

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Amenities Committee
held on Tuesday 22 July 2025 at 7.30pm
in Closes Pavilion, Appleton Road, Cumnor.

Present.

Councillors. Tom Christophers (Council Chair), Dona Foster, Paula Lopez, Gary Mason, Judy Roberts and Tina Brock, Clerk.

The committee elected Tom Christopher to chair this meeting.

County Councillor. CC Judy Roberts.

District Councillor. DC Judy Roberts.

41/25 Election of Chair.

Deferred until next meeting.

42/25 Apologies for Absence.

Laurence Waters (Council Vice-Chair) (prior commitment), Basil England (approved absence), Alison Jenner (prior commitment) and Chris Westcott (prior commitment). The Committee resolved to approve these apologies.

43/25 Variance of Order of Business. None.

44/25 Declarations of Interest. None.

45/25 Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Amenities Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15 April 2025.

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

46/25 Public Participation. None.

47/25 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- i. Minute 17/24 Street Furniture. MRH Services is quoting to replace a wooden slat of the bench at the overbridge Oxford Road, Cumnor with manmade slats. Clerk to contact VWHDC Parks Team for a quote.
- 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. CC Judy Roberts would contact Lee Turner, Highways, OCC, and the Clerk would resubmit the request if required.
- 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. CC Judy Roberts reported that pilot schemes using ANPR were taking place, but OCC councillors were reporting that the issue was too complicated and that there was no funding to implement the scheme. CC Judy Roberts would continue to look into the issue.
- 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.
- v. Minute 32/25 Fogwell Pavilion. Quotes for a new function room fire door and roof works is being sourced.
- vi. Minute 33/25 Oaklands bus shelter. Quote for solar lighting is being sourced.

48/25 Emergency Plan review.

Council agreed that Dona Foster should draft a shortened visual plan.

FINANCE

49/25 Current costs 2024/2025.

Council noted the following Committee costs at year end.

- i. Burial. Remaining budget £2,604.00.
- ii. Highways. Remaining balance £5,804.00.
- iii. Recreation and Playing Fields. Remaining balance £17,327.47.

RECREATION AND PLAYING FIELDS

50/25 Service and visual inspections of play parks carried out by MRH Services.

Noted.

51/25 Nomination of playground inspectors.

- i. Closes Field – Dona Foster.
- ii. Glebe Play Park – Tom Christophers.
- iii. Fogwell Field – Judy Roberts.
- iv. Mayfield Road Field – Gary Mason.
- v. Meadow Close Play Park – Ray Stone.
- vi. Pinnocks Way – Judy Roberts.

52/25 Reports from Playground Monitors of any other maintenance issues.

- i. **Closes Field** – Weeds growing up between the slats of the Sit-up.
- ii. **Glebe Play Park and Eco loo** – No issues.
- iii. **Fogwell Field** – No issues.
- iv. **Mayfield Road Field** – No issues.
- v. **Meadow Close Play Park** – No issues.
- vi. **Pinnocks Way Play Park** – Suggested that the proposed suggestion to plant hedging around the perimeter of the park should be a Hawthorn hedge. Clerk to source quote for metal nets for the MUGA.

53/25 Requests for additional/replacement play/adult fitness equipment. None.

PAVILIONS

54/25 Closes Pavilion.

- i. The Committee agreed to recommend to Council the quote for Top Marks of £8,500 + VAT to carry out works to the roof.
- ii. Council noted the asbestos survey and requested that a risk assessment is carried out as per the survey.

55/25 Fogwell Pavilion.

- i. The Committee approved the quote of £110 + VAT to carry out a deep clean of the kitchen, wc and function room.

HIGHWAYS

56/25 Bus stops/shelters.

The Committee discussed lighting at bus stops in the parish. Tom Christophers would find out how many bus stops require lighting, and a request would be made to Stagecoach to install lighting.

57/25 Speeding/HGV issues.

- i. Farmoor Mobile SID by Farmoor mini roundabout (B4044), along the Oxford Road (B4044) and the B4017 Tumbledown near the 20mph limit sign. *(Clerk's note: Quote received to purchase a SID and solar panel, install posts at 4 locations and contract to relocate SID every 3 months were presented to Council who agreed that more information was required (minute 146/25 iii).)* The Committee discussed the cost to move the SID every 3 months and agreed that this was an excessive expense and agreed to enquire whether the redundant VAS removed during the 20mph roll out could be relocated to Farmoor. *(Clerk's note: Geoff Barrell, OCC 20 Limits Project Manager responded to the original request on 12/01/2023 'No unfortunately they can't be re-located so we'd just have to switch them off. The 20 Limit Project Team are lobbying hard to be allowed to use surplus project funds (20 limit signing costs are much cheaper than we thought) to fund new 20 VAS to replace all*

redundant ones. We'll keep trying! You might ask Judy to lobby on your behalf'. CC Judy Roberts did lobby on behalf of Council email 21/6/2023.) The Clerk would make enquiries.

58/25 Parking issues.

CC Judy Roberts would enquire about installing a red line in front of the school to ease parking issues.

59/25 Street furniture requests. None.

60/25 Footpaths/ROW.

No issues raised.

61/25 Botley Traffic Advisory Committee next meeting.

No issues raised for the next meeting.

62/25 Parish Transport Representative Committee next meeting.

Bunching of buses traveling down Cumnor Hill.

BURIAL

63/25 Garden of Remembrance.

The Clerk had received a complaint from a resident that the steps, path, handrail and bench need repairing. Dona Foster would visit the garden and inform the Clerk of any work required.

64/25 Burial Ground.

No issues raised.

65/25 Next Meetings.

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

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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