

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Cumnor Fit for the Future Steering Group
on Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 7.30pm
in Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court.

Present.

Alison Jenner, Chair, (CPC), Lucy Crittenden, Ben Grady, Tony Harker, Jim Mower, Fiona Newton, Kevan Martin, and Tina Brock, Clerk

11/23 Election of Chair.

The Group resolved to nominate Alison Jenner as Chair for the coming year.

12/23 Apologies for Absence.

Catriona Bass (prior commitment), Stuart Newton (prior commitment) and Ray Stone (prior commitment). Apologies received.

13/23 Declarations of Interests. None.

14/23 Variance of order of business. None.

15/23 Minutes of the Meeting of held on Wednesday 22 March 2023.

Agreed and signed by the Chair.

16/23 Matters Arising from these Minutes. None.

17/23 Public Participation. None.

18/23 Jubilee Memorial Copse.

Still waiting for a response from the Estates Team, OCC who 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 had been cleared and would ask the Cricket Club if they had carried out the clearance.

19/23 Reports.

- i. Walking group – literary walks. Tony had produced a Cumnor in Literature short walk round the centre of Cumnor leaflet. The group agreed it was a great piece of work and worth producing other leaflets for longer walks around the parish. The group discussed how to advertise the leaflets via social media, Cumnor Fit for the Future website, link to Oxfordshire Walks and Botley Health Walks, Cumnor Parish News, using QR codes along the walks etc. These ideas would be considered in more detail when more leaflets were available.
- ii. Website/Interactive map. Fiona reported that the website needs restructuring to include extra tabs and links to outside bodies.
- iii. Thames Valley Wildflower and Meadow Recovery Project. Kevan reported.
The project had joined up with Green Appleton and arranged a meadow walk at Long Mead on Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 5pm.
The Clerk informed the group that on Wednesday 31 May 2023 4.30pm – 6.30pm CPRE Oxfordshire members had been invited to find out more about the meadow restoration project including the planting of hedgerows.
Bugs in water courses around Eynsham and water vole surveys were being carried out.
<http://www.longmeadwildlifesite.org.uk/>
- iv. Cumnor Conservation Group. Jim reported;
Cumnor Hurst unit 2.
Gareth Morgan is grazing 3 Dexter cows with calves at the Hurst.
Clearance of gorse would be carried out after bird nesting season in October and a work party would clear the pathways.
A survey of hedgerows around Hurst, Youlbury and Hinksey Heights as they exist now to gather data on how they can be restored to form wildlife corridors is being carried out.
The Oak tree survey at Cumnor Hurst Unit 2 would be finished early June.
A memorandum of understanding had been agreed between with Mike Packer who manages Unit 1.
A joint management plan for unit 1 and 2 to be agreed and approved by Natural England.
Community Woodland.
Issues reported of Roe deer and Muntjacs eating residents flowers. Badgers and foxes have been sighted.
Community Orchard.
Needs volunteers to maintain.
Village Pond.
Lorraine had handed over a huge amount of information to Ben. It was agreed to create a page on the website for the Village Pond for the documents to be uploaded to.

- v. Sensible energy education. The group discussed how to inform and encourage residents to reduce their energy demand ie installing smart meters, car sharing. Ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.
- vi. Hill End. Lucy reported;
Ffennell Festival Saturday 10 June 11am – 4pm.
[Upcoming events.](#)
Looking to increase the variety of teaching spaces.

20/23 Date of next meeting.
Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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