil Francis (NF)	Cherwell Community Safety
Cllr Dan Sames (DS)	Cherwell District Council (CDC) and Bicester Town Council (BTC)
Cllr Nick Cotter (NC)	Cherwell District Council (CDC) and Bicester Town Council (BTC)
Cllr Lucinda Wing (LW)	Cherwell District Council (CDC)
Richard Emery (RE)	Senior Project Manager, Countryside Properties PLC
Jeff Lothammer (JL)	FLTR Coffee

<b>Attendees:-</b>
Bryan Taunton (BT), Joe McKenna (JM), Teresa Lamb (TL), Ashley Hayden (AH), Dave Ford (DF), Len Bellis (LB), Natasha Sahgal (NS), Kev Haynes (KH), Clare Dowling, Rosie Rowe, Margaret Kunzer, Adrian Cush, Nicky Oakley, Vicky Hodgins, Neil Francis, Cllr Dan Sames, Cllr Nick Cotter, Cllr Lucinda Wing, Richard Emery, Jeff Lothammer, James Foote, Ian McDonald (Bromfield Homes), Mary Herbert, Richard Herbert, Gill Cornes, Mike Cornes, Jackie Newbury, Mark Tyrrell, Adrian Reeve, Chris Pruden, Hannah Morgan, Laura Lewis, Mark Burrows, Sam Decombel, Gairma Chopra, S. Singh, Sandra, Jenny, Thomas, Deepa, J&R.

<b>Apologies:</b>
Victoria Prentis MP; PCSO Sarah Ritchie (TVP); Justin Ball (resident)

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> KRA Chair Bryan welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the other KRA committee members.	BT
2	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received prior to the meeting from Victoria Prentis MP (although Victoria's Constituency Support Officer, James Foote, is kindly attending in her place); PCSO Sarah Ritchie (TVP); Justin Ball (resident).	TL



3	<p><b>Review of Minutes from previous meeting/Actions from previous meeting</b></p> <p>A link to the minutes from the previous meeting (22/10/2020) was provided in the meeting “chat” by TL (it had also been circulated with the Zoom meeting login details provided in advance of the meeting), who asked attendees to review and contact her within the next week if there were any inaccuracies. No comments were received by 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and therefore it was assumed that all agreed the minutes as a true representation of the previous meeting.</p> <p>Update on Actions from previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>KRA to continue to campaign for safe crossings across Whitelands Way and press for the agreed bollards to be installed ASAP.</b> Some bollards have been installed at Friars Walk/Whitelands Way junction and on Whitelands Walk, but to continue to push for additional bollards and to make sure ones installed are sufficient and positioned appropriately.</li><li>• <b>KRA to continue to work towards improving road safety in Kingsmere (raised in relation to concerns over speeding and safety of pedestrians on Haydock Road, but also applies to other roads on the estate).</b> Community speedwatch program. Delayed by covid. Pilot in Buckinghamshire and will be rolled out. 20mph zone is planned for Kingsmere once roads adopted by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).</li><li>• <b>RE to contact Mary Herbert about the incomplete path area that she mentioned at the November 2019 meeting.</b> Mary Herbert was present at this meeting. She had emailed Richard. The area in question is at the end of Sandown Road (near Friars Walk path) and the work that Vistry Homes are currently doing includes completing this section of path.</li><li>• <b>RE to chase Bovis (Vistry) and escalate if site entrance is not levelled to stop water pooling.</b> This has been escalated to site director, but RE will continue to press for this to be done.</li><li>• <b>RE to check master plans and contact Persimmon regarding lighting at end of Redcar Road/near balancing ponds. A</b> All the lights planned are there, and they are Persimmon Homes’ responsibility – DF to check if they are working.</li><li>• <b>AH/KH to continue to try to arrange for a Christmas tree for Kingsmere.</b> This was achieved and was a welcome feature. Well done to Kev and Ashley for this.</li></ul>	TL
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4	<p><b>“School Streets” – Information about pilot scheme</b></p> <p>Pilot scheme. One of the driving forces is around safety of children. St Edburg’s Primary school is taking part in a 6 week pilot. Opening road for active travel (walking scooting etc) and limiting motor vehicle use outside schools at key times. 9 schools across Oxfordshire. Already started at some schools in East Oxford/ Headington areas.</p> <p>Original plan included Pioneer Way closure, but this wasn’t felt to be the problem spot for the school, so the plan was adjusted to just be closure points at either end of Cartmel. For parents that still need to drive to school there will be a “Park and Stride” location at Whitelands Farm Sports Pavilion car par.</p> <p>The pilot is due to start on 10<sup>th</sup> May for 6 weeks (not including half-term), only for morning (08:30-9:15am). Trained marshal and volunteers (please email <a href="mailto:Rebekah.Stevenson@Sustrans.org.uk">Rebekah.Stevenson@Sustrans.org.uk</a> if interested in volunteering).</p> <p>Residents needing access to their properties/parking during that time will be allowed through, although they are asked to avoid vehicle movement if at all possible during the time of the closure and to keep speeds low if do need to use. Access for blue badge holders and emergency vehicles will also be maintained.</p> <p>To facilitate this trial an experimental traffic regulation order (ETRO, which runs for 18 months) has been established following a consultation that went to residents immediately affected and has now closed.</p> <p>It is an experiment so can modify scheme as goes along. There is the opportunity for anyone to respond to survey (via paper form or online) to give feedback (both positive or negative). There will be a review meeting during final week of closure.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p><b>NS: Would a second “park and stride” location on the eastern side of the school be possible? Is a “walking bus” an option? What happens after the pilot ends?</b> CD: Could look at potential sites for a second “park and stride” location, if that might be needed for this scheme. There are no plans for walking bus as these are very volunteer heavy. The desire is to change behaviour so that when return to more normal life post-covid there is more active travel to school.</p> <p><b>NC: Asked about the different pilot locations and highlighted differences with Oxford City locations. Also asked about conflict for volunteers.</b> RR: There are different reasons why particular locations have been chosen, some are based on particular issues the schools have had previously, but also funding streams and the need</p>	CD/RR



