

FOIV Committee Meeting 13 December 2021.
7-9 pm, Cherwell Suite, Hawkwell House Hotel plus attendees on Zoom

Attendees:

In person: TW, IM, CP, PP, ML, PS

On zoom: RF, AC, HN, KR, MR

Apologies: PH, CM (JG – not a committee member)

Minutes of meeting of 15th November - corrections/matters arising.

Action: HN to make amendments from PP and circulate back to TW: Page 4 to list the votes for as well as abstains. Remove last 4 lines. CP and PH abstained, PP against. -completed

1) Membership Report/Digital

Membership report circulated before the meeting.

Deadline for newsletter is 17th Jan, goes to printer on 24th

Actions:

Finalise copy for newsletter at 10th Jan meeting

Thanks to Emily Williams and Chris Steele for their help in formulation of the membership list.

ML raised the question of how to raise substantial donations – TW highlighted that the first step is asking for donations via the membership form.

MR suggests a sub group meeting on 6th/7th to discuss how to raise more substantial funds.

PS will be away 23rd-30th Jan.

Actions:

- Committee need to approve the membership form and then decide how to incorporate into the newsletter.

- MR to follow up getting a sub-group meeting and decide if funds need to be raised at this time or not.

-Delivery of newsletter will start approx. weekend of 29th Jan. But it will be a 'winter' newsletter so delivery within a week or two of this date is fine. ML to coordinate this.

-TW to send PDF of newsletter to PP to update the FOIV social media page.

Online Ticketing

Emily Williams has a contactless card reader in the shop which FOIV can use so don't need to purchase.

FOIV will trial an on-line card payment system for paying for tickets to FOIV events. [The results of this trial should be available for inclusion in the Winter Newsletter.]

2) Feedback from FOIV event 4 Dec.

Huge thanks to everyone that helped, particularly Pauline, Ian and Peggy.

Very nice event. 15 Bottles of wine left over for a future event with IM (details included in treasurers report).

KR suggests for future events, a cut-off date for purchase should be included on the tickets and posters. With potential for 10 on the door sales.

Actions:

To review KR proposal when planning the next non- platinum jubilee event.

3) Platinum Jubilee Thurs 2nd - Sun 5th June 2022.

TW has contacted various groups with the potential for a joint event.

Planning for a meeting with the various other groups at the end of Jan by TW. Any other committee members are free to join this meeting.

Future events

A safari supper in the village in March/April is being considered. Ideas for other events would be welcome.

4) Planning

General planning applications inc 66 Church Way response.

PH circulated a comprehensive report. PH and TW met with OUD. Any questions follow up with PH (not present).

Iffley Mead:

Now at stage of having the County's report from the meeting at end of Nov. Had a number of representatives from the local area attend this meeting.

There is a clear difference of opinion between those willing to see County council go ahead with access going through Augustine Way and those opposed. Those opposed don't have a particular plan. ML has proposed a different access instead of via Augustine Way

Now working toward a formal presentation and consultation at beginning of January. This will require a response from individuals and groups (FOIV and Augustine Way group for example).

When the county sell the site they will not have any control of the development such as height of buildings etc.

ODS, who are the sister company to OCHL, are looking at the establishment of a cycle route across the site – from Cavill road entrance, along the hedgerow and making a new exit on meadow lane.

This proposal will require cutting down trees. IM cannot see any reason to need to do this and believes FOIV has a duty to oppose the unnecessary cutting down of trees when there is the opportunity to turn the cycle route around and exit at the existing corner.

IM Proposes to be empowered to oppose the proposed cycle route cutting down trees and instead run the route to the existing corner by the bridge. CP seconds this proposal.

MR proposes that FOIV writes to the appropriate people.

AC proposes on this point that Iffley Mead development is considered alongside Iffley Turn and Quickways plans which could lead to added log-jam of traffic in the area as well as affecting cycle ways.

Action:

- IM to write to the council, supported by AC, of the views of FOIV. IM to also speak with Brad Baines.

Horse Fields:

There is another meeting via Teams on 15th Dec. Rachel will get clarification on access to this online meeting.

RF went through the main issues included in her detailed report.

Comments raised by the committee during this summary:

- Stagecoach and Oxford City are not running at the same frequency of buses along Iffley Road.
- PP raised the question: Could we campaign for a better public bus to service Iffley village as part of this development?
- IM raised the point that the expected cost of the 5-bedroom houses costing >£1M. Hill didn't know what OCC definition of social and affordable housing was. 50% of housing will be fixed at £230K based on current mortgage rates.

