

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Highways Committee held at Fogwell Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court on Thursday 6 September 2018

Present: Tom Christophers, Chairman, John Griffin, Alison Jenner, Fiona Newton and Tina Brock, Clerk.

20/18 Apologies for Absence. Gerald Frost (prior commitment), Paul Taylor (prior commitment) and Steve Viner (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

21/18 Variation of Order of Business. None.

22/18 Declarations of Interest. Personal interest for:

Minute 28/18 v Fiona Newton lives on Tumbledown, Cumnor.

23/18 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 22 May 2018. The Committee RESOLVED to approve the minutes which were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

24/18 Matters Raised at Previous Meeting. Minute 08/18 Footpaths that cross the A420. The Chairman was unable to attend the meeting to explain the actions that he had taken and the reasons why. The Chairman informed the Committee that he had consulted with Layla Moran MP, Arthur McEwan-James, OCC Countryside and Tony Harker, Cumnor Parish Footpath Warden to gather information and advice prior to contacting interested local residents. The Chairman decided that the best way forward would be to have all the information to hand before approaching local residents. Having discussed his concerns of the dangers in using the footpaths across the A420 an alternative circular walk, which would introduce 2 new legs to the footpath network running parallel with the A420, was suggested. These proposed legs are on land belonging to Highways, Oxford University and private landowner. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea and that the Chairman should consult with the landowners and report back at the next meeting.

25/18 Public Participation. None.

26/18 Current Costs 2018/19 were noted.

27/18 Highway Committees 3 Year Plan. The Committee discussed the 3 year plan and agreed:

- i. Chairman to contact CC Roberts to find out who to contact at OCC for permission to turn grass verges into wildflower areas.
- ii. To add 'Cumnor Parish' to an existing nameplate at the entrance to a ward similar to the sign at Dean Court which says 'Cumnor Parish' on top of the Dean Court sign.

28/18 Traffic Issues.

- i. Results of 7 day HGV count carried out at High Street, Cumnor 16 - 22 June 2018:
Westbound traffic:
Volume of vehicles 15,322 - 353 were HGVs (2.3%)
Eastbound traffic:
Volume of vehicles 15,263 - 260 were HGV's (1.6%)
The Committee discussed whether HGV's should have a weight restriction when entering a conservation area and whether Swinford Toll Bridge, which is listed, should have a weight restriction. The Clerk would make enquiries.
- ii. Requests for speed surveys. The reduction in speed limit from 40mph to 30mph through Farmoor was being looked into.
- iii. Parking issues at Cumnor Road Farmoor update. The installation of yellow lines at the junction of Cumnor Road/Oxford Road was being looked into.
- iv. S106 Pedestrian safety refuge at the top of Cumnor Hill near to Kimmeridge Road update. The safety refuge was nearly completed and was awaiting bollards to be installed.
- v. Request to reduce the speed limit on Tumbledown, Cumnor from the national speed limit to 40mph. The Committee considered the request and agreed that the speed limit was too high and needed to be reduced as there were concealed entrances, bends and no streetlights from Filchampstead to High Street, Cumnor. The Clerk would make enquiries.
- vi. Road safety issues. The Committee raised its concerns that residents find crossing Oxford Road, Farmoor during peak hours very difficult. . Reducing the speed limit would help with the problem.
- vii. Any other current matters. None.

29/18 Street Lights.

- i. Any current matters. None.

30/18 Infrastructure Issues.

- i. Request to replace the noticeboard at Henwood. The Committee approved the request and the Clerk would obtain a quote.
- ii. Any requests for repairs/upgrades. None.
- iii. Any other current matters. Bike Safe held public consultations in Eynsham and Farmoor prior to submitting a planning application. Residents raised concerns of crossing the path to enter/egress their drives, headlights dazzling cyclists and cyclists' lights dazzling drivers.

31/18 Bus Services / Stops / Shelters.

- i. Bus stop furniture provision. The Chairman asked the Committee to consider installing bus shelters on Cumnor Hill by Kimmeridge Road and Chawley Lane and Glebe Road, Cumnor opposite the existing shelter. The Committee requested that the Clerk make enquiries.
- ii. Any other current matters. The brightness of the solar lighting on the roof of the bus shelters at Oakenholt Care Home and Oxford Road, Farmoor needs to be increased. The Clerk would contact the suppliers to discuss increasing the brightness.

32/18 Road/Street Signs.

- i. Parish nameplates. See minute 27/18.
- ii. Any other current matters. None.

33/18 Footpaths/Footways/ROW.

- i. Footpaths update. See minute 24/18.
- ii. Any other current matters. None.

34/18 Reports From Around the Parish. No new issues to report.

35/18 Botley Traffic Advisory Committee (BTAC). Alison Jenner reported that air quality near to the A34, which is said to be just within the tolerable level, safety issues of the Farmoor roundabout and parking issues within the parish were discussed at the last meeting. *(Clerk's Note: Mark Francis, Highways, OCC met with Judy Roberts and Clerk in July 2018 to discuss the roundabout at Farmoor and parking issues at Cumnor Road, Farmoor and Delamare Way, Cumnor.)*

36/18 Parish Transport Representatives' Meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2018 were circulated to Council at its meeting on 5 March 2018.

37/18 Topics for Discussion at the next Committee Meeting.

- i. All of the above.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

37/18 The next meeting of the **Highways Committee** would take place at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 16 October 2018** in **Fogwell Road Pavilion, Dean Court, Oxford.**

Further meetings to be held on **Tuesday 12 March 2019** in **Fogwell Road Pavilion, Dean Court, Oxford.**

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed..... Date.....2018