	<p>for it to link in with other active travel infrastructure projects. CD: Regarding conflict, there have been very few incidents to date across 70 plus sites. Staff and volunteers receive training regarding how to deal with possible scenarios they could encounter.</p> <p><b>LW: Would the debrief meeting be publicised so as many residents could hear about the outcome of the pilot? Also, what is being done to monitor any impact on air quality?</b> CD: Initial debrief meeting will be a closed meeting (key stakeholders, will invite BT as representative of residents), but could come back to KRA meeting to present the data to residents once it has all been put together. RR: OCC planning to do baseline measurements of air quality in next couple of weeks (needed to wait for covid restriction changes so representative measurement).</p> <p><b>AH raised concerns about effect on neighbouring streets and displacement of the problem.</b> CD: Studies suggest can get dispersal, as gets a point where alternative location is less desirable so might as well leave car at home. This will be monitored as part of review of the pilot, but any potential extension of the area under the ETRO would need further consultation.</p>	
5	<p><b>Schools Update</b></p> <p><b>St Edburg's CE Primary School:</b> Big news is the expansion onto a second site off Ludlow Road in Phase 2. Very excited! Currently at design stage. Looking at sustainability and trying to be carbon neutral (or as close as possible). Hope to have plans to share in next few months. The school has been very over-subscribed with children who live on Kingsmere not able to get a place. School expansion can't come soon enough.</p> <p><b>Whitelands Academy:</b> Been in new site 6 months (including covid lockdown when not fully open). Settled in very well. Now full in the current Year 7 cohort and oversubscribed for September's intake into Year 7.</p>	<p>MK</p> <p>AC</p>
6	<p><b>Community Centre Update</b></p> <p>During the latest lockdown the Community Centre was able to stay open to church/religious groups and the preschool. They are following all of the guidelines and taking additional measures (including using a fogging machine) to stay safe. They have ~60% hirers back/will be back soon, and are hoping to have most groups back by September.</p>	<p>VH/ NO</p>



