



## Iffley Fields Residents Association

### Agenda for IFRA meeting to be held on Monday 15 January 2024 at 8PM By Zoom

Topic: IFRA Meeting  
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1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2023 (attached)**
3. **Matters arising**
  - a. Meadow Lane Carpark update (Emily)
  - b. Playground renovations (Tom)
  - c. Defibrillator location (Tom)
  - d. Basketball on Meadow Lane Rec
  - e. School traffic update (Emily)
  - f. Meadow safety and CPZ enforcement (Damian)
  - g. Green Gym
4. **Access to the river:**
  - **Ferry path (Jon)**
  - **OPT/Scout field (Ben)**
5. **Arrangements for AGM 11 March 2024**
6. **Sub groups updates**
  - a. **Waterways (Tom)**
  - b. **Friends of Meadow Lane Rec (Denise)**
  - c. **Planning (Thelma)**
7. **Social events/ Interest groups (Sue)**
8. **Financial Report (Sam A)**
9. **AOB/ Reports from Street Connectors**

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#### Dates of future meetings, Mondays, 8 pm

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2024 , 11 March (AGM in person), 13 May (Zoom), 15 July (in person), 9 September (Zoom), 11 Nov (in person)

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## Minutes of a meeting held on 13 November 2023 in Greyfriars Hall

**Present:** Sue Hale (Chair), Tom Green, Thelma Martin, Jon Rees, Janet Hall, Christine Hogg, Barbara Ashcroft, Susan Bedford, Jo Burch, Sylvia Eades, Jane Fisher, Cllr Emily Kerr

**Apologies** were received from Ben Pinches, Luke Bolton, Peter Sidgewick, Samantha Robertson, Simon Fisher, Cllr Damian Haywood

**1 Minutes of the meeting** on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were accepted as a correct record.

### **2 Matters Arising**

**Meadow Lane Car Park:** The decision about the Car Park had not yet been announced.

**School traffic:** The scheme was likely to be introduced in January. There will be a 6-week consultation before it is implemented.

#### **State of roads and CPZ enforcement**

The problem of lost reminders and ticketing residents seems to be sorted. Damian had been looking at ways of making Meadow Lane in particular safe.

*Action:* Christine to contact Damian for an update about the new markings on the roads and traffic calming for Meadow Lane by the Playground.

#### **Playground renovation:**

Tom reported that the survey had had a good response. He was obtaining quotes for new equipment from ODS and, on the basis of the survey, would put forward priorities. Meanwhile, the Zipwire had broken and it seemed the wobbly bridge was not repairable after all. Tom and Emily would discuss with ODS about the possible replacements.

#### **Defibrillator**

Tom reported that it was still hoped to place it on the Chester.

*Action:* Tom agreed to contact the landlord directly

### **3 Meadow Lane Recreation Ground**

#### **Basketball**

Following the survey, the Council had installed a unit that provided a basketball net, cricket and football. The new facility would soon be available for use. The Chair thanked Emily, Catherine and the City Council for enabling this to happen. The cost was about £35,000 and this was a major part of the annual budget.

The Crowdfunder had been specifically for a single use basket ball net, but this was against Council policy and so no money would be available. Catherine was considering the options.

#### **Green Gym (Callanetics)**

It was noted that the most viable option was adult monkey bars and static equipment. Experience was that gyms with moving parts were little used and need maintenance.

#### **Tubs/ cycle racks**

Emily offered to apply for 2 free planters that included cycle racks for the Recreation Ground on behalf of IFRA. This was gratefully accepted. There may need to be some money for planting. These planters would need watering in summer. It was agreed to ask for help for the summer in the next newsletter.

#### **Picnic table.**

Sue also raised the idea for a picnic table to provide a social space.

## **4 The river front and the Ferry Path**

Jon reported that Councillor Pegg was arranging a site visit to the river front area adjacent to the Ferry Path, Falcon and Riverside, together with Council Officers and potentially Falcon representatives.

It was hoped this would provide a forum to explore the issue of the progressive fencing off of part of the river frontage which has historically been open to the public, and which it is believed is not included in any lease of Council land to Falcon. In addition, it was hoped this would allow discussion on what is thought to be the mis-use of land adjacent to Donnington Bridge and the Riverside Centre as an overflow car park by Falcon members and others, which has damaged the grassy area formerly used as public amenity lawn for picnics and BBQ. When a date was arranged everyone with an interest would be encouraged to join.

Oxford Preservation Trust leased the field to the Scouts that traditionally gave access to the river. OPT had offered IFRA a meeting and this was being followed up.

## **5 Report from Subgroups**

### **Waterways**

Tom reported a working party with Oxford Conservation Volunteers and that more help was always wanted. George Townsend who had brought together recent Exhibition at the Museum was bringing together all the groups in Oxford interested to form a Waterways Coalition.

### **Meadow Lane**

Sue reported that the family of Pam St Clair wanted any remaining funds raised for the bench be used for the Guerilla Garden.

The benches along Meadow Lane were in need of maintenance and revarnishing. It was agreed to ask Roger for a quote to do this.

### **Planning**

Thelma reported that there was a consultation on the Oxford 2040 Plan which she was considering to see if it was appropriate for IFRA to make a response.

## **6 Liaison with other Residents Associations**

Iffley Road Residents Association and the new Robin Hood Residents Association had been in touch and there was scope for collaboration on issues, such as the reinstatement of the 3 Bus route to the Station.

It was noted that if Bannister Close wanted to formerly join IFRA, they would be welcomed. An amendment could be made to the Constitution at the AGM. Meadow Lane after Fairacres formally came with Donnington Residents Association. IFRA newsletters were delivered to Meadow Lane up to Donnington Bridge Road, Bannister Close and the river side of Iffley Road.

## **7 Street Connectors**

Sue reported that she was planning a meeting for January.

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