

**Minutes FOIV Committee Meeting
10th February 2025, 7.00-9.00pm, Hawkwell House**

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

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting

- agreed

3. Communications with members

- Website update
 - o Website update of officers and posting of minutes – **EB/MM** done
 - o Updating FOIV bespoke email addresses – pending with **MM**
 - o Put Barhale update on website – **EB/MM**
- Newsletters and Noticeboards
 - o JG requested to discuss print newsletter frequency: 3x times a year has been agreed - **JG**
 - o All discussed e-newsletters: agreed to publish on demand, with the next one due shortly, which will also be put in shop and on notice boards – **MR/EB**
 - o Notice boards: BB/Phil offered to do monthly updates on noticeboards; MR suggested adding ad-hoc news in the e-newsletter, all agreed to publish these monthly or on demand – **MR/EB**

4. Membership

- Still expecting more sign ups; agreed to put reminder in e-newsletter and at Spring Event - **MR**

5. Highways

- NH informed Committee that he is unable to continue to look after Highways – this Committee post is now open, will request volunteers in next e-newsletter – **MR/EB**
- Speed check results confirmed that there is speeding on Church Way etc. – **MR** to follow up with Cllr Baines for official guidance on the options
- “No motor vehicle” signs: after successfully placing sign in Meadow Lane, Committee discussed that additional signs may be put at Tree Lane and Eastchurch; Apparently Tree Lane residents already were supportive on their WhatsApp group, Eastchurch residents will be asked for consent in the next e-newsletter – **MR** to follow up with Cllr Baines
- KR mentioned issues relating to Eastchurch parking: **MR** to follow up with Cllr Baines
- Streetlamps issues with too bright LEDs – MR sent email sent to Cllr Baines, asking for a meeting with relevant person in charge. County has a policy re managing lights in a sensitive way – this needs to be implemented – **MR** waiting for a response
- New notice boards/signs should not be installed on listed walls – **MR** to follow up with Cllr Baines
- CPZ email to and from County Officer re 4-hour bays – **MR** has obtained clarification on some matters per emails. There will be a consultation by the Council in due course to which FOIV should respond
- **BB** added (post meeting) that PCC had formally asked for angled parking in front of the Church but that was turned down.
- 15 Mill Lane’s damaged wall: **KR** updated Committee that residents will repair the wall themselves

6. Planning

- Court Place Safe Travel leaflet
 - o KR updated Committee on background of the safe travel leaflet: In 2021 CPG was first of 3 planned developments. Managing traffic impact came up as an issue. Since then, KR

has worked to understand and correct anomalies in route allocations. KR also pointed out issues in Oxford Preservation Trust leaflet. KR began work on the map in May 2024. Now final map has been passed on to CPG.

- o KR also mentioned discussion about how to manage cycle impact of the development, i.e. should there be any new signs in the village. Initial county response: this is something to consider. It appears that this has become part of wider way finding project. Committee agreed to be pro-actively involved – **MR** to write to Cllr Baines and ask about what's planned, emphasising quiet routes.
- Local Plan 2042 (2040 has been rejected): **MR** has written email to Cllr Henwood, asking for his support
- New Planning applications – updates from KR, no action to be taken by the Committee:
 - o 22/03965/NMA 12 Iffley Turn: improvement to roof drainage
 - o 24/03067/CPU 11 Mill Lane: 'to certify proposed erection of a single-storey rear garden room is lawful development'.
 - o 19/0079/CND3 26 Mill Lane: listed building compliance - cond. 5 - 19/00791/LBC of 12/2024.
 - o 24/03070/LBC Grove House, Iffley Turn: single-storey extension - listed building compliance.
 - o 25/00001/ENFORC/Appeal Isis Farmhouse, Haystacks Corner: Appeal lodged 15/01/25 against Enforcement Notice to remove marquees erected without planning permission - floodplain and '4-year rule' issues. There is no further info. on the ONN Planning Portal on 6/02: validation by the Planning Inspectorate and dates for public comment are to come.
- Thames Water have made a planning application related to the Forest Hill treatment works – **KR** to contact Windrush Against Sewage Pollution to ascertain their stance on this application.
- Other:
 - o Court Place update – update from **BB** and Phil: Still waiting for the biodiversity report.
 - o Churchyard enhancement project – update from **BB** and Phil: St Mary's Church has planned an event on the 23rd of Feb from 2-4pm with displays and short presentations about the project. There will also be activities for children. Everyone is invited and welcome.
 - o The Horse Fields – **RF** confirmed that there are no news
 - o Donnington Cycle Track – no news
 - o Iffley Mead – no news

7. Events – ALL

- Music and Nature event, 22nd March, Church Hall. Probably a free event, with donations. 4-6pm. Tickets will be available in the shop or at the event - **MR** to send info to CM and KR.
- MR met with Jasmine from Hawkwell House, who would be delighted to host a summer event and provide food and drink on demand (paid for by those attending). It was queried whether non amplified music is permitted outside. HHH has a licence for music in the bar area. Sub-Committee group formed to plan event date and details - **MR, EB and HN**.
 - o Suggestion to include art and craft for children, and maybe a collective poem about Iffley.

8. Finances

- Handover update – now transferred to **PC** but needs to be activated.
- Bank mandates – plus extra £184 membership contributions, ca. 100 memberships so far. Renewed membership drive is required. Decision to remind people about membership in e-newsletter and at Peggy's event – **MR/EB**
- Card reader – No news

9. Security

- **MR/KR** confirmed that Coroner's report on towpath fatality is now available. **KR** has already been in touch with Cllr Baines and mentioned that measures are being discussed. She raised

concerns that the woodland may be affected by these measures. Discussion about the issue of not enforcing “no cycling” at lock. – **MR** to follow up with Cllr Baines.

- Separately there was a near miss between a group of professional type cyclists and a pedestrian on the footpath between Mill Lane and the weir. Maps tend to show this as a road which it is not. Can we have better signage, or possibly (HN) sleeping policemen? **KR** to consider. **MR** to follow up re OPT’s map.

10. AOB:

- Committee agreed to put Code of Conduct on website – **EB/Montse**
- Safe Travel Map: attribution of map and text page attribution to FOIV has been agreed; KR to receive expenses for prints from FOIV – **PC**.
- KR added (post-meeting) that the manager of Court Place is keen to display locally themed works by local artists in Mansion House, and possibly to organise an annual exhibition at some point – **MR/EB** to add to e-newsletter