

FOIV Committee Meeting Minutes 13th May 2024

Hawkwell House Hotel and on Zoom

Attendees:

In Person: TW, BB, MR, KR, JS, CP, DB, AdiS, HN, IM

Apologies: CM, RF, DW, ML and PS

Not in attendance: PH

Thanks to HHH for hosting the meeting.

Welcome to Ben and Montse, meeting the committee

Mins of 15.04.24 – agreed

Matter arising:

Point 1 – ML was going to speak to people re Glebe Field – tbc.

Sandford Path – no updates

AGENDA

1. Membership/Newsletter/E-newsletter

CM and TW have held several good meetings with Montse and Ben. We are lucky to have their experience and skills to develop online presence: Trying to simplify website, make it more visual and not need to update it as much. Will take time but the committee is very thankful for the support.

Still some outstanding subs, emailed 100, 20+ renewed as a result. Need to keep working on this.

Action:

Email photos of Iffley to TW to utilise for the website development

2. AGM:

Few dates available for the Church Hall tbc; available from 6.30pm, AGM to run 7pm-9pm with the 2nd hour to be available for an activity / invited guest.

Local councillors should be invited as previously. To consider having the reports available beforehand on the website based on the feedback from last year. Ideas on a talk / activity: short film of 'a day in the life of some of the utility providers' e.g binmen, postman; or the DVD 'Along the Ridgeway', or Police Community Support on security.

Actions:

Committee to think about activity/guest talk .

3. Summer Event/PoW BBQ – Sat 29th June at PoW.

Glebe Field will be open.

TW meeting with Prince of Wales on Friday 17th May at 10am. TW will then follow up with committee for support / ideas. £500 budget agreed. AdiS and DB as well as HN will not be available on the day.

4. Highways

Disabled spaces on Church Way near top of Meadow Lane and extension of parking on mini-roundabout at Iffley Turn. Both are accident risk. IM has reached out to Cllr Brad Baines on this. Although Brad has been very helpful, he doesn't have responsibility for highways. TW highlights County Council representative has been informed multiple times.

Actions:

-Committee agree to ask Brad Baines for a lead contact in Highways and write to them.

-Also ask highways to get the streets cleaned and put notices up to ask residents to move cars to allow this to be done.

-BB and KR are meeting with University on 21st May re safety and legal aspects of mixed use paths. KR will draft something and share with committee.

5. Planning

LP2040 examination in June.

Different stages for different introductory levels – KR will ask DW about this.

Anyone can turn up to Rose Hill Community Centre on 11 June – but cannot speak unless they have put in a request beforehand. DW will be making representation at the meeting.

Horse Fields:

Report shared with committee. FOIV's decision to get the experts onboard and reports has been highly successful in holding off the development and creating very robust objections.

MR, on behalf of FOIV, has written to the Council to ask that their Scrutiny Committee reviews Oxplace's conduct regarding their planning application (the latest consultation was cancelled within three days by the Planning Department due to deficiencies in OxPlace's documents).

Cycle Track: New application attempts to head off DW's objections by offsetting carbon by planting trees elsewhere. DW went to the meeting last time, someone needs to do this again and make the relevant points. City matter (not county). Date is still to be confirmed

Iffley Mead: No movement. IM requested meeting but no answer. The idea of a separate emergency entrance in case other entrance is blocked has been rejected – no legal requirement because the number of houses is <100.

Action:

FOIV to follow up – Head of Highways and Head of County Council.

Court Place:

Susan Walker has arranged for Head of Oxford Archaeology to look at the proposals for the 'Ice House' which was not deemed of any archaeological merit. Needs to be documented only. Land in front of the new fence is relatively flat, 10m wide wild flower planting on Court Place side rather than a thicket. Church is looking for ideas for what is appropriate in front of the new fencing. Tree removal application for the Hornbean tree that is affecting the views. Parking and operative behaviour is a significant issue – PH has spoken to them about this.

PH needs to reacquaint on the two new blue plaques on Court Place – siting them and a ceremony. FOIV is very supportive of Caroline Pond's efforts with blue plaques – she is the lead on these. She is giving a talk on this on 21 May at Iffley History Society.

Gate access:

Kissing gate from CP gardens to OU woods: access Dawn to dusk.

Gate from church to Mansion House is 24hrs.

Vehicular access to CP from Rivermead Road is dawn to dusk (residents only).

There will be vehicular access from East Church via gatehouse entry (Gatehouse is to be commercial rented property as opposed to undergrad accommodation)

Pedestrian access to East Church road is accessible as previously from Rivermead Road.

Main vehicular entrance to the site is from Rivermead Road

Actions:

Please share thoughts on public event to BB and PH

Committee to give feedback on locations on blue plaques. PH to speak with Caroline Pond on plans re 2 new blue plaques.

Oriel Field works:

Barhale Customer Service – happy to put an A4 insert into the FOIV newsletter (joint production between Barhale and FOIV, paid for by Barhale) – work to 1st June to get this printed in time to insert). Following the drop in and site investigation, they have now submitted a working method to tackle the issue, hopefully by moving the blockage to Littlemore pumping station. Barhale are waiting for Thames Water to respond and therefore cannot finalise the A4 insert until they hear back. Access to the sewage pipe is via the Oriel Field and the Sewage pumping station (they will be doing work to improve access there). Thanks to PH and BB for their work on Oriel Field.

Barhale Noticeboards: PH has keys. Planning matters are now on both noticeboards.

BB and PH will ask re having a soil sample and photos.

Isis Farmhouse: Determination date has moved to June 11th for the marquees review.

Salters application: TW shared with the committee

Wootten House: (3 acres) has come on the market at ~£3M. Originally had planning permission for industrial use (historical before Donnington Hospital Trust let the property out), now offered with provisional planning permission. Assumption is that it will be knocked down and 8 houses build on the site.

6. Security

PCSO Little submitted the security information shared following the last committee meeting in April with both the neighbourhood team and also the Cowley neighbourhood team. They are already aware of the Boundary Brook area because the Cowley neighbourhood team have it as a priority because of all the reports of dealing and ASB. They will also pay more passing attention to the area of Meadow Lane, Donnington recreation ground, the nature park and the surrounding areas. Nothing further on Speedwatch.

Action:

Barhale has 24hr security cameras – FOIV (BB / PH) to brief them on what is known with regard the security issues in the area.

The planned session outside the Iffley shop from 13:00-15:00 on Sunday 28th April had to be postponed due to a situation on the Abingdon Road that all teams had to attend to.

Van reversed into No.18 Mill Lane's wall and gate is also affected. Having work done to replace the damage

7. Treasurer's report – nothing further to report.

Action:

MR to follow up with ML on WhatsApp re the ongoing payment coming from one person

AOB

- Local Elections:

Labour do not have overall control the city council, or of all the committees.

-Trees:

No.15 Mill Lane – two mature trees cut down on Bank Holiday Monday – birch and a sycamore. Heavily pollarded at an inappropriate time (should be done before the sap rises). Chris Leyland (council tree surgeon) will look into it and CP will report back.

Date of next meeting: 10th June

To focus on 29th June event and Local Plan.