

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Cumnor Parish Council meeting
held on Monday 6 March 2023 at 7.30pm
in Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court

Present.

Tom Christophers, Chairman, Laurence Waters, Vice-Chairman, Dom Balchin, Alison Jenner, Judy Roberts, Ray Stone, Chris Westcott, Oliver Wright and Tina Brock, Clerk.

57/23 Apologies for Absence.

Dona Foster (prior commitment), Paula Lopez (prior commitment) and Gary Mason (unwell). Council resolved to approve these apologies.

58/23 Declarations of Interest. None.

59/23 Variance of Order of Business. None.

60/23 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council.

Council resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 February 2023.

61/23 Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

62/23 Clerk's Newsletter and Addendum. Received

- i. Payment of Accounts. Approved as per minute 63/23.

63/23 Payments of Accounts.

Council resolved to authorise the payments specified in the Clerk's Newsletter and Addendum and reproduced below.

Table 1 List of receipts

Statutory Power	Receipts received	Description	Total (£)
10 Local Auth Cemeteries Order 1977	Edward Carter Funeral Directors	Paid in error (reimbursed last month)	78.00

Table 2 List of expenditure.

Statutory Power	Payments now due:	Description	Total (£)
108, SO LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	Staff costs		2,939.26
DD Telecom Act 1984 s97	BT	Office and broadband	88.61
DD Telecom Act 1984 s97	BT	Mobile phone	6.00
109 LGA 1972 s134	Farmoor Village Hall	Public meeting 3 February	35.00
110a LGA 1972 s111	JBL Office	Stationery	69.56
110b LGA 1972 s111	JBL Office	Stationery	
111 LG (misc prov) Act 1953 s4	Andrew Berry Electrical & Security	Repairs to faulty light at Kenilworth Road bus shelter	78.00
112 LGA 1972 s137	Botley Bridges	Grant	5,000.00
113a Public Health Act 1936 s234	Wel Medical	Replacement defibrillator battery	396.00
113b Public Health Act 1936 s234	Wel Medical	Replacement defibrillator battery	
114 Public Health Act 1936 s234	Defib4Life	Defibrillator cabinet	534.00
115 Public Health Act 1936 s87	Drain Surgeons	Emptying of Ecoloo	150.00
SO LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976 S19	Thames Water	Rent 10 March 2023 to 9 March 2024 - Mayfield Field	34.00
116 LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976 S19	MRH Services	Visual inspection and attending several meetings with Proludic re bench press	316.00
117a LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976 S19	Ady Podbery Grounds Care	Litter picking, raking sand and pea shingle at various play parks	1,036.94
117b LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976 S19	Ady Podbery Grounds Care	Additional gravel to maze path at the Glebe play park	

Notes.

- i. After all payments are made the Santander Community Account will be in credit at £135,809.87.
- ii. The Council has the following debtor for 2022/23: HMRC (Reclaimable VAT) £7,159.01.
- iii. As of 17 February 2023 the Corporate Notice account held a credit balance of £74,194.33.
- iv. M&G Investments Fund. Dividend cheque for £275.86 received and sent to COIF deposit account.

64/23 Public Participation. None.

REPORTS

65/23 Reports from County Councillors.

CC Roberts submitted a written report.

General

The budget was approved by Full Council in February with some minor amendments. The proposed triangle stadium site has been agreed to go forward to further discussions with OUF. C.

At cabinet a new Verge and Vegetation policy has been approved.

Traffic and highways

The latest information on the closure of Botley Road for the rebuilding of the station and the widening of the bridge is that the closure will start on the Tuesday 11 April. The demolition work has started on the station café and on the YHA building. The pavement access is now only on the opposite side of the bridge through the south pedestrian tunnel.

This is the website that the latest information will be posted on Oxfordshire Connect

<https://lineside.networkrail.co.uk/oxford-phase-2>

This was from the briefing we were given:

Botley Road full road closure for utility diversion work (11 April – end of October 2023) Full Station closure for high-speed crossovers, platform 4/5, signalling and Osney Lane footbridge work (29 July – 6 August 2023) Botley Road full road closure for highways work (March – October 2024) Full Station closure for the Bridge replacement and Hinksey/Didcot track renewal work – 4 days in August 2024.

The buses will reverse at the old YHA site, but it is still undecided where passengers will alight and join. The S1 will exit Oxford along the Woodstock Road and travel along the A34 and re-enter the city from the Botley roundabout along the A420. All the other routes will have passengers access to Frideswide Square through the south pedestrian tunnel. Delivery bikes, disability pedestrians and cyclists will all use the tunnel which will have safety marshals.

Sheepwash bridge work will be done at night only, so the Osney towpath is a good cycle access to the city and North Oxford. The Willow Walk works should be complete on the 10 April so that will be a good cycle route to the Ice Rink area

The traffic filters scheme will progress after Botley Road reopens in 2024 (the final decision is still to be made) but the Kennington bridge one lane system will happen in between the two Botley Road closures. The Flood Scheme is awaiting some more environmental evidence from the Environment Agency and a further public consultation before it can go to committee.

