

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Cumnor Fit for the Future Steering Group
on Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 7.30pm
in Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court.

Present.

Alison Jenner, Chair, (CPC), Lucy Crittenden, Tony Harker, Fiona Newton, Stuart Newton and Ray Stone, Abigail Brown, Arts Development Officer, VWHDC, 3 residents and Tina Brock, Clerk.

Alison Jenner took the minutes of the meeting.

20/24 Apologies for Absence.

Catriona Bass (prior commitment), Kevan Martin (prior commitment) and Jim Mower (family illness).

Apologies approved.

21/24 Declarations of Interests. None.

22/24 Variance of order of business. None.

23/24 Minutes of the Meeting of held on Wednesday 15 May 2024.

Agreed and signed by the Chair.

24/24 Matters Arising from these Minutes. None.

25/24 Public Participation. None.

26/24 Public Art Presentation.

Abigail Brown, Arts Development Officer, VWHDC informed members and residents of the section 106 developers contribution of £60k from the Kimmeridge development to be spent within the next 10 year, which can only be spent on public art. Abigail presented pictures of different types of art projects that have been produced in other parishes such as landmark works, paving fences, lighting, signage and many more other examples and explained the process for commissioning art.

The meeting discussed producing a literacy/heritage walk linking the 4 wards of the parish with signs and QR codes which would include the winch related to Chawley brickworks, the Pysic Well, Amy Robsart, the Plesiosaur found in Cumnor and the possibility of using Kimmeridge Clay when producing a piece of art. Cumnor Parish is full of history and there were many ideas discussed. The Cumnor fit for the Future website has lots of information so this would be a good starting point to consider locations and key points to include in the walks.

Next steps. Members and residents were invited to produce a list of 10 items and locations that they felt were important and should be included in the walks, rated 1 to 10, 1 being top choice. To be sent to the Clerk by Wednesday 31 July 2024 for collating, which will be emailed to members for comments.

27/24 Jubilee Memorial Copse.

Common Land near to Cumnor Cricket Club registered to VWHDC. The Clerk has chased the Vale of the White Horse District Council, but no response received yet. The site visit on Friday 17 June 2024 was positive and the area could possibly be used. An issue with a manhole overflowing was raised, this would need investigating.

28/24 Reports.

- i. Walking group – literary walks. Discussed minute 26/24.
- ii. Website/Interactive map. Council has agreed to pay the hosting fees of £186 for 2 years.
- iii. Thames Valley Wildflower and Meadow Recovery Project. None.
- iv. Cumnor Conservation Group. Lucy reported. Talks are ongoing regarding the leases and management of the units. A report of polystyrene beads being dumped at Unit 1 had been received. CCG and Mike Packer had been informed.
- v. Village Pond. Lucy reported that a Pond Management Plan was in place. A resident reported that the overflow pipe was broken which is why the pond is unable to drain and maybe why the lane is flooding. Lucy would inform Ben.
- vi. Hill End. Lucy reported that the Ffennell Festival was a success with 450 people attending. It's a very busy season the visitors, maintenance jobs and restoring the ponds.
- vii. Any other reports. None.

29/24 Date of next meeting.

Wednesday 4 September 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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