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	<p>Pre-covid KCC were awarded a grant to start a youth club and had lots of plans. Unfortunately, covid put a halt to that but they hope that it can launch in September, starting with 10-14 year olds. Haven't restarted café so far, but have had interest from other parties interested in running the café within the centre. In negotiations with CDC regarding funding. Looking for more volunteers to help: odd jobs around the building, gardening, any help/time one can offer.</p>	
7	<p><b>Front Runner Newsletter Update</b></p> <p>Front Runner is a not-for-profit community newsletter for Kingsmere. It is produced by a (very) small team of residents, who volunteer their own time to put it together, and it is delivered to all homes by a slightly larger group of residents, whose help we are extremely grateful for.</p> <p>The first issue, in summer 2019, was funded by Cherwell District Council, and the next two issues were funded by revenue from advertising within the newsletter – then Covid struck! Due to the restrictions, a lot of the events, groups and activities normally detailed in the newsletter were cancelled or altered and because of the uncertain times and ever changing rules, we decided not to produce the summer or autumn/winter 2020 issues. However, thanks to Countryside Properties (who paid for the printing costs) we were able to return in February this year with a short newsletter to provide key information and updates for residents. We also made a successful bid to Bicester Town Council for a Covid-19 Grant to support our next issue. We are keen to provide a platform for as many local (Kingsmere-based) groups, clubs, societies etc. to promote themselves, either via free listings within our "What's On in Kingsmere" section, or larger paid advertisements. We'd also love to hear from any Kingsmere businesses that would like to advertise with us. A quarter page, full colour, advert cost just £25 per issue, which we believe is extremely good value for money considering that the newsletters are now delivered to in excess of 1,500 homes!</p> <p>We always welcome more people getting involved with the newsletter and there are many different ways people could help, from submitting content or photos, coordinating advertising, helping with deliveries etc. etc.. If you'd like further information then please contact us via the Kingsmere Front Runner Facebook page or by email (<a href="mailto:kingsmerefrontrunner@outlook.com">kingsmerefrontrunner@outlook.com</a>).</p>	TL
8	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch Update</b></p> <p>Fairly quiet, gain members slowly. (To join search for the scheme "Kingsmere Bicester" at the <a href="http://ourwatch.org.uk">ourwatch.org.uk</a> website.)</p>	DF



