



Iffley Fields Residents Association

Agenda for IFRA meeting to be held on Monday 10 November 2025 at 8PM at the Falcon Boat Club

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2025 (attached)
3. Matters arising
 - Meadow Lane Carpark update (Emily, Brad)
 - Picnic tables in memory of Sam Robertson
 - Tow path - update
 - Guerilla Garden
4. Field by Donnington Bridge – report of site visit with Cllr Railton
5. Access to Scout Field
6. Reports from sub groups:
 - Play ground Iffleyfields NaturEscape Consultation(Tom)
 - Longbridges
 - The Kidneys
 - Planning
7. Financial Report and Reserves policy (Sam A)
8. AOB/ Reports from Street Connectors

Next meeting is on Zoom on 12 January on Zoom. Can anyone help us with a Zoom account we can use?

Iffley Fields thermal imaging camera 17th -21st November

These images can be used to look at sources of heat loss (or gain in a property). They can help with energy saving, draught proofing and reducing bills. We will only be taking pictures of house from the street unless otherwise asked. Email Sam: sammatthewa@gmail.com

Dates of future meetings

2026 12th January (Zoom), 9 March (Falcon), 11 May (Zoom), 13 July (Falcon), 14 September (Zoom), 9 November (Falcon)



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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 September 2025 on zoom

Present: Sue Hale (Chair), Susan Bedford, Thelma Martin, Christine Hogg, Simon Fisher, Janet Hall, Apologies were received from Ben Pinches, Cllr Brad Baines, Barbara Ashcroft

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July and the EGM on 18 August were accepted as a correct record

2. Matters arising

Meadow Lane Carpark – No update was available.

Picnic tables – Sue reported that we had £4,535 for the tables and are able to go ahead and order them. She was waiting for an estimate from ODS to see if we might have funds for 3 tables.

Tow path – The meeting with MP Anneliese Dodds and Rob Freshwater from the County Council was useful and some progress was being made. There were plans for markings on the path that pedestrians have priority. There was surprise that the Council survey had registered average cycling speeds at 5-7mph as this was not pedestrians' experience. How to deal with unregistered and abandoned boats had not yet been sorted. A note of the meeting available from email: iffleyfields@gmail.com.

Ferry Path and surrounding area: Christine agreed to ask for a site visit with Council officers to explain its importance as a part of accessing the river and the whole regeneration of the field by Donnington Bridge and the waste area between the Carpark and the footpath. Simon, Janet, Thelma, Sue and Rosemary had agreed to be involved in this.

Application to become a CIO

Christine reported that the Constitution and application had been amended to deal with the comments of the Charity Commission. We should hear in December.

3. Play ground

The Group are hoping to start some of the preliminary works of the first phase this Autumn. This will hopefully include the removal of the hedge next to the sandpit and the fence behind it, as well as the building of a log circle for community events and forest school sessions. They are looking for volunteers to help remove the mesh fence between the trees, mud kitchen building, planting, community events and fundraising. If you can help email Usha & Tom at hello@iffleyfieldsnaturescape.co.uk.

4. Longbridges

The Friends of Longbridges are planning to carry out some tree work with Oxford Conservation Volunteers. IFRA hold £270 for the Waterways Group and it was agreed to top this up to enable 2 days' work at £160 a day (£320).

5 The Kidneys

A working party is arranged with Ruth Ashcroft **Saturday 4th October at 10 am** to plant grass seed with low flowers (e.g. birds foot trefoil & clover) for the river bank by the new path. Sue

reported that there might be some funding available from Groundworks through the Friends of Astons Eyot. Christine agreed to follow up with ODS a quote for log benches.

5 Planning-

Thelma reported that the application for 270 Iffley Road to expand from a 6 room HMO to 16 had been withdrawn. Duncan Sharp had investigated the ownership and found the listed owner was inaccurate.

Sue raised concerns from neighbours about an application for 246 Iffley Road and Thelma agreed to look into this. Thelma reported concerns had been raised also about the building work behind the newsagents, but planning permission had been granted some time ago and no action could be taken.

6 Paper parking permits

Any resident without the internet or email would still be able to get paper permits.

7 Traffic in East Oxford

Sue reported that she was representing IFRA with DRARA (Divinity Road Area Residents Association) who want to bring together residents associations together to address concerns about traffic in East Oxford. She had forwarded concerns in Iffley Fields.

Janet reported on a Safer Streets meeting she had attended in the County Council. It was mainly looking at safety around junctions in Banbury Road but would be moving to look at Iffley Road in the future.

8 Guerilla Garden

Sue expressed her concerns about how sad Meadow Lane looked. It was agreed regular working parties might be considered as well as strategic planting both to withstand drought and to minimise upkeep. Susan agreed to look at this. Sue agreed to approach the owner of the garden whose ivy was encroaching and overshadowing the garden.

Sue also reported she had approached Roger about revarnishing the benches but had not had a response. She agreed to ask around and get a quotation for it, if we can't find a volunteer.

9 Financial Report and reserves policy

This was deferred till the next meeting.

10 Street Connectors

Sue reported that there would be a meeting for Street Connectors on 29 September. This would update the information leaflet and the poster and welcome 2 new Street Connectors for Chester Street.

11 Other business

Argyle and Chester Street Party- this had been a great success and had a great community feeling. It was suggested that could be better advertising to resident and IFRA might help with this.

Cycle Racks on Meadow Lane: These would shortly be installed as a pilot.

The Post Box on Bedford Street was sometimes full; It was agreed to monitor this to see if we should ask for more regular collections.

The meeting finished at 9pm