

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Cumnor Fit for the Future Steering Group
on Wednesday 4 September 2024 at 7.30pm
in Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court.

Present.

Alison Jenner, Chair, (CPC), Lucy Crittenden, Tony Harker, Jim Mower, Fiona Newton, Ben Grady and, 5 residents and Tina Brock, Clerk.

Alison Jenner took the minutes of the meeting.

30/24 Apologies for Absence.

Stuart Newton (prior commitment) and Ray Stone (prior commitment). Apologies approved.

31/24 Declarations of Interests. None.

32/24 Variance of order of business. None.

33/24 Minutes of the Meeting of held on Wednesday 26 June 2024.

Agreed and signed by the Chair.

34/24 Matters Arising from these Minutes. None.

35/24 Public Participation.

Took place during the Public Art Consultation.

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Alison Jenner presented a slide show produced by Abigail Brown, Arts Development Officer, VWHDC which informed attending attendees of the different types of artworks that had been produced in other parishes and the process for commissioning the chosen artwork.

Ideas for different types of artworks, local artists and engaging with the local community were discussed.

Suggested ideas to explore were:

- Literary themed walks
- Features of industrial archaeology
- Agricultural character of the area
- Cumnor dinosaur
- 4 central hubs in the wards of the parish – Cumnor Hill, Cumnor Village, Dean Court and Farmoor
- Sustainable art
- Linked by a QR code to the [Cumnor fit for the Future website](#)

Next steps. To agree to set up a Public Art Working Group and approve Terms of Reference.

3 residents left the meeting.

37/24 Jubilee Memorial Copse.

Common Land near to Cumnor Cricket Club registered to VWHDC. Fiona Newton and Clerk met with Melissa Jones, Property Surveyor, VWHDC on Thursday 15 August 2024 to discuss whether the site was suitable and if VWHDC would consider a licence, selling or leasing to the Council. Issues were raised that a manhole had overflowed in the past and the site was prone to flooding which would cause access problems.

Next steps. Contact Marcus Smith, Property Team, VWHDC who is looking into whether the land can be disposed of.

Fiona Newton and 2 residents left the meeting.

38/24 Reports.

- i. Walking group – literary walks. Tony Harker reported that he was working on a way to present a Cumnor Literary Walk.
- ii. Website/Interactive map. No up date.
- iii. Thames Valley Wildflower and Meadow Recovery Project. No up date.
- iv. Cumnor Conservation Group. Jim Mower reported.
A Management Plan for both units was being prepared and discussions were still taking place regarding the lease between All Souls and Cumnor Parish Council. There have been problems with a particular cow escaping and having calves at the Hurst which is not ideal. The farmer is not grazing just Dexter cows as per the Grazing Agreement. Fencing needs to be improved and is being looked into.
Community Woodland.
A Management Plan is being drafted. CCG would be responsible for managing the woodland.
Orchard.
The land had been cleared and prepared and Simon Fineman and Mike Packer were sourcing funding opportunities.
- v. Village Pond. Ben Grady reported that the number of volunteers had increased. Gardens for Good

had mapped above and below the pond surface which is useful information for future bio mass removal. The sign is being restored.

- vi. Hill End. Lucy reported that the summer had been incredibly busy with over 1,000 people a day visiting. A bat walk is scheduled for 14 September 2024 and the pond restoration project is due to commence next week.
- vii. Any other reports. None.

39/24 Date of next meeting.

Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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