KIRTLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held remotely (Zoom) Tuesday 19th March 2021 at 6p.m.

Present: Ms Trudy Brock, Mrs K Buckingham-Fry, Ms Jean Conway, Dr Briony Enser, S Jenkins, Mrs R Powles (Clerk), D Richardson (Chairman)

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1. Apologies None. 2. Declarations of pecuniary interests / other conflicts of interest None. 3. Planning **21/00369/F - Kirtlington Post Office Stores - resubmission of application for change of use to residentia**l Councillors discussed the material planning considerations and the significance of the application to the community: Whether there were changes in material planning considerations to differentiate this from the original application (19/02888/F), although the Case Officer advised that confidential additional financial information had been submitted; whether there was evidence that the shop had been advertised for sale as such; whether there was evidence that the shop was non-viable; whether the village could still support a village shop; the value of a shop and/or Post Office to the community; the value of a Post Office to the shop owner; the effect of the timing of the application during the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns; whether there was potential for any replacement such as a community-run shop; whether there were potential alternative premises for a shop and/or Post Office; the role of the Parish Council in representing the community and with regard to its membership of the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan. ***The Council recorded an equal vote*** of three in support of the application and three against but noted also the difficulties associated with either position. ***It was resolved*** therefore to submit a response to Cherwell District Council to advise of the equal vote and to set out the detail of the points discussed with the aim of providing neutral account. *Clerk's note: the response submitted to Cherwell DC on 22nd March 2021 is the Council's record of the discussion and will be filed with these Minutes.* 4. Finance There were no matters to report. 5. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas *Minor matters of information not elsewhere on the agenda (not for debate/decision; agenda items for future meetings:* None. The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m. **Signed** **Chairman** **Date**	

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