The North Hinksey 20 mph scheme was approved last Thursday but the Cumnor scheme was deferred for further information.

Consultations:

The website area is: <https://myeplanning.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Planning/Display/MW.0027/22/> it contains the application for the Flood Alleviation Scheme. The consultation is closed but the documents are still there. It isn't going to planning in February.

Let's Talk Oxfordshire.gov.uk website:

The Broad Street Consultation closes on 24 April 2023

Councillor Surgery

My councillor surgery is now in the Botley Library on the first Saturday of each month from 10am – 12.

66/23 Report from District Councillor.

DC Jenner submitted a written report.

I attended the meeting of the Full Council on 15 February 2023 when by unanimous agreement of all members the Vale of White Horse passed the budget for 2023/24 which showed the council had improved the financial position of the Council compared with four years ago. Council tax was to increase by the maximum allowed, £5 per Band D property. The council's medium term financial plan showed that we would be in a stable financial position for the next two years, but government funding was uncertain after that.

More capital investments were to be made, including a learner pool at Wantage Leisure Centre, funded from section 106 contributions. In addition, capital was to go to the Local Authority Housing Fund project, supported by government funding.

Details are at <http://democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=3044&x=1>

On 21 February 2023 I attended a virtual meeting of OCC Passenger Transport Representatives.

Amongst other presentations, Dan Farmiloe, Hook Norton Low Carbon group made a presentation on the "Hooky Car Club", a low-carbon car club in a rural community.

Dave Harrison, Principal Public Transport Planner, gave an update on bus services.



Current situation

- Patronage c.80-85%, but concessionary return rate lower – the "new normal"
- Bus Recovery Grant extended
- Driver shortage easing but still some issues
- £2 fare cap in place on most routes
- Deals signed for ZEBRA electric buses
- 15 new contracts in place for supported services



Council budget 2023/24

- Concessionary fares budget maintained at current level
- Ongoing:
 - £800k annually for new rural transport services
 - £500k for Park & Ride integrated ticket scheme
 - £100k for improved travel information, including online and printed bus publicity
- One-off:
 - £1.5m over three years for transport/mobility hubs
 - £400k community transport grant scheme (£250k rural, £150k Oxford)



These were the most relevant slides to our residents.

67/23 Report from Representatives on Outside Bodies. None.

COUNCIL

68/23 Change of date of July Council meeting.

Council resolved to approve changing the date of the July meeting from Monday 3 July 2023 to Monday 10 July 2023.

FINANCE

69/23 Expenditure.

- i. Council noted that the Chairman and Clerk had approved expenditure to repair the hoist at The Old Forge of £66 + VAT.
- ii. Council resolved to approve expenditure not exceeding £100 from MRH Services to install a teak bench at the High Street, Cumnor. The bench had been donated to Council.
- iii. Council resolved to approve expenditure not exceeding £200 for MRH Services to repair the gate at Mayfield Road play park, Farmoor.
- iv. Council resolved to approve expenditure of £49.90 for the Clerk's eye examination.
- v. Council resolved to approve Andrew Berry's quote of £776.36 + VAT to replace light switches in the function room, Girls and Boys changing rooms and w/c to sensor lights at Fogwell Pavilion. Funds to come from the Fogwell Road Dedicated Reserves.
- vi. Council resolved to approve Ady Podbery's quote of £220.15 + VAT to replace the broken fencing at Fogwell Field play park.
- vii. Council resolved to approve expenditure of £225 + VAT to carry out works to the Sycamore tree on common land at Appleton Road, Cumnor.
- viii. Council noted that the Clerk had approved expenditure of £34.75 inc VAT for Wicksteed to supply a buffer for the Xerscape Chest Press at the Glebe play park. (Financial Regulations 4.1).

70/23 Grants.

Council resolved to approve the following grants.

- a. Clean Slate LGA 1972 s137 £250 to provide support services for adults in the parish.

71/23 Community Infrastructure Levy.

Council resolved to approve requesting that the CIL for development within the parish be transferred from VWHDC to the Council.

TRAINING

72/23 Training.

Council resolved to approve expenditure for all Councillors to attend OALC's Roles and Responsibilities training programme after the elections in May 2023.

ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES

73/23 Update on other current matters.

OCCs Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Highway Management meeting on 23 February 2023 decided on the Cumnor (including Farmoor) proposed 20mph and 30mph speed limits.

Cabinet members agreed to defer a decision to enable further discussion, [Reasons for deferring can be found here.](#)

PLANNING.

74/23 Planning Committee draft minutes.

Council received the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 February 2023.

75/23 Submitted Planning Applications.

The Council would submit the following observations:

Table 2 List of planning applications.

