

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Amenities Committee
held on Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 7.30pm
in Closes Pavilion, Appleton Road, Cumnor.

Present.

Councillors. Chris Westcott, Chair, Laurence Waters (Council Vice-Chair), Gary Mason, Judy Roberts, Ray Stone, and Tina Brock, Clerk.

County Councillor. CC Judy Roberts.

District Councillor. DC Judy Roberts.

21/25 Apologies for Absence.

Tom Christophers (Council Chair) (prior commitment), Basil England (approved absence), Dona Foster (prior commitment), Alison Jenner (unwell) and Paula Lopez (prior commitment). The Committee resolved to approve these apologies.

22/25 Variance of Order of Business. None.

23/25 Declarations of Interest. None.

24/25 Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Amenities Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21 January 2025.

The Committee resolved to approve the minutes which were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

25/25 Public Participation. None.

26/25 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- i. Minute 17/24 Street Furniture. MRH Services is quoting to replace all the wooden slat of the bench at the overbridge Oxford Road, Cumnor with manmade slats.
- ii. Minute 60/24 Speeding/HGV Issues. Clerk contacted OCC Highways Engagement Team for assistance with reducing the speed limit along the B4044 from Eynsham Road, Dean Court overbridge to Farmoor from 50mph to 40mph and requested 30mph past care home and Hill End. Speed surveys were required and commissioned with the results being sent and request for a reduction in speed through the OCC 'Ask for Traffic changes' website page on 27 November 2024. A response was expected within 10 days but not received. I have emailed the Highways Engagement Team requesting that they make enquiries on behalf of Council. Update now passed to Mark Francis, Traffic and Road Safety, OCC.
- iii. Minute 84/24 7.5 tonne goods restriction – Email sent to CC Roberts 28/1/2025 raising concerns of HGV's travelling through Cumnor Village requesting signage 'Not suitable for HGV's'. The request was also sent to Highways Engagement Team on 2/10/2024 which had been passed to the relevant team. CC Roberts reported that she had received a request for traffic lights either end of Swinford Toll Bridge and that this was being looked into. A weight restriction across the bridge had been requested and Highways had replied that there was no proof of damage to the bridge caused by HGVs.
- iv. Minute 08/25 Service/Visual inspections of play parks. Quote requested to replace floor of Youth Shelter at Pinnocks Way, and trip hazards are being filled in when MRH Services visits the parks.

FINANCE

27/25 Current costs 2024/2025.

Council noted the following Committee costs at year end.

- i. Burial. Remaining budget at year end £475.97.
- ii. Highways. Remaining balance at year end £568.60.
- iii. Recreation and Playing Fields. Overspend of budget at year end £10,760.27: Hedge cutting due to tree work following biennial tree survey overspend of £4,501, Closes equipment work to Sit Up overspend of £1,749.05 Glebe play equipment budget replacement part for Net Swing and general repairs to replace aging parts overspend of £3,130.88.

RECREATION AND PLAYING FIELDS

28/25 Service and visual inspections of play parks carried out by MRH Services.

Noted.

29/25 Reports from Playground Monitors of any other maintenance issues.

- i. **Closes Field** – No issues.
- ii. **Glebe Play Park and Eco loo** – Complaints had been received of flies in the Eco loo, Tom Christophers had contacted the supplier to ask if they have a solution to the problem.
- iii. **Fogwell Field** – No issues.
- iv. **Mayfield Road Field** – Gary Mason. None.
- v. **Meadow Close Play Park** – A resident's fence panels have been removed making the park unsafe for young users of the park. The Clerk had written to the resident, but the fence panels have not been reinstated. The Clerk would contact the resident again.
- vi. **Pinnocks Way Play Park** – The Clerk had written to residents whose fence panels were down or unsafe requesting that they were replaced or repaired. The Committee discussed planting a hedge along the fence line. The Clerk to discuss with the grounds contractor.

30/25 Requests for additional/replacement play/adult fitness equipment. None.

PAVILIONS

31/25 Closes Pavilion.

- i. Maintenance issues. The gas bottles have been replaced, a Risk Assessment had not been carried out, a fire extinguisher service had not been arranged and the electrical items that had failed the PAT had not been removed. (*Clerk's note: Fire extinguisher service booked with Red Box.*)
- ii. Roof maintenance and front balcony. The Committee agreed that Gary Mason and Clerk should write a specification for the roof and front balcony work required prior to obtaining quotes.
- iii. The Committee resolved to approve a quote of £485 for Amicus Environmental Ltd to carry out an asbestos survey of the pavilion.
- iv. In view of the failure of Cumnor Minors FC to carry out the maintenance requirements (minute 31/25 i) the Committee would recommend to Council that the lease and licence with Cumnor Minors FC is reviewed and to consider taking over the management of Closes Pavilion.

32/25 Fogwell Pavilion.

- i. Function room fire door. The Committee requested that the Clerk source quotes to replace the door.
- ii. Roof maintenance. The Committee agreed that Gary Mason and Clerk should write a specification for the roof work required prior to obtaining quotes.

HIGHWAYS

33/25 Bus stops/shelters.

Ray Stone requested a solar light for the bus shelter by Oaklands, Farmoor. The Clerk would source quotes.

34/25 Speeding/HGV issues.

- i. Farmoor Mobile SID. The Clerk and Judy Roberts met with Mark Francis, Technical Officer, OCC to discuss the siting of a mobile SID by Farmoor mini roundabout (B4044), along the Oxford Road (B4044) and the B4017 Tumbledown near the 20mph limit sign. Quotes were being sourced to purchase a SID and solar panel, install posts at 4 locations and contract to relocate SID every 3 months.

35/25 Parking issues. None.

36/25 Street furniture requests. None.

37/25 Footpaths/ROW.

No issues raised.

38/25 Botley Traffic Advisory Committee next meeting.

No issues raised for the next meeting.

39/25 Parish Transport Representative Committee next meeting.

No issues raised for the next meeting.

40/25 Next Meetings.

Scheduled to be held on Tuesdays 22 July 2025, 14 October 2025, 20 January 2026 and 14 April 2026 in Closes Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court, Oxford.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed..... Date.....2025.