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<p>DF attended a meeting with local villages and we all seem to be facing similar issues (speeding, drugs, anti-social behaviour). Have asked for police horses to be deployed in Kingsmere again as was apparently successful previously. Have been assured that crime is down.</p> <p><b>Community Safety</b> NF read a statement on behalf of Tim Davies (Community Warden).</p> <p>Community Safety Team continue to be a presence on Kingsmere, but covid has impacted activity. There have been reports of drug dealing – continue to report to Thames Valley Police. Community Safety team have also responded to reported ASB at parks in Kingsmere and are working with schools and provided a visible presence following a recent incident. Reports should be made via 999 if crime in progress or via 101/TVP website after the event. The Community Safety Team can be contacted by telephone 01295 221824 or email <a href="mailto:Community.safety@cherwell-dc.gov.uk">Community.safety@cherwell-dc.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The Community Safety Team have been involved in enforcement of the Covid restrictions – Kingsmere was a good example for rest of Bicester to follow.</p> <p>Mini motor bikes have recently been causing a nuisance in the area and the Community Safety Team have conducted patrols and worked with TVP, leading to the seizure of vehicles.</p> <p>NF added that one other remit is to stop illegal Scrap metal collectors. They have recently had some success with this.</p> <p>Community Safety team are out there, trying to protect the community have powers although limited.</p> <p><b>AH asked what was happening about the travellers off of Vendee Drive?</b> NF said that Community Wardens don't have any direct contact with travellers (it is down to the Council Travel Liaison Officer and the Police if laws are broken). If there are more behaviour issues then the situation tends to get escalated and action taken quicker.</p> <p><b>AH also asked for clarification of whether residents should email Tim directly or use the general inbox email address (given above)?</b> NF advised that the general inbox was accessed by all of the team so</p>	<p>NF</p>
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	<p>if Tim is not on duty then the issue can be picked up by another team member, so it is best to include the general inbox address (Community.safety@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)</p> <p><b>Thames Valley Police</b> Update provided by PCSO Sarah Ritchie via email: <i>“Since your previous meeting we had a complaint of antisocial behaviour after an incident in a new park off of Vendee Drive. We have been liaising with the schools (St Edburghs and Whitelands) and working with them to actively engage with persons named within the complaint. We have also received a number of complaints with regards to the use of mini motor bikes/pit style bikes off road, as result we have been conducting extra patrols and that combined with reports from residents has led to us seizing 2 motor cross style bikes as well as issuing section 59 warnings (ASB related vehicle use) to others we have seen. Please continue to encourage residents to call incidents of this and any antisocial behaviour into us. We also had complaints with regards to the use of E-scooters, PCSO Tregay has contacted the schools who have disseminated information with regards to their use in their parent communication systems, we also completed a leaflet drop within an area where the complaints were focused. We have also been spending time working with the shops on the retail park against shoplifting.</i></p> <p><i>We will continue to conduct patrols within Kingsmere in vehicles (both marked and unmarked) on foot and on bicycles (hopefully more so in light of it being drier!). We can't encourage residents enough to come and speak with us when we are out and about but also to please keep reporting any incidents of concern to us either through 101 or TVP website (or 999 if someone or something is in danger or there is a crime in progress).”</i></p>	TL
9	<p><b>Green Space Update</b> AH has been liaising with Richard about green spaces and has seen watering of trees etc as weather warms. Looking to arrange a litter pick – competition on our Facebook page A park on Sandown Road has been replanted, so hope those plants and trees establish. Continue to lobby to try to protect green space, including the grass verge on Vendee Drive that is being destroyed by people parking on it.</p> <p>LB thanked RE for installing a bin by new park following LB's request.</p>	AH/LB





	<p>LB is looking into small areas of the estate that don't seem to belong to anyone/not being maintained – let LB know of such areas.</p> <p>Local centre bins – have regularly been overflowing and causing a problem. BT advised that the Management Company (Alexander &amp; Co) had agreed to a new regime of emptying twice a week (Mon/Thur) and contractors should also litter pick. Residents of flats have been reminded that they shouldn't be smoking in flats (and dropping cigarette butts out of the window.</p> <p>Also, the light outside community centre (which is not the responsibility of the community centre) has been broken for over a year. BT continues to chase – the management company were waiting for electrician to confirm a suitable alternative fixture.</p> <p>LB raised a concern about the advertising banners along the side of the community centre as some were not fully secured, looked weathered and LB was concerned that they could obstruct line of sight, particularly to little children. NO responded to say that she had made sure all the banners were fully secured during recent high winds. They are all current and were needed to offer advertising to regular hirers of the centre (particularly as things restart after lockdown). NO did not think that they caused a problem with obscuring vision of drivers or pedestrians but said she would check.</p> <p><a href="#">Email from NO received on 22/04/21: All banners along the side of the centre had been checked and “they are all secure and shouldn't be causing any visual issues for drivers or children. They appear to be in good condition and current, we will mention to any hirers that any advertising needs to be kept in a good condition and replaced if they become broken or damaged.” – ACTION COMPLETED.</a></p>	
10	<p><b>Councils Update (BTC; CDC; OCC)</b></p> <p>DS:</p> <p>Litter picking – council looking to do “spring clean” in conjunction with Keep Britain tidy campaign in late May-early June. Council will provide litter pickers, gloves, high vis and collect rubbish collected.</p> <p>Also been in contact with Jamie Jessop from Bicester litter pickers – who is having a BIG community litter pick month during May.</p> <p>20's plenty is the plan for Kingsmere and community speed watch is coming – DS is keen to get involved once pilot is rolled out to this area, so great that KRA are already looking into this.</p> <p>Whitelands Sports Ground – pitches are back open. Town Council looking to take over running of pavilion and grounds.</p> <p><b>BT had seen post on Whitelands Farm Sports Ground page that said the grass pitches next to 3G pitches are only to be used when booked through the ground management. Can they be used by residents? Should they be like Pingle Field, which are bookable but</b></p>	DS/NC/LW





**free to use if not booked.** DS felt that the pitched should be able to be used by residents, if not booked or undergoing maintenance/ground works etc. (See further questions below.)