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P23/V0250/LDE	<p>Certificate of Lawful Development information to be sent that is considered relevant to the officer's considerations.</p> <p>Milestone, Eynsham Road, Farmoor, Oxford OX2 9NL</p> <p><i>That the constructed garden building development and use is a lawfully constructed development as set out in Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended Schedule 9 Part 1 Class E (P.D.).</i></p> <p>Council can only submit information that it feels relevant for consideration.</p>

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
		<p>The application is for permitted development rights for a previously illegally constructed single storey building. The building in question is set at the north end of the garden and adjacent to Wytham Wood. The applicant states that the building was completed prior to 1 March 2020.</p> <p>However, the site location plan for a proposed double garage P21/VO321/HH (approved by the Vale Planning Department on 25 November 2021) does not show any garden building.</p> <p>The single storey building in question measures 12m x 8.8m with a roof height of 4m to top of pitch. It is shown as containing two separate study rooms each with a wc/shower room and a what is described as a large gym/games area. Interestingly the application states that some of the internal stud walls of the garden building have not, as yet, been completed.</p> <p>The applicant has also provided a floor plan of the existing main dwelling. This shows a separate annex containing bedroom (1) , WC /Shower room and kitchen area. There are 3 further bedrooms. The annex extension was approved under application P06/V0726 (2006).</p> <p>The “garden room “is one of two illegally constructed single storey buildings (Milestone/Latifi Garden) that the Parish Council flagged up to the Vale of the White House Planning Department soon after they were constructed in 2021. We understand that our concerns were passed on the Enforcement Team for investigation. Ref VE21/177.</p> <p>The application contains detailed supporting documentation listing a number of reasons why Permitted Development should be granted but makes no reference to the fact that the structure was actually built without planning permission. Council objects to this application for Permitted Development and asks the Vale Enforcement Team what action they are/have taken to date regarding the illegal development at Milestone.</p>
ii	P23/V0392/FUL	<p>22 Eynsham Road, Dean Court, Oxford OX2 9BP</p> <p><i>Conversion of an existing garage into a rehab room.</i></p> <p>Supports.</p>
iii	P23/V0423/AG	<p>Denmans Farm, Eynsham Road, Farmoor, Oxford OX2 9NJ</p> <p><i>General purpose building for storing machinery, fertilizer and corn.</i></p> <p>Supports.</p>

76/23 Permitted Planning Applications. Noted.

Table 3 List of permitted planning applications.

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P22/V2817/S73	<p>Site of 82 Cumnor Hill, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9HU</p> <p><i>Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) under application reference number P16/V0721/FUL to alter internal layout, to increase size of ground floor to include two studies to the ground floor units, and to increase size of unit 8 on third floor.(26 January 2023 - Description updated to include change to unit 8 for clarity).</i></p>
ii	P22/V2189/FYL	<p>Youlbury Scout Activity Centre, Youlbury, Boars Hill, Oxford OX15HD</p> <p><i>Two staff accommodation block and new toilet block. As amplified and amended by: (Amended Ecological and Arboricultural information received 21 November 2022, revised drainage plan and information received 12 and 23 December 2022, and revised CTMP and schedule of materials received 19 December 2022) (Amended plans including drainage plans, revised arboricultural information and revised CTMP received 7 Feb 2023)</i></p>
iii	P23/V0041/HH	<p>2 Oakenholt Cottage, Eynsham Road, Farmoor, Oxford OX2 9NL</p> <p><i>Replacement garage t outbuilding. Proposed internal alterations.</i></p>

77/23 Update on other current matters.

The Planning Inspectorates appeal decision for planning application P21/V2665/FUL 157 Eynsham Road, Dean Court, Oxford OX2 9NE – second floor/roof extension. Appeal allowed.

78/33 Proposed Industrial installation (Solar Power Station) for the production of electricity on Green Belt land.

- a. Title Registers and Title Plans for farmland in the Parish. East of Tumbledown owned by the Gees and Denmans Farm, Upper Whitley owned by Manor Farm, Eaton and West of Tumbledown owned by John Gee.
- b. Council agreed to purchase copies of land held by All Souls and Merton College in the parish.
- i. **Proposed ‘Botley West’ solar power station.**
 - a. Council noted the email sent on 13 February 2023 to VWHDC requesting that Council receive the briefing given to District Councillors by VWHDC officers. A follow up email will be sent. District Councillors Jenner and Roberts confirmed that they had been briefed by VWHDC as described by District Councillor Hallet.
 - b. Council agreed to sign the StopBotleyWest Campaign petition.
- ii. **Land West of Red House Farm, Farmoor.**
 - a. Nothing to report.
- iii. **Land at the Hurst/Millennium Field/Harcourt Hill**
 - a. Council noted that in VWHDCs opinion the 2nd Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Opinion application for this site [P23/V0306/SCR](#) requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Exclusion of Press and Public

To move the following resolution, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it is in the public interest that the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting, and they are requested to withdraw.

79/23 Confidential Matters. None.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

80/23 Next meeting.

The next Council meeting would take place on **Monday 3 April 2023 at 7.30pm Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court.**

The Annual Parish Meeting would take place on **Tuesday 3 May 2023 at 7.30pm in The Old School, Cumnor.**

Further meetings are due to be held in **2023 on Mondays:** 15 May, 5 June, 10 July, 7 August, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November and 4 December and in **2024** 8 January, 5 February, 4 March and 8 April at **7.30pm in Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court.**

In **2024** the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 7.30pm in The Old School, Cumnor.**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm..

Signed..... Date.....2023