

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Amenities Committee
held on Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 7.30pm
in Fogwell Field Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court

Present.

Councillors. Chris Westcott, Chair, Tom Christophers (Council Chair), Laurence Waters (Council Vice-Chair), Basil England, Dona Foster, Alison Jenner, Paula Lopez, Gary Mason, Judy Roberts, Ray Stone, and Tina Brock, Clerk.

County Councillor. CC Judy Roberts.

District Councillor. DC Judy Roberts.

01/25 Apologies for Absence. None.

02/25 Variance of Order of Business. None.

03/25 Declarations of Interest. None.

04/25 Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Amenities Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22 October 2024.

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

05/25 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- i. Minute 55/23 Changing Room at The Old Forge. Repairs to the ceiling had been carried out. Work to the electrics of the bed had been completed and a new hoist installed. The landlord of the Vine would arrange for the facility to be painted.
- ii. Minute 17/24 Street Furniture. MRH Services to quote to replace all the wooden slat of the bench at the overbridge Oxford Road, Cumnor with manmade slats.
- iii. Minute 60/24 Speeding/HGV Issues. The request to reduce the speed limit along the B4044 from the A420 overbridge on Eynsham Road to Farmoor from 50mph to 40mph and 30mph past Hill End and Oaken Holt Care home has been requested via the OCC 'Ask for Traffic changes' website on 27 November 2024. I emailed the Highways Engagement Team to request that they make enquiries on behalf of Council as no response had been received within the specified 10 days. Mark Francis, Technical Officer, OCC is now dealing with the request.
- iv. Minute 84/24 7.5 tonne goods restriction – feasibility study costs, signage, funding and CC support. Ongoing. Clerk would write to OCC Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Development Strategy Councillor Judy Roberts requesting signage and weight restriction through Cumnor Village.

06/25 Public Participation. None.

FINANCE

07/25 Current costs 2024/2025.

Council noted the following Committee costs to date.

- i. Burial. Dedicated Reserves of £84,670.74. Budget £2,480 with a remaining balance of £582.
- ii. Highways. Dedicated Reserves of £15,367. Budget £6,850 with a remaining balance of £616.60.
- iii. Recreation and Playing Fields. Dedicated Reserves £16,557. Budget £26,262 with an overspend of £4,379.70 (hedge cutting and Closes and Glebe play equipment).

RECREATION AND PLAYING FIELDS

08/25 Service and visual inspections of play parks carried out by MRH Services.

The Clerk would request that MRH Services fills in the trip hazards during his visits to the relevant play parks and request a quote to replace the flooring of the Youth Shelter at Pinnocks Way play park.

09/25 Reports from Playground Monitors of any other maintenance issues.

- i. **Closes Field** – Dona Foster. None
- ii. **Glebe Play Park and Eco loo** – Tom Christophers. None.
- iii. **Fogwell Field** – Judy Roberts. None.
- iv. **Mayfield Road Field** – Gary Mason. None.

- v. **Meadow Close Play Park** – Ray Stone reported that the play equipment and path were covered in algae and that a lot of branches were laying on the ground.
- vi. **Pinnocks Way Play Park** – Judy Roberts. None.

10/25 Requests for additional/replacement play/adult fitness equipment. None.

PAVILIONS

11/25 Closes Pavilion.

- i. This meetings venue had to be changed to Fogwell Pavilion due to no heating at Closes as gas bottles had not been replaced.
- ii. Gary Mason, Oliver Wright and Clerk met with Cumnor Minors FC (CMFC) members to discuss maintenance issues on Monday 13 January 2025. The issues discussed were.
 - Replacement of the gas bottles as they were empty following the heating programme being over ridden. *(Clerk's note; Gas bottles had been ordered and would be delivered next week.)*
 - Defibrillator being switched off. The switch had been moved higher up the wall to prevent the defibrillator from being turned off accidentally.
 - PAT. Alison Jenner would carry out the testing.
 - Fire extinguishers need servicing. CMFC to arrange.
 - Risk assessment to be carried out by CMFC and a copy sent to Council.
 - Car park alterations. CMFC to send a plan and proposal for Council to consider.
 - Gutters to be cleared. Gary Mason to clear.
 - Cracks in external walls to be filled in. Gary Mason to fill.
 - Internal decorations to be carried out by CMFC.
- iii. The above to be carried out/completed by the end of February 2025.
- iv. To note the lease and licence between CMFC and Council is due for renewal in June 2028.

12/25 Fogwell Pavilion.

Gary Mason would source quotes to draught proof the fire doors in the function room.

HIGHWAYS

13/25 Bus stops/shelters.

Alison Jenner reported that data of a number of bus stops in the parish to show the physical attributes of each stop had been submitted to OCC who were setting up a comprehensive database. The project was currently on pause and being reviewed.

14/25 Speeding/HGV issues.

The Clerk and Judy Roberts would arrange a site meeting with Mark Francis, Technical Officer, OCC to discuss the siting of a VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed Sign) by Farmoor mini roundabout (B4044), and a SID, (Speed Indicator Device), on the B4017 Tumbledown at the 20mph limit sign.

15/25 Parking issues.

Councillors raised concerns of antisocial parking issues at various roads in the parish. Councillors to inform the Clerk of the names of the road and the issues.

16/25 Street furniture requests.

Councillors requested 2 dog poo bins. VWHDC would need photographic evidence of need prior to considering installing new bins. Councillors to provide evidence and send to the Clerk.

17/25 Footpaths/ROW.

The Clerk had written to a resident on Cumnor Hill to cut back foliage which was blocking the path.

18/25 Botley Traffic Advisory Committee next meeting.

No issues raised for the next meeting.

19/25 Parish Transport Representative Committee next meeting.

Issue of buses not arriving on time.

20/25 Next Meetings.

To be held on Tuesday 15 April 2025 in Closes Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court, Oxford.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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