Electric charging points are being installed in some Bicester car parks.

Recycling – has been bumper during lockdown. Possible look to get more glass recycling points around Kingsmere.

If have issues contact councillors directly via email (may not see Facebook posts). Try to respond but send a follow up email if don't hear back from DS. (Email: [daniel.sames@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:daniel.sames@cherwell-dc.gov.uk))

**TEL raised two questions from AOB as they were relevant to what DS had been talking about:**

1. From Justin Ball (resident, via email). Would it ever be possible to get two floodlit tennis courts installed at the left-hand side of the 3G football pitch at Whitelands Farm Sports Ground? –

DS to take it up with relevant officers at CDC (has also been question of athletics track). - **ACTION: DS to find out if there could be provision for other sports (including tennis and athletics) at Whitelands Sports Ground.**

2. TL has been informed that the management of Whitelands Farm Sports Ground are telling families that they cannot use the grass areas for recreational sport or to sit for a picnic. Apparently signage has been ordered to display this message. This area is used by lots of local families, particularly during lockdown. Was the council consulted on this restriction of use, and is there anything we can do to contest this decision? (VH added her voice to this issue, as her family is one of those that had been told that they couldn't informally play sport/games on the sports fields.)

DS responded that he was not aware of this and councillors had not been consulted. DS to seek clarification from the relevant officers at CDC regarding public use of grass pitches and will take forward the residents' concerns.

DF asked if people being moved off related to rugby club moving in and is it all going to get worse with lack of facilities in Bicester. – DS responded that Whitelands Sports Ground was supposed to help with filling existing gap in sports provision. BSA selling Oxford Road has hampered plans and exposed further gap. – **ACTION: DS to seek clarification from the relevant officers at CDC regarding public use of grass pitches and will take forward the residents' concerns regarding restricting use.**



	<p>NC: Need to encourage all sports and NC (along with other CDC councillors) will raise issue of provision and access at Whitelands Farm.</p> <p>NC wanted to highlight that volunteers are key to successful communities. He particularly wanted to praise Jamie of Bicester Litter Pickers for all of his hard work and encouraged others to join his endeavours. NC highlighted the issues with public bins and thought it would help reduce queries to BT/KRA if people knew who were responsible for emptying the bins. BT replied that responsibility was dependent on where the bin is located, so it's not possible to give a simple answer for the whole of Kingsmere, particularly until the parks/green space is adopted by the council. In general the bins in the small parks are the responsibility of the house builder that installed the park; those in the larger parks and open green space are Countryside's responsibility; those around the sports ground are CDC (except the ones next to the pavilion/3G that are Legacy leisure's); the local centre/community centre area are managed by Alexander &amp; Co; the retail park are responsible for their own bins.</p> <p>Bicester Town Council run a Good Citizens Award Scheme and have grant applications – NC would like to encourage residents to apply and nominate.</p> <p>Diversity – NC thinks that it is important to encourage more diversity in groups.</p> <p>NC reiterated DS's earlier point the email is good means of contacting councillors. (Email: <a href="mailto:nick.cotter@cherwell-dc.gov.uk">nick.cotter@cherwell-dc.gov.uk</a>)</p> <p>LW: Cherwell District Council had a covid grant fund. LW has been asked if there was any plans to have another round of applications, but has been told that there are currently no plans to repeat it officially, although they are looking at feasibility of other funds.</p> <p>London Road Crossing – East-West rail consultation currently open (runs until 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021) – encourages all to feed into that consultation process.</p> <p>LW is currently the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This has been looking at the Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council response to covid. Meetings are public, they are currently online and can be watched live or via recording. Residents can email questions for this committee to LW. (Email: <a href="mailto:Lucinda.Wing@cherwell-dc.gov.uk">Lucinda.Wing@cherwell-dc.gov.uk</a>)</p>	
11	<b>Countryside Update</b>	RE



(Due to time pressures RE was asked to respond to questions at the meeting and a full written update from Countryside will be included in the minutes.)

