

Paper to be approved
CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Amenities Committee
held on Tuesday 21 July 2026 at 7.30pm
in Closes Pavilion, Appleton Road, Cumnor.

Present.

Councillors. Chris Westcott, Chair, Tom Christophers (Council Chair), Laurence Waters (Council Vice-Chair), Basil England, Dona Foster, Alison Jenner, Rob Knowles, Gary Mason Judy Roberts and Tina Brock, Clerk.

County Councillor. Judy Roberts.

District Councillor. Judy Roberts.

Visitors. Simon Mungall and Dick Mayon-White members of the Cumnor Conservation Group.

52/26 Apologies for Absence.

Paula Lopez (prior commitment) and Ray Stone (prior commitment),. The Committee resolved to approve these apologies.

53/26 Variance of Order of Business. None.

54/26 Declarations of Interest. None.

55/26 Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Amenities Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2026.

The Committee resolved to approve the minutes which were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

56/26 Public Participation. None.

57/26 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- i. Minute 32/25 Fogwell Pavilion. Quotes for a new function room fire door and roof works being sourced.
- ii. Minute 56/25 Bus stops/shelters. David Bellchamber, Bus Infrastructure Officer, OCC has been past the locations of the bus stops where the committee would like to install shelters and lighting – emailed 24 June 2026.
- iii. Minute 79/25 Closes and Fogwell Pavilions. Energy Performance Certificate report carried out by Peter Talbot received. A zoom meeting would be scheduled a meeting at the end of August to review the certificate and the Environmental Information Exchange carried out by Oxford Brookes. The members would be Dona Foster, Alison Jenner, Rob Knowles, Gary Mason and Laurence Waters.
- iv. Minute 17/26 Parking Issues. Enquiries being made into installing double yellow lines at the corner of Bertie/Oxford Road, Cumnor. Clerk would contact CC James Plumb.
- v. Minute 39/26 vi the defibrillator is back in working order.
- vi. Minute 42/26 i Alison Jenner had set up a Community Speed watch initiative run by volunteers. 3 volunteers had completed the mandatory training the next steps are to attend practical training.
- vii. Minute 42/26 ii Enquires into a pedestrian crossing by the Kimmeridge development being explored. Clerk would contact CC James Plumb.
- viii. Minute 46/26 Safe Routes to School. Speed survey to be carried out as approved,

FINANCE

58/26 Current costs 2025/2026 end of year.

Council noted the following.

- i. Burial. Expenditure £616.40. Budget £3,360..
- ii. Highways. Expenditure £2,777.85. Budget £7,400.
- iii. Recreation and Playing Fields. Expenditure £7,524.80. Budget £27.430.

PUBLIC ART (S106 AGREEMENT 07V03 PLANNING APPLICATION P04/V1094/O)

59/26 Location of artwork.

Cumnor Parish Council was allocated section 106 funding for public art from the developers of the Kimmeridge Road development. A Public Art Working Party was set up which advertised for artists with the brief *'The main concept is a piece in a sustainable medium focusing upon the unique Cumnor dinosaur Cumnoria prestwichii which was found in the Cumnor brickfield neighbouring the Kimmeridge Road development and is now on display in Oxford University Museum of Natural*

History. Six proposals were considered shortlisted to two artists. A letter drop was carried out asking residents to contact the clerk if they were interested in becoming part of the decision making process. Following a meeting Michael Condron's proposal was agreed. It was agreed that the artwork should be within the Kimmeridge development and Persimmon gave permission in principle to install the artwork. A section 106 funding application was submitted to VWHDC but refused on the grounds that the open space was in the process of being transferred to VWHDC and once transferred VWHDC may not approve the artwork being installed on the land. The Committee considered installing the artwork near to the entrance to Unit 1 of the Hurst which now belongs to the Council. It was agreed that the Alison Jenner, Dick Mayon- White, CCG, Simon Mugall, CCG and Clerk would arrange a site meeting and contact the chosen artist for views on the possibility of installing the artwork at this new location,
(Clerk's note: as of 29/7/2026 there is no spend date showing on VWHDC website.)
Dick Mayon-White and Simon Mungall left the meeting.

