

**Minutes FOIV Committee Meeting
12th May 2025, 7.00-9.00pm, Hawkwell House**

1) Apologies and thanks to Hawkwell House for providing the venue

- Present: DB, ADS, CP, EB, BB, HN, JG, PC, MR,
- Cllr Baines for Highways item
- Apologies: CM, KR, NH, PS, DW, RF

2) Minutes of the last meeting

- Agreed – EB/MM to upload on website

3) Communications with members

- Print newsletters – were all delivered but shortage of deliverers mentioned by HN. MR and HN also inquired if newsletters could be printed on eco-friendly paper. – **MR** to find out. Next input deadline is the 16th of August for September delivery.
- Safe the archives – **EB/MM** to check if copies can be saved on external drive.
- Website support – **MR** to contact B and check his availability for ad hoc support if MM is absent.
- Refurbishment of noticeboards – **BB** presented different options and will check with Barhale if they may finance the refurbishment. The committee also requested the Barhale noticeboard to come down, once the tunnel work has been completed – **BB** to follow up.
- Monthly Community Nature updates will be available from May onwards – **DW/MR**.

4) Membership

- No updates in CM's absence.

5) Highways – with Cllr Baines

- **Speeding** – Based on Cllr Baines' surveys, a large minority (25%) of car journeys in the village break the 20mph speed limit, and even more (39%) on Abberbury Road. This data can be used to support the introduction of traffic calming and/or speed cameras etc (subject to budget). FOIV requested an on-site meeting with the relevant Council Officers to clarify the options, and Cllr Baines agreed to set this up.
- CP also mentioned obstruction by **pavement parking** – **Cllr Baines** to follow up with Annelise Dodds on civil powers to enforce against pavement parking.
- Recently installed "**No motor**" signs at Meadow Lane are being ignored and we were informed the blue sign cannot be legally enforced – a Traffic Regulation Order (and red signage) is required to ensure they can actually be enforced – **Cllr Baines** to follow up on FOIV 's request for red signs at Meadow Lane, Tree Lane and East Church.
- **Lighting** – The currently too bright street light bulbs need to be replaced. The County uses bulbs at 3000K. It was pointed out that Kelvin is only one parameter relevant to the impact of lighting. **Cllr Baines** to provide us with the data sheet for the Council's proposed bulbs.
- **Towpath** – the Committee expressed very serious concerns about pedestrians' safety on the towpath. Many cyclists are going too fast and are expecting pedestrians to step out of their way, even if there is no space. Following the recent death and coroner's report, it is abundantly clear that action and clear warning signs are urgently required to avoid further accidents and fatalities. Cllr Baines agreed. The recent meeting set up by adjacent Isis Neighbourhood with **Annelise Dodds MP** had been cancelled at short notice. Cllr Baines agreed to follow up on this.
- **CPZ** – overall, it was agreed that the CPZ has been positive. The County had agreed a review after 12 months. Issues include further yellow lines requested on Church Way and inappropriate "permissive" parking signs at narrow points on East Church and Meadow Lane. **FOIV to consolidate feedback from members**
- **Iffley Mead** – application has been submitted and is being validated. Design guide for detailed plans will be part of future applications. The site will be car free and accessed via Augustine Way. **Cllr Baines** to follow up regarding FOIV's request for a public meeting.

6) Planning

- **Local Plan 2042** – The City Council is understood to be running a workshop “opportunity” for Councillors to input view to the formation of the plan.
- **Thames Water:** Barhale is handling the clearance from Littlemore. They are also keen to support initiatives with local schools, i.e. Rose Hill and Iffley Mead. They also plan to invite the community to a hybrid site visit.
- **New planning applications** – this is a vacant post in the FOIV committee. FOIV had filed objection to Isis Farmhouse’s current appeal.
- **Other**
 - **Court Place Gardens** –BB confirmed that families will arrive from May onwards and Iffley Church plans a welcome event. BB mentioned the issue of the playground use by non-resident children which has been resolved. The church has to write a letter of indemnity to L&G.
 - **CPG biodiversity report** – Frustratingly, the regulations provide for 15 years over which the gain is to be achieved. **MR** to consider how to hold the developer to account over such a timescale.
 - **Church enhancement:** BB confirmed that side gates are now open from dawn to dark, a new middle gate has arrived last week.
 - **Horse Fields - MR** highlighted that Government and local policies will require that this greenspace needs a use other than passive “ecosystem services”, and that an appropriately managed outdoor education “Meadow School” for children could be one such use that would provide huge ongoing public benefit. A sub-committee has been formed to follow up – **MR, HN and EB**
 - **Donnington Cycle Track** – DW had confirmed outside the meeting that there is no news.
 - **Iffley Mead** – application has been submitted and is being validated.

7) Events

- Peggy Seeger’s CD launch event was very well attended a total of ca. £200 profit has been made. There was a vote of thanks to Peggy for her generosity in raising funds for FOIV.
- Hawkwell House late Summer event on the 28th of September – next planning meeting will take place end of June – **MR, HN, EB, DB** and **ADS**

8) Finances

- **PC** requested that cheques are made out to “The Friends of Iffley Village”, not FOIV, to be accepted by the bank

9) Security

- **DW** had noted by email increased drug dealing activity on Meadow Lane and adjacent field. Any observations have to be reported to the police.

10) AOB

- Petition for local **Bus Route** to go to the train station has had no results yet.