RE started by clarifying that currently the same contractor looks after the bins for Countryside, local centre (Alexander & Co) and the retail park, so that should help with determining who to contact if need emptying.

**DF: When will Persimmon remove their compound on Redcar Road compound?** RE: Have been pushing Persimmon for finish date, had been told March but RE will chase again. **ACTION: RE to find out when Persimmon will finish and remove compound area from Redcar Road.**

**DF: Where tree near balancing ponds had to be taken out (rabbit burrow making it unsafe), is there going to be remedial work?** RE: Yes, have planted replacement tree, but there is more work to be done. The hedge that Persimmon had to remove to access their site will also be replaced – it has to be done before adoption by the council.

**AH: The area that is reserved for GP facility has recently been fenced off. Is there any possibility for this area/part of this area to be kept for green space, even temporarily until plans confirmed?**

RE: Countryside have put post and wire fence around this area to secure it. Countryside have received resolution to grant planning permission – this outline seeks permission for up to 57 dwellings (30% affordable) and will safeguard 2½ acres of land for a potential health hub / GP Facility.

Although there has been some interest in the GP Facility, development depends on the Local Group of GP Practices and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) taking forward any proposals for the site. RE will ask if space can be used in short-term as green space. **ACTION: RE to raise if space reserved for GP facility can be used in short-term as green space.**

**AH also asked about the watering strategy as move into warmer months.** RE: The trees do get watered. He hopes that better stock of trees have been planted and that they will establish. All Countryside planting has now been done and is being inspected by the Council.

**Thomas: Will the road between Wincanton Road and Esso fuel station be opened to traffic?** RE: No, this road was just for construction access.



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*Full written update provided to KRA by RE on behalf of Countryside:*

- *The Kingsmere development will ultimately provide a total of around 2,400 homes (approximately 1,700 houses on Phase 1 and a further 700 houses on Phase 2).*
- *Two new Primary Schools – St. Edburghs on Phase 1 (opened Jan. 2016) and another Primary School on Phase 2 is due to open in 2023.*
- *The new Whitelands Secondary School is now open for Year 7 pupils.*
- *Sports Village with Pavilion and playing fields opened September 2017.*
- *Parks and recreational spaces have been provided on Phase 1 and on Phase 2.*
- *Village Centre with CO-OP Store, Fish & Chip shop, Dominoes, Estate agent, Day nursery, Community and Youth Centre.*
- *Hotel (Premier Inn), Restaurant (Brewers Fayre).*
- *Retail Centre (7 No. units) with Pure Gym.*
- *Health Care facilities to be confirmed.*

**PHASE 1:-**

*All Parcels of land on Phase 1 (apart from the Health Village Site) are now being developed – we have around 1,600 houses built so far out of a total of 1,700 for Phase 1.*

*We have 4 house builders on Phase 1 at present.*

***Bellways** are due to complete on their development next to Phase 2 in July this year.*

***Persimmons** have completed all houses on their Parcel and are finishing their roads.*

***Bovis and Lindens** have joined forces and are now **Vistry Homes** – they have approximately 80% occupied and will be finished in 2022.*

**Roads:-**

*Countryside constructed Vendee Drive, Whitelands Way, Hexham Road and Pioneer Way we also provided some Traffic Calming on Middleton Stoney Road – all the other estate roads are built by the relevant house builders.*

*All the main infrastructure roads will be adopted by Oxfordshire County Council – although none of the roads within the Kingsmere development have been adopted as yet.*