PARISH STRATEGY

60/26 Strategic Plan Working Group.

All residents were sent a survey in February 2025 to find out what was important to them to help inform Council's strategy and to identify priorities within the constraints of what Council can and can't do. The focus areas were communication and information, local services and community events, Footpaths, bridleways and cycle paths and conservation and memorial areas and sports and leisure activities. The results of the survey, including data from the Cumnor Parish Big Survey carried out in 2017, would allow council to formulate in-year and longer term objectives. The group reviewed the results and discussed what could and could not be delivered. The Committee agreed that the Group should look at each focus area and recommend to council one request from each group that could be delivered by May 2027. The longer term objectives to be considered at a later date due to council's other commitments.

RECREATION AND PLAYING FIELDS

61/26 Service and visual inspections of play parks carried out by MRH Services. Noted.

62/26 Pinnocks Way play park inclusive roundabout.

MRH Services had reported that the roundabout would not rotate. The cost of either repairing or purchasing a new roundabout was discussed and agreed that a quote to replace to be sourced as the estimate to repair was too vague.

63/26 Reports from Playground Monitors of any other maintenance issues.

- i. **Closes Field** – No issues.
- ii. **Glebe Play Park and Eco loo** – Following the removal of a dead tree and broken bench in the maze there was space for a piece of equipment. The Committee agreed not to install any new equipment at the moment.
- iii. **Fogwell Field** – No issues.
- iv. **Mayfield Road Field** – No issues.
- v. **Meadow Close Play Park** – No issues.
- vi. **Pinnocks Way Play Park** – No issues.

64/26 Requests for additional/replacement play/adult fitness equipment.

None.

PAVILIONS

65/26 Closes Pavilion.

- i. Gary Mason and Clerk had met with the Olly Cooper, the new chair of Cumnor Minors FC, and explained the position with the lease and the responsibilities of the club concerning the pavilion. Olly had requested a change to the Operating Conditions of Closes field to extend the permitted hours of play on a Saturday which would be an agenda item on the Council's August meeting.
- ii. Two metal posts supporting the porch need replacing. The Clerk would source quotes.
- iii. The white goods and wood located to the side of the pavilion need to be removed by the FC.

66/26 Fogwell Pavilion.

- i. Following the attempt by travellers to gain access to the field a better gate chain had been installed and TVP had been contacted for advice on how to protect the field. *(Clerk's Note: TVP had suggested a height barrier, a more secure fence and to ensure the space is used as much as possible.)*

HIGHWAYS

67/26 Bus stops/shelters.

Covered in minute 57/26 ii.

68/26 Speeding/HGV issues.

- i. OCCs Vision Zero team had completed review of A and B roads in the county carried and the date for any responses was due by 18 September 2026. The Committee agreed that the B4044, A420 (Rockley) and B4017 speeds should be reduced. The Chair and Clerk would respond including requests previously made to lower the speeds past Hill End and Oaken Holt Care Home.

69/26 Parking issues.

The transporter delivering to Waylands on Cumnor Hill was still parking opposite the junction of Chawley Lane causing vision issues to drivers and pedestrians. There had recently been another RTA outside the dealership. The Clerk would contact TVP and write to Waylands Volvo.

70/26 Street furniture requests. None.

71/26 Footpaths/ROW.

No issues reported.

72/26 Botley Traffic Advisory Committee next meeting.

No meeting scheduled.

73/26 Parish Transport Representative Committee next meeting.

Buses bunching and not staggered.

BURIAL

74/26 Garden of Remembrance.

No issues raised.

75/26 Burial Ground.

No issues raised.

76/26 Next Meetings.

Scheduled to be held in 2026 on Tuesdays: 13 October 2026, 19 January 2027 and 20 April 2027 in Closes Pavilion, Appleton Road, Cumnor, Oxford.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed..... Date.....2026.