



Iffley Fields Residents Association

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Iffley Fields Residents Association held on Monday 11 March 2024 at the Gladiators Club

Present

Ben Pinches (in the Chair)

Christine Hogg, Barbara Ashcroft, Janet Hall, Simon Fisher, Jane Fisher, Samantha Robertson, Susan Bedford, Cllr Chris Jarvis, Jessica, Melissa, Kay Millar, Jon Rees, Laurence Burrell, Jean Burrell, Tom Green, Punam Behl, Darren Clahane, Virginia Hodgson, Brian Aveyard, Sam Alston, Rosemary Southworth, Sylvia Eades, Jane Baker Wiles, Diana Porteus, Sue Lyons, Jo Burch, Mark Henstridge, Monique Moreton

Apologies: Sue Hale, Emily Kerr, Luke Bolton, Denise Cullington, Cllr Damian Haywood, Thelma Martin, Peter Sidgewick,

Part 1

Oxford University and the community, Professor Alex Betts, Local Engagement Officer for the University, described his role. The new Vice Chancellor, herself from Oxfordshire, was very keen on breaking down the traditional barriers between Town and Gown. Projects including a community grants fund that addressed inequalities and youth, opening up sports facilities to schools and others, involving researchers in evidence based policy with public bodies, involving students in volunteering, scholarships for refugees as well as a commitment to inclusive recruitment. Communication was key in enabling better sharing of facilities and collaborative working. A report and a website would be launched in October, Alex welcomed any ideas and feedback.

How to use the defibrillator – Tom Green showed a short training film from the British Heart Foundation about CPR and using the new defibrillator, and demonstrated CPR. The training can be completed at home by anyone and takes 15 minutes, it can be found at: <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/learn-cpr-in-15-minutes>



Learn CPR in 15 minutes

Learn to do CPR and use a defibrillator using your mobile phone or tablet. Many of us will need it in our lifetime. Be ready for that day.

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Part 2

1 MINUTES OF AGM 13 MARCH 2023

The minutes of the AGM were accepted as a correct record.

2 REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Ben Pinches drew attention to the newsletter and the financial report included therein. Rather than repeating the information in the newsletter, those present were invited to ask questions, make comments and suggestions for future activities and projects. The committee was open to comment and suggestions about the direction IFRA and welcomed residents getting involved.

Meadow Lane Car Park Update:

After a delay, the Council was now putting in a planning application for returning the Car Park to public use, which is what IFRA had asked for.

Muddy paths in the Kidneys

A joint letter had been sent to ODS from IFRA and the Friends of Astons Eyot. It would be important to keep the pressure up on this.

Children's Playground

Tom reported that some repairs and renovations should be happening in April and that he and others had set up a working group to look at how space could be better used and to introduce activities for families to the Playground. He hoped other residents/ parents would be able to join him in this.

Outdoor Gym

This was the next project that IFRA wanted to support in the coming year. John Lebroglio was leading on this and further volunteers were needed to work with him, Kay Millar offered to help

Safety along Meadow Lane

Susan reported that she had written to Damian about concerns about the turning area at the end of Fairacres Road, which with many children passing, speeding cyclists and rushed vans and cars was particularly dangerous. Motor cyclists also used the Lane as a short cut to Donnington Bridge. Damian had surveyed the area with the County Council Safety Officer to draw up a list of works that would improve traffic safety in Iffley Fields, particularly along Meadow Lane. However, due to the financial situation these would not be introduced until 2025. It was agreed that it would be useful to discuss the 'list' in more detail at the next IFRA meeting.

4 ELECTIONS

The following officers were elected for the following year

Chair Sue Hale:

Co-Chair- Jon Rees

Co-Chair Benedict Pinches

Treasurer – Sam Alston

Secretary – Christine Hogg

Denise Cullington was re-elected for a further 3 years.

Thanks were recorded to the Gladiator Club for opening especially for IFRA.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm