

**CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Cumnor Fit for the Future Steering Group**  
**on Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 7.30pm**  
**in Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court.**

**Present.**

Alison Jenner, Chair, (CPC), Lucy Crittenden, Jim Mower, Fiona Newton, Stuart Newton, and Tina Brock, Clerk

**01/23 Apologies for Absence.**

Catriona Bass (prior commitment), Kevan Martin (prior commitment) and Ray Stone, CPC (prior commitment). Apologies received.

**02/23 Declarations of Interests. None.**

**03/23 Variance of order of business. None.**

**04/23 Minutes of the Meeting of held on Wednesday 23 November 2022.**

Agreed and signed by the Chair.

**05/23 Matters Arising from these Minutes. None.**

**06/23 Public Participation. None.**

**07/23 Hill End Ffennell Festival Saturday 10 June 2023 11am – 4pm.**

The festival is run by the Friends of Hill End who wondered if the group would like to be involved at this years event. Alison, who is a beekeeper, said that she would host a CFFF stall to educate about bees.

**08/23 Jubilee Memorial Copse.**

The Estates Team, OCC are looking into the group's request to turn Common Land CL42 into a Memorial Copse.

Still waiting for a response from VWHDC who suggested that a piece of common land near to the Cricket Ground may be a suitable site for a conservation area. Fiona reported that the land appeared to be being cleared.

**09/23 Reports.**

- i. Walking group – literary walks. Tony to update at the next meeting. Jim would look into whether the footpath at the west side of Cumnor Hurst was entered on the Definitive map of Public Rights of Way for Oxfordshire.
- ii. Website/Interactive map. The Oak Tree survey was still on going.
- iii. Thames Valley Wildflower and Meadow Recovery Project. Catriona and Kevan to update at the next meeting.
- iv. Cumnor Conservation Group. Jim reported;  
A recent Oak tree survey at Cumnor Hurst Unit 2 recorded 268 Oak trees ranging between 30 and 100/110 years in age.  
Phase 1 of a Habitat Survey discovered a rare beetle.  
Clearance of gorse would be carried out by a work party and the remaining clearance would be completed in August.  
Signage would be installed by the Jubilee plaque.  
A volunteer has been found to take over the pond maintenance from Lorraine.  
Volunteers had helped to plant trees at the Community Woodland. Fencing had been moved to prevent deer getting trapped.  
A triangular piece of land next to the Community Woodland may be turned into a Community Orchard.  
Sparrowhawks hatched 3 ye3ars ago have returned again this year.
- v. Katey's Kitchen Garden. Nothing to report.
- vi. Trishaw. Nothing to report.
- vii. Tree planting at Farmoor. OCC have planted a tree at Oxford Road, Farmoor, Ray had arranged for a volunteer to water the tree.
- viii. Sensible energy education. On hold.
- ix. Future projects. Nothing to add.

**10/23 Date of next meeting.**

Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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