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*Vendee Drive and the A41 Signalised Junction at the Premier Inn have already been adopted by OCC.*

*The Primary Streets on Phase 1 has been split into 3 separate sections to hopefully speed up the adoption process - OCC require that a least 80% of the houses fronting the road to be complete before they will consider adopting the adjacent road.*

*The spine roads have been inspected jointly with OCC, these will be repaired by Countryside and will then go into Maintenance for 12 months.*

*The Northern Section remedial works has been agreed and marked on the ground – works to the Northern section will start later this year.*

*The Middle Section which includes Pioneer Way - will be the last to have 80% house completion and adoption of this section is at least one year away.*

*The Southern Section of Whitelands Way from Pioneer Way to Vendee Drive has been inspected and remedial works will start after the Northern Section is complete.*

*OCC's desire is for all roads on Kingsmere to be 20mph once adopted – OCC will be carrying out some feasibility studies and Countryside will consider implementing any recommendations prior to the roads being adopted.*

*The website '[Fix my street](#)' is the best way for residents to raise any issues on all the roads.*

**Street Lighting:**

*Countryside are responsible for the Street lights on Whitelands Way, Pioneer Way and Hexham Road and also the lighting on Friars Walk and the Secondary School Cycleway on the Northern Boundary to the Secondary School.*

*All other Street lights are the responsibility of the relevant house builders.*

**Public open space / Play areas:-**

*All Strategic open spaces have been completed and are open to the Public.*

*Countryside have installed all the main play areas on Phase 1 including Friars Walk, the Green route between Persimmon and Bovis and Whitelands Farm.*

*The housebuilders have built additional smaller play areas on their parcels of land.*

*All of the open space areas will be adopted by Cherwell District Council and we are still in the process of getting areas signed off and adopted.*



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*Once adopted and transferred to CDC, Bicester Town Council will maintain the open spaces and play areas on Phase 1.  
We continue to have a lot of vandalism to the Play areas.*

**Local Centre:**

*LSP Developments completed this development back in March 2019 on the shops and at Easter 2019 for the Day Nursery – the Local Centre is now maintained by Alexanders & Co.*

*There is a Co-op Anchor Store and four smaller shops, the Starfish - Fish & Chips is open, Dominos Pizza and an Estate Agent are expected to occupy the other two shops.*

*The Community & Youth Centre are owned by CDC and run by the Kingsmere Community Centre Group.*

*Nine residential flats are above the Shops with parking for all the staff and residents in the rear service yard area.*

**Sports Village:**

*Opened September 2017.*

*Pedestrian crossing to be installed by CDC across Whitelands Way to link pitches*

*Tennis Court and Cricket pitch have Planning Permission - to be provide by CDC*

**Whitelands Academy - Secondary School :-**

*The new School is now open (since November 2020) for Year 7 pupils.*

**Kingsmere Retail Park :-**

*Next, M&S foods, Nike, EE Phones, Imperial Chinese Restaurant & Boots are now open.*

*Pure Gym – to open above the shops.*

*The remaining two retail units are still unoccupied.*

**Health Village :-**

*Countryside have received resolution to grant planning permission – this outline seeks permission for up to 57 dwellings (30% affordable) and will safeguard 2½ acres of land for a potential health hub / GP Facility.*

*An area of 2.5 acres has been safeguarded for 5 years for delivery of a GP Facility.*

*Although there has been some interest in the GP Facility, development depends on the Local Group of GP Practices and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) taking forward ang proposals for the site.*



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*We have no fixed programme for delivery or what will be constructed at the Health Village – the latest plan is for 57 no. houses and a 2.5 acre GP Facility.*

**Bus Service / Travel Plan**

*There is very little patronage on the Bus service provided by Countryside into Bicester (Bus number S26) – the timetable has been extended to try and attract more commuters.*

*The S26 now goes through Phase 2 and also along Pioneer Way.*

*The S5 Bus service in the early morning and late afternoon has much better patronage.*

*The Bus Stop next to the Local Centre is on a bend with limited visibility – OCC to consider if this can be improved – site lines have improved now houses have been completed.*

