

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Amenities Committee
held on Tuesday 16 April 2024 at 7.30pm
in Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court, Oxford

Present.

Councillors. Chris Westcott, Chair, Tom Christophers, Council Chair, Laurence Waters, Council Vice-Chair, Alison Jenner, Paula Lopez, Gary Mason, Judy Roberts, Oliver Wright, and Tina Brock, Clerk.

County Councillor. CC Judy Roberts.

District Councillor. DC Judy Roberts.

Visitors. None.

22/24 Apologies for Absence. None.

23/24 Variance of Order of Business. None.

24/24 Declarations of Interest. None.

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Approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

26/24 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- i. Minute 15/22 Farmoor stores map case. New map needed. Difficulty obtaining a quote.
- ii. Minute 55/23 Changing Rooms are still out of use due to a water leak causing the ceiling to come down at The Old Forge, The Vine Inn, Cumnor. Council would be considering a grant from The Vine for the cost of the repairs at its May meeting. The Committee discussed usage, relocating or purchasing the building and queried why the damage wasn't covered by The Vine Inn's insurance. The Clerk is checking the original agreement between Council and the then owners of The Vine Inn which sets out the responsibilities of each party. Clerk to report back to Council at its May meeting.
- iii. Minute 09/24vi Pinnocks Way Play Park. Sovereign Vale Housing Association have agreed to pay for the damage to the zip wire and removal of branches from branches that had fallen into the play park during storms in November 2023 and January 2024.
- iv. Minute 12/24 Fogwell Pavilion. Botley Boys and Girls FC had paid the outstanding invoices.
- v. Minute 17/24 Street Furniture. MRH Services to quote to replace the wooden slat of the bench at the overbridge Oxford Road, Cumnor with manmade slats.

27/24 Public Participation. None.

FINANCE

28/24 Current costs 2023/2024.

Council noted the following Committee costs to date.

- i. Burial. There was an overspend of £403.00 due to the unexpected cost of a memorial inspection.
- ii. Highways. There was an underspend of £2,376.41.
- iii. Recreation and Playing Fields. There was an underspend of £1,237.83.

PUBLIC ART

29/24 S106 contributions available for public art projects.

The Committee agreed to use the available s106 contributions for public art projects. The Committee discussed;

How to engage with the community ie social media, Cumnor Parish News, public event.

How to manage community expectations.

Key locations and getting permission from landowners.

Costings.

Types of public art.

It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the meeting of the Cumnor Fit for the Future Steering Group on Wednesday 15 May to discuss and arrange engaging with the community. The Steering Group would provide an initial update to Council at its June meeting with a further update on a list of proposed options at Council's September meeting.

RECREATION AND PLAYING FIELDS

30/24 Service and visual inspections of play parks carried out by MRH Services.

Work to the timber trail at Closes field is currently on hold as the ground is too wet to drive across.

31/24 Reports from Playground Monitors of any maintenance issues.

- i. Closes Field. The fence by the gate in the far corner by the timber trail needs to be repaired. Clerk to check if it is Councils responsibility.
- ii. Glebe Play Park and Eco loo. Tom Christophers reported that he had concerns that the Eco loo wasn't being emptied correctly. At the next scheduled visit to empty the loo Tom would attend. The roundabout is very stiff and hard to rotate. The Clerk would chase this repair.
- iii. Fogwell Field. None.
- iv. Mayfield Road Field. None.
- v. Meadow Close Play Park. Gary Mason reported issues of dog faeces. The Clerk would ask Ady Podbery Grounds Care to monitor.
- vi. Pinnocks Way Play Park. Judy Roberts reported a complaint of cats faeces in the sand pit. The Clerk would ask Ady Podbery Grounds Care to monitor.

32/24 Requests for additional/replacement play/adult fitness equipment. None.

PAVILIONS

33/24 Closes Pavilion.

Gary Mason would be attending a meeting with Gemma Pitts, Cumnor Minors FC on Monday 29 April 2024 and would report back to Council at its May meeting.

34/24 Fogwell Pavilion.

Alison Jenner reported that a kettle and hoover had failed the recent PAT testing, these items had been removed from the pavilion, and requested that Council purchase a PAT testing kit. The Clerk would source a quote for Council approval at its May meeting.

HIGHWAYS

35/24 Bus stops/shelters.

No matters/updates to report.

36/24 Speeding/HGV issues.

Speed reduction on the B4044 from Dean Court to Farmoor from 50mph to 40mph. No update.

37/24 Parking issues.

Appleton Road, Cumnor – parking issues during matches at Closes Field. The football club is aware of this issue and encourages parking in the Cricket Club car park. The club is looking to extend the existing car park and would be presenting a proposal to Council. Gary Mason would discuss this issue at the meeting due on 29 April 2024.

171 Cumnor Hill – VWHDC had engaged through its Enforcement Team following previous complaints, but car transporters are still unloading on Cumnor Hill instead of on site as established through conditions in the approved planning application.. The Committee discussed installing yellow lines. The Clerk would contact Mark Francis, Traffic and Road Safety, OCC for advice. Costs for yellow line consultation would need to go to Council for approval if needed.

38/24 Street furniture requests.

Cumnor Hill Puffin Crossing. No update on installation date. Clerk to chase.

39/24 Footpaths/ROW. None.

40/24 Botley Traffic Advisory Committee next meeting. None.

41/24 Parish Transport Representative Committee next meeting. None.

42/24 Next Meetings.

To be held on Tuesdays: 23 July 2024, 15 October 2024, 21 January 2025 and 15 April 2025 in Fogwell Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court, Oxford.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed..... Date.....2024