

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Cumnor Parish Council held in the United Reformed Church Hall, Leys Road, Cumnor on Monday 4 December 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Gerald Frost, Chairman, Steve Viner, Vice-chairman, Tom Christophers, Julia Commons, Pam Fraser, Jeffrey Gee, John Griffin, Dudley Hoddinott, Alison Jenner, Lucy Mangua, Judy Roberts, Nick Surman, Paul Taylor, CC Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor (late arrival), 5 parishioners and Tina Brock, Clerk.

380/17 Apologies for Absence. Bryan Goudman (prior commitment) and Fiona Newton (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

381/17 Variance of Order of Business. Council approved bringing planning forward of the agenda.

382/17 Declarations of Interest. None.

383/17 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6 November 2017. Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes which were signed by the Chairman as a correct record

384/16 Matters Arising from these Minutes. None.

385/17 Clerk's Newsletter and Addendum to the Agenda. Received.

a) Payment of Accounts. Approved as per minute 386/17.

386/17 Payments of Accounts. It was resolved to authorise the payments specified in the Clerk's Newsletter and Addendum and reproduced below:

			Net cost	VAT	Sub total	Total
	Payments received:					
18	VWHDC	Funding VN1R\16 2 nd half of grant				2,352.00
19 LGA 1972 s111	United Reformed Church Hall	Payment for tables - donation to be made to BBC Children In Need (Payment 112)				50.00
	Payments now due:					
DD Telecom Act 1984 s97	BT	Monthly office phone bill	27.93	5.59		33.52
110a,b LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	Staff costs					2,716.65
111 LG(Misc Prov) Act 1976 s19	MRH Services	Service inspection of play parks, S&F rubber stopper to Glebe play park gate, S&F blanking dis over dome at Pinnocks Play Park				408.90
112	BBC Children In Need	Donation (see receipt 19)				50.00
113a LG(Misc Prov) Act 1976 s19 Highways Act 1980	Ady Podbery Grounds Care	Flailing of Fogwell play park car park hedges and cut back tree from Farmoor streetlight	190.00	38.00	228.00	732.00
113b LG(Misc Prov) Act 1976 s19	Ady Podbery Grounds Care	Litter picking of play parks and cutting of snowball maze at the Glebe play park	420.00	84.00	504.00	
114 Public Health Act 1936	Opemed (Europe) Ltd	Changing rooms service @ The Old Forge, Vine Inn	250.00	50.00		300.00

115 LGA 1972 s143	SLCC	Annual subscription				208.00
116 LGA 1972 s111	Smart Signs and Graphics	Printing of John Hanson map for map case at Cumnor High Street	94.69	18.54		113.63

Notes.

1. After all payments are made the Santander Community Account will be in credit at £105,813.16.
2. The Council has the following debtor for 2017/18: HMRC (Reclaimable VAT) £16,249.72
3. As at the 17 November 2017 the Councils Corporate Notice Account held a credit balance of £71,965.18.
4. Electronic payment for invoice 110a and cheque for invoice 112 was approved between meetings.

Council adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.

387/17 Public Participation. Planning application P17/V3118/HH 5 Kenilworth Road. Residents voiced their concerns over overlooking, over dominance, loss of privacy and out of character of the proposed dormer windows and issues of access to the bungalow via a driveway owned by residents of 3 Kenilworth Road.

Council reconvened.

PLANNING

388/17 Submitted Planning Applications. The Council would submit the following observations:

i	P17/V3118/HH	5 Kenilworth Road, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9QP <i>Demolition of existing side garage, reducing it in size to the rear. Erection of a single-storey side extension and conversion of loft space into habitable space.</i> NO OBJECTIONS to this application but wish the following comments to be taken into account. Council requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dormer window on the rear first floor be fitted with obscure glazing and bottom hung to prevent issues of overlooking of neighbouring properties. • A construction management plan be provided and approved to prevent problems of construction vehicles using the driveway belonging to 3 Kenilworth Road.
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4 parishioners left at 7.50pm.

389/17 Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21 November 2017 were received.

