



Iffley Fields Residents Association

Minutes of a meeting held on 13 January 2024 on Zoom

Present: Sue Hale (Chair), Samantha Robertson, Susan Bedford, Thelma Martin, Christine Hogg, Barbara Ashcroft, Margaret Thompson, Simon Fisher, Cllr Emily Kerr, Tom Green, Richard Norman, Luke Bolton, Jo Burch, Nick Barnett, Cllr Brad Baines, Thelma Martin, Janet Hall

Apologies were received from Benedict Pinches, Jon Rees,

1 Minutes of the meeting on 11 November 2024 were accepted as a correct record.

2 Matters Arising

Meeting with Falcon Boat Club

Sue reported on a useful meeting with the Falcon and areas of common interest were identified, including improving the river front, Ferry path and Longbridges. A follow up meeting was arranged for next week. A room for IFRA meetings had been offered and the AGM would be held there.

Meadow Lane Carpark

There was still no date for a decision on the future of the carpark.

School traffic update

This was fairly effective with the APN and likely to improve with the new intake in September.

Ferry Path

Christine reported that IFRA had applied for footpath status to be reinstated for the path.

Playground event and renovations

Tom reported that repairs were due to be made in the next week.

The Kidneys

The improved pathways had made a great difference to accessibility. There were other paths that might also be improved but it was important to avoid a circuit that might encourage cycles and motor bikes. It was agreed that it would be helpful to assess the impact of the new paths on access, particularly for wheelchairs and buggies and this might help the case for other paths to be improved. The entrance had been widened that made it easier for cycles but was necessary to allow for wheelchairs and buggies.

Open Gardens 2025

Susan reported that 5 gardens were now interested and she hoped a few more might join. June 22 or 29 was the most likely date.

Orchard trees on the Recreation Ground

Emily reported that this was still under discussion.

Picnic tables on the Recreation Ground

Sue reported that she had received a quote of £1400 plus installation costs for each table. She would be seeking funding for this.

3 Application to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

It was agreed to table resolutions at the AGM to apply for CIO status and amend the Constitution appropriately. It was noted this would give benefits in terms of access to funds and gift aid as well as improved governance. There would be additional burden for the Treasurer and Sam A's support was appreciated.

4 Tow path safety and improvements.

The paper from Mark Seal and the Oxford Pedestrian Association were welcomed and it was agreed to discuss these at the AGM where it was hoped that Mark Seal would attend.

5 Longbridges

Tom and Samantha reported that the group was now called the Friends of Longbridges and there would be a meeting on site Sunday 19th January at 10 am.

6 Planning

Thelma reported that there were still issues with the online site but no recent applications of interest to IFRA.

7 Visitor parking permits

Margaret expressed concern about the plan to replace paper permits with online applications. People without access to the internet would still be able to get paper permits. Emily pointed out that the system was well established in other cities and many residents welcomed it because of the way that paper permits could be abused.

8 AGM

It was agreed to invite Mark Seal to the meeting which would be held at the Falcon.

9 Damage to wing mirrors

Thelma reported that she had had a visit from a PCSO following up reports of damage to wing mirrors in Fairacres. She agreed to give details to put on the Street WhatsApp so those who had experienced this could follow up.

Future meetings 2025, 8pm second Monday of the month:

10th March (AGM), May 12th, July 14th, September 8th, November 10th