*Road markings and Bus stops have been refreshed and junction markings have been added.*

**ESSO Garage development :-**

*Drive through Burger King and Starbucks drive through are now open.*

**PHASE 2 :-**

*Will deliver around 700 homes.*

*We have provided land for another Primary School.*

*Two main play areas with Sports pitch, MUGA pitch and an Orchard.*

*There is land provided for possible Assisted care housing.*

*Approximately 160 houses are now occupied.*

**Roads :-**

*Ludlow Road (linking Phase 1 & Phase 2) is now open to Buses and cars.*

*All roads on Phase 2 will be adopted by OCC once most of the houses are occupied.*

*We have provided a Public access off of Middleton Stoney Road and also Vendee Drive.*

*There are separate accesses for Site traffic*

**Primary School Site :-**

*It has been confirmed that the new Primary School on Phase 2 will be an extension of the existing St. Edburges Primary School – it will provide for the expansion to a three form entry School.*

*St. Edburges will be for the older age range and the Phase 2 School for the younger children.*





	<p><i>The planning for the new school is expected to be submitted in July 2021, with a May 2022 construction start. The School is programmed to open in September 2023.</i></p> <p><b><u>Chesterton Community Woodland :-</u></b> <i>Countryside have transferred over 40 hectares (100 acres) of land to the West of Vendee Drive to Cherwell District Council for a Community Woodland / Park. We have had Travellers camp on this area over the last week – CDC &amp; the Police are in the process of getting them removed.</i></p> <p><b><u>Extra Care / Care home site :-</u></b> <i>We have been marketing this site for two years in line with the S106 strategy for an Extra Care facility and now for a further three years as a Care home site – we do not have any confirmed proposals to date. There is possibility of a small convenience store to be located on the Extra care site.</i></p> <p><b><u>Kingsmere Estate Management company :-</u></b> <i>All house purchasers on Phase 2 will be obliged to pay an annual estate charge for the maintenance of all the Public Open spaces.</i></p> <p><b><u>House Builders :-</u></b> <i>We have five house builders on Phase 2. Cala at the Northern end have approximately 60 occupations – due to complete in 2023 Bellways at the Sothern end have all houses occupied – and will be finished completely in July 2021. Ashberry have approximately 60 occupations – due to complete by late 2022. David Wilson Homes are due to have first occupation in May 2021 – completion in 2023. Barratts will have first occupation in late Summer with completion in 2023.</i></p> <p><b><u>Kingsmere Information Centre :-</u></b> <i>Email address is:- <a href="mailto:enquiries@kingsmereinfo.co.uk">enquiries@kingsmereinfo.co.uk</a></i></p>	
12	<b>Mobile Coffee Van</b>	JL



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	JL and his family moving to Kingsmere in two weeks. FLTR have been in Langford for 4 years. He originally was going to ask for thoughts on locations for a coffee van, but he has as actually now sold the coffee van! However, JL is in discussions with KCC and there other possible options. Looking for feedback from residents regarding a community coffee shop. Please email <a href="mailto:jeff.lothamer@gemission.org">jeff.lothamer@gemission.org</a>	
13	<b>Community Events</b> Keen to get ideas from residents on what kind of events people would like to see, particularly as we come out of lockdown. Please contact KH to suggest community activity and events that you would like to see happening in Kingsmere. (Email: <a href="mailto:kev@kingsmerecommunity.com">kev@kingsmerecommunity.com</a> )	KH
14	<b>AOB</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. (See Council Update section above)</li><li>2. (See Council Update section above)</li><li>3. Bicester Shopping Park - BT had some updates to share:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Parking: all units are allocated a number of parking spaces, dependant on the unit size.</li><li>- The last two units will apparently be a restaurant and a food store (no names were provided); PureGym is looking to open in September.</li></ul></li></ol>	
15	<b>Date of Next meeting:</b> To look to arrange next meeting in late June/early July (before school summer holidays).	TL

21:51 BT closed the meeting. He thanked all who attended and contributed.