390/17 Submitted Planning Applications. The Council would submit the following observations:

i	P17/V0763/FUL amendment	5 Hids Copse Road, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9JJ <i>Replacement dwelling. Amended plans 15/11/2017.</i> REFUSED for the following reasons. The Council objects to the amendment and its previous objections below still stand. The Council considers that given the size, impact and mass of this proposal the plans and information submitted are insufficient, inaccurate and misleading given that they show no context and dimensions to their surroundings or indeed the topography of the site. Council objects to the proposal for the reasons of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over development. It is recognised that Hids Copse Road is characterised by large houses on substantial plots. However, although the houses in themselves are large they have a comfortable, distant relationship with their neighbours being generally in the centres of their plots taking up only a small proportion of the overall, most approximately 10-15% ratio. The size and mass of this proposal, stated to be 23% but in actuality more like 30%, is too big for its site and not in keeping with properties in the area. This is exacerbated by this being one of the smaller plots in the location. • The height and massing of the proposal is detrimental to the residential amenity of the neighbouring properties given its adjacency to, in particular, the north and south boundaries. Most notably the north elevation is a long, linear, unbroken
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		<p>façade running approximately two thirds the length of the plot immediately on the boundary which would be particularly detrimental to the amenity of 3 Hids Copse Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree removal. Impact on the surrounding area for the reasons given below. • Car parking provision, including garaging, and turning space. No tracking plans provided. Potentially with a family of 15 proposed for this house there could be 10 or more cars adding access traffic generation and a sea of parking. • Modifications to the existing/new access to the site is unclear. • The current property is a modest 3 bedroom bungalow. The proposal with 10 wc's, a swimming pool and a minimum of 15 people will add considerably to the drainage requirement. <p>Cumnor Parish Council has repeatedly raised concerns regarding planning applications on Cumnor Hill and the potential impact of development on ground water and surface water run-off. The proposal to remove up to 32 established trees and to install a swimming pool will almost certainly have an impact on the land and both ground water and surface water run-off which is very likely to have an impact on dwellings further downhill of the site, as well as dwellings in Dean Court.</p> <p>If permission was considered to be granted, Council would formally request that conditions be attached:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant should demonstrate that the proposal would not contribute to or exacerbate the problems of existing run-off and ground water problems in the area and should submit clear plans as to how they propose to manage any problems that do arise. All driveways, terraces and landscaping should use permeable paving or porous materials. A Construction Management Plan should be provided and approved. <p>Details of slab levels should be provided and approved and the relationships to the topography of the site and the neighbouring properties be clearly defined and agreed.</p>
ii	P17/V3094/HH	<p>6 Glebe Road, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9QJ</p> <p><i>Two-storey side extension. Single-storey front and rear extensions. New dormer window and photovoltaic panels to existing roof.</i></p> <p>NO OBJECTIONS</p>
iii	P17/V3036/HH	<p>68 Hurst Rise Road, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9HH</p> <p><i>Amendment to planning application P16/V2363/HH to change proposed garage on side of house to a bedroom with en-suite bathroom.</i></p> <p>NO OBJECTIONS</p>
iv	P17/V3100/FUL	<p>St Andrews Church, Orchard Road, Dean Court, Oxford OX2 9BH</p> <p><i>Demolition of existing timber church building (partly retaining free standing brick building adjacent) and replacement by new church building.</i></p> <p>NO OBJECTIONS</p>
vii	P17/V3076/HH	<p>14 Meadow Close, Farmoor. Oxford OX2 9NZ</p> <p><i>Two-storey front and side extension.</i></p> <p>NO OBJECTIONS</p>
viii	P17/V3111/HH	<p>17 Long Close, Dean Court, Oxford OX2 9SG</p> <p><i>Demolition of existing garage structure and conservatory, located to the side and rear of the house respectively. Erection of two-storey extension to the east to replace garage structure, together with single-storey flat roof extensions to the south and west.</i></p> <p>NO OBJECTIONS</p>
391/17 Permitted Planning Applications. Noted.		
i	P17/V2532/HH	<p>9 Songers Close, Dean Court, Oxford OX2 9DL</p> <p><i>Proposed single-storey side extension and alterations to dwelling.</i></p>
ii	P17/V2564/HH	<p>38 Deanfield Road, Dean Court, Oxford OX2 9DW</p> <p><i>Erection of single-storey rear and side extensions, inc conversion of existing garage and</i></p>

		<i>modifications to front entrance porch.</i>
iii	P17/V2691/HH	29 Eynsham Road, Dean Court, Oxford OX2 9BS <i>Whole house refurbishment with proposed front and rear extension (as amended by plans re'cd 24/11/2017).</i>