- Layout and design: Affordable housing is crammed into 25-30% of land. RF highlighted that social housing will be provided with the right to buy. PP commented this is national guidelines
- RF will be asking at the meeting on Wednesday in what ways is the design landscape led and also how they plan for the memorial field to account for the 5% biodiversity net gain if it is also planned to be opened up for access.
- KR highlighted that moving badgers kills them
- KR has calculated that the site will produce 128 litres of wastewater per day. KR concerned on how this will happen while also protecting the river and preventing issues further downstream. There are examples of other housing development projects that have been halted due to effects on watercourses downstream.

Have until 4th Jan to reply online. This appears to be the last public consultation as the planning application is planned for February.

RF thanks KR, IM and CM for their support.

ML is happy to leaflet the village to encourage responses whether they are members of FOIV or not and committee agreed to this. All very conscious of the closing date being over the Christmas period. People available to deliver leaflets around 20th-23rd Dec: HN, MR, RF, PS, KR, CP, AC (up to 22nd), ML.

Actions:

- RF to follow up at the meeting on the 15th Dec with questions developed in consultation with specialists.
- RF to share 3 or 4 key points with TW in order for her to draft an A5 leaflet for members of the village with the aim to raise awareness of the closing date for individual responses and have a call to action to respond.
- Once TW has drafted the leaflet, get sign off from RF and horse fields group. Plan to go to print after the meeting on Wednesday 15th.
- TW to get costs for printing 600 A5 leaflets with the aim to print before 20th.
- ML to coordinate delivery of leaflets with those committee members available.

4) Memorial Field – how to engage with members and community re its future

TW concerned this is in danger of falling into a vacuum. Proposes a subgroup to devise a way to contact FOIV members on what should be done with the Memorial Field.

PP reiterates the need to engage with BBOWT.

RF highlights that OCHL are enforcing maximising the value of the field, but on the other hand they are going to have to use the memorial field to offset the ecological effects of the development on the horse fields.

MR stated that FOIV should take the field on a long lease and take the Memorial field out of council ownership – something that was discussed at the consultation.

Action:

MR to update ML on the conversation about long term lease to form a strategy to take this to BBOWT (preferable over OPT as they supported the development in the first place).

6) Highways Report

Quickways Consultation:

A detailed report of how the Quickways proposals will specifically affect Iffley Turn is scheduled to be included in the next planning bulletin. Comments are now open until 17 December. There will be major traffic consequences as there will be no feeder lanes.

Actions:

- Members to comment individually – the bulletin highlights certain areas which people may wish to consider in their feedback.
- TW to develop a FOIV response as well

- Share individual comments from those that have already submitted a response with the rest of the committee to help them develop their responses if comfortable doing so.

Disabled parking at Lucas/Remy:

Significant safety issue with the positioning of the disabled parking spaces on Church Way and a proposal to move them into Meadow Lane is being prepared. There is likely to be a formal consultation process on new plans.

Eastchurch/Church Way:

There is increasing concern regarding (motor) bikes speeding down from Nowell/Lenthall roads into the blind corner at the Church Way junction – pedestrians are at risk. Brad Baines (our County Councillor) has taken this up but currently this is being treated as speeding issue on the assumption this is a through road.

7) Security Report

Trouble on Abberbury Road with people approaching houses in cars. Two people have also been assaulted. Message from FOIV should be to remain vigilant and report any concerns. FOIV could encourage people to set up street neighbourhood watches

Actions:

PP to develop a paragraph to include in next newsletter to encourage neighbourhood watches be set up.

8) Treasurer's Report

Funds as at date

FOIV current account	£979 (previous meeting £1859)
FOIV deposit	£ 13,916 (previous meeting £13,916)
Event cash profit (below)	£ 107 not yet banked
Total	£15,002

Reduction in current account mainly reflects £225 to MRD printing and balance of phase 1 landscape advice. £600 recent ringfenced donations for Horse Field fees have been spent against landscape expert invoice

4th Dec event: Net profit of £107.95 (for a breakdown see the treasurers report)

Actions:

RF will chase up the invoice to come in for highways and traffic report.

Change of signatories

Actions:

MR to get the correct forms for TW to ensure this progress

Public Liability Insurance

MR has the certificate so this is completed

9) Trees Report

ML reports of a couple of tree issues on Abberbury Road which CP will look at. PP proposes a tree planting plan be developed.

Actions:

Include a tree planting proposal in the next newsletter PP/CP.

10) AOB

Glebe Field – access update ML – positive discussions being had.

Date of next meeting Monday 10th January