392/17 Refused Planning Application(s). Noted.

i	P17/V2216/FUL	26 Eynsham Road, Dean Court, Oxford OX2 9BP <i>Demolition of existing garage and erection of new two-storey detached house and two-storey rear extension to existing house (as amended by plans reconfiguring car parking received 6/11/2017).</i>
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393/17 Update on Other Current Matters.

a) Withdrawn Planning Application. Noted.

i	P17/V2690/FUL	Valle Farm Campsite, Eynsham Road, Farmoor, Oxford OX2 9NL <i>Increase in numbers of caravan and tent pitches.</i>
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- b) The Chairman informed Council a response had been received following the formal complaint made regarding VWHDC Planning Chairman Sandy Lovatt's inappropriate comment made during the consideration of 11 Dean Court Road (minute 373/17). The suggestion made was to either follow the Code of Conduct process or to raise it with the Conservative Group Leader, Matthew Barber, and directly with Sandy Lovatt so that the matter can be addressed on a more informal basis. Council RESOLVED to follow the Code of Conduct process.

REPORTS

394/17 Report from County Councillor(s). CC Fitzgerald-O'Connor handed around the Thriving Communities for everyone in Oxfordshire leaflet and the general OCC report see annex 1. CC Fitzgerald-O'Connor left the meeting at 8.20pm.

CC Roberts reported.

OCC would be upgrading the street lights on Cumnor Hill to LED lights week commencing 18 December 2017.

Free flu vaccinations are available to all care workers.

OCC are requesting that Parish Council report any badly maintained roads via fix my street for including on their 5 year rolling maintenance plan.

The Botley Road Corridor has received funding of £6.7m to improve transport movement between Binsey Lane and Eynsham Road.

Clear Air Zones (CAZ's) were being looked into to restrict vehicles to certain areas.

395/17 Report from District Councillor(s). DC Hoddinott reported:

The Parish Council is the 5th largest town or village and has a tax base bigger than the number of dwellings.

VWHDC is introducing a new email system, Outlook 365.

LED lights had been installed in Clover Close, Cumnor.

DC Roberts reported:

A housing presentation introduced the Housing White Paper which has approved CIL and would introduce a Strategic Infrastructure Tariff and support for housing on Brownfield sites.

An option being considered for the Cambridge to Oxford expressway would be from Marcham to Besselsleigh to join the A420. This would not alleviate Oxford's traffic issues.

396/17 Report from Representative(s) on Outside Bodies. Botley Traffic Advisory Committee.

Alison Jenner and Dudley Hoddinott reported:

Lee Turner, Highways, OCC reported that the proposed central pedestrian crossing near to Kimmeridge Road proposed to commence in February 2018 would be delayed due to lack of staff.

Air quality was discussed and a paper was submitted by Dr Roberts showing the Levels of NO₂ around properties close to the A34 in Botley.

FINANCE

397/17 Update on Other Current Matters. None.

RECREATION AND PLAYING FIELDS

398/17 Draft Minutes of the Fogwell Road Pavilion Management Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15 November 2017 were received.

399/17 Update on Other Current Matters. Red Box had carried out an inspection of the fire equipment at Fogwell Road Pavilion.

HIGHWAYS

400/17 Ad-hoc Grass Cutting of Grass Verges in the Parish. None received.

401/17 Update on Current Matters. A public meeting to discuss parking/traffic issues at Farmoor would take place on Thursday 8 December 2017 at 7.30pm in Farmoor Village Hall.

BURIAL.

402/17 Update on Current Matters. None.

ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

403/17 Update on Current Matters. Paul Taylor reported that the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Awareness Session recently held in the Old School was excellent and well attended.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

404/17 Update on Other Current Matters. Steve Viner reported that the Councils Emerging Neighbourhood Plans draft Character Assessment had been submitted with an objection to the planning application for 4 Third Acre Rise.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Exclusion of Press and Public

To move the following resolution, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it is in the public interest that the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting and they are requested to withdraw.

405/17 Personal Matters. Staffing. See confidential minute.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

406/17 The next meeting of the **Parish Council** will take place at **7.30pm** on **Monday 8 January 2018** in **The United Reformed Church Hall, Leys Road, Cumnor.**

Further meetings are due to be held in **2018** at **7.30pm** on **Mondays: 5 February, 5 March, 9 April** in **The United Reformed Church Hall, Leys Road, Cumnor**

The next Annual Parish Meetings will take place on **Tuesday 1 May 2018** at **7.30pm** in **Farmoor Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Report from CC Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor**GENERAL OCC REPORT****GROWTH BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT ON HOUSING AND GROWTH AGREEMENT**

The Oxfordshire Growth Board comprises the six councils: Cherwell District Council, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and West Oxfordshire District Council, together with the county's Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP). On Budget Day it was announced the Board had reached an outline Housing and Growth Agreement with Government. This will see an additional £215 million of investment over the next five years to build infrastructure, support the delivery of new homes and boost economic productivity across the county. This breaks down as: £30m pa for five years for infrastructure; £60m for affordable homes across the county; and £5m to develop a Joint Statutory Spatial Plan. The Board wants the five-year deal to be the first stage in a sustained partnership with Government to secure the ongoing investment needed to deliver properly planned growth and economic development over the coming years. This will support councils to achieve the ambition of 100,000 new homes across the county over the period 2011-2031, as identified through the 2014 countywide Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Local Plans.

HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (HIF)

The bids to the Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF), to support the development of the Didcot Garden Town, and West Oxfordshire and North of Oxford Garden Villages, are still being considered by Government with decisions expected in the new year.

OX-CAM EXPRESSWAY

The National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) has published its report to Government on the Oxford-Cambridge arc. It advised on the need for long-term investment funding for new transport infrastructure to harness the region's economic potential, to benefit local people and boost UK plc in a post-Brexit landscape.

OXFORDSHIRE ADULT SOCIAL CARE SETTINGS OUTSTRIP NATIONAL AVERAGES

Older people and adults with disabilities are getting a better level of service from care settings in Oxfordshire than elsewhere in England, official figures have again proved. The number of care homes and home care providers in the county rated as "Outstanding" or "Good" by the Care Quality Commission was yet again comfortably higher than the national average when the latest figures were published on November 1. A total of 89 per cent of the 209 Oxfordshire providers are rated "outstanding" or "good" compared to a national average of 81 per cent. The CQC regularly publishes updated national figures and Oxfordshire has for some time outstripped the national averages.

CAMPAIGN TO RECRUIT CARE STAFF TO REDUCE DELAYED TRANSFER

Against a background of increasing demand for care services, particularly from older people with complex problems and needing support, a major campaign to recruit more care staff was launched on 20 November. *Make a difference every day* is a four month campaign targeted at residents who are Mid-life women aged 50-70, parents aged 25-50 and younger adults aged 20-30 seeking flexibility in work which care work can often provide, and existing social care workers who could recruit people like themselves. The campaign aims to increase understanding of care work opportunities available in both the public and private sectors and will direct people to job opportunities, across both sectors, on the Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers' website. It is being supported by the county council, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and the Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers. The campaign will show the real and positive difference care work makes to peoples' lives, that it is never too late to start a career in care and it will also refer to a recent county council and Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust survey showing 9 out of 10 care workers are proud to work in social care.

OCC ANTI-SCAM CAMPAIGN

OCC's Trading Standards is asking people to "Take a Stand Against Scams". This month, National Trading

Standards started offering free call blockers to any person living with dementia that is currently receiving scam or nuisance calls. It's the latest initiative in the Friends Against Scams campaign launched last year to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams and empowering communities. Locally, OCC introduced free training and local awareness sessions, available online and face-to-face to provide people with the confidence and skills they need to identify and prevent scams. Around 100 people have now received training and some have become "SCAMChampions", which means they are now busy spreading the message and hosting their own sessions to recruit more "Friends". The campaign aims to inspire action, highlight the scale of the issue by encouraging communities and the nation to talk about scams, change the perception of why people become scam victims and prevent people from becoming or continuing to be a scam victim. More information can be found here: <http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/friends-against-scams-in-oxfordshire-would-you-like-to-become-a-scamchampion/>. Applications for a free call blocker for people living with dementia can be made via www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/callblocker

SMOKE ALARM TESTING

OCC's Fire and Rescue Service are urging residents to test smoke alarms regularly. The Local Government Association warned that almost 40% of battery-powered smoke alarms failed to activate in residential fires in England in the past year. Figures show that more than a fifth of households never test their smoke alarm and one in 10 homes do not even have a smoke alarm. More information can be found here: <http://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/smoke-alarms-0>