

Walton Manor Residents' Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 6pm on Sunday 18 January 2026 at 53 Southmoor Road (Godfrey's House)

Present: Maggie Black (chair), Godfrey Cole, Jonathan Davis, Laura Heybrook, Tom Landell-Mills, Jo Lane, Caroline Martin, Janet Minot, Diane Pearson, Bryan Pickup, Helena Webster.

1. Apologies for Absence.

None.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Approved.

3. Matters Arising.

The 'Meet the Neighbours' on 10 December had been a huge success

4. AGM.

The business of the meeting had gone smoothly. Although the speaker knew his subject and had prepared thoroughly, he talked for too long. In future speakers will be limited to 30 minutes. A member of the committee will signal the finishing time. It was suggested that the meeting be followed with a pub visit so that discussion can be continued.

5. Planning.

5.1 Party Shop. Demolition is underway and expected to take 4-6 weeks. Parking was a problem despite promises. **Bryan to take photographs and send to Savill's and St John's.**

5.2 Adelaide Street behind the former Daisies. A less contentious development with no concerns about the design. The rear access should be kept clear. **Bryan and Helena to monitor.**

5.3 Walton Manor Conservation Area Consultation. This was due in the new year, but nothing as yet from the Conservation Officer. **Helena to chase.**

5.4 54 Southmoor Road planning application. A neighbour was concerned about the potential blocking of light and had sought advice from Bryan. **Suggest Bryan and Helena develop a template to use to support neighbours' responses to planning applications.**

6. Trees.

Helena and Bryan to liaise with Laura on planning applications that involve important trees. Laura has written to the Tree Officer at the County Council about street trees. He has requested an expression of support from a local group with fully costed proposals following

all legal requirements. The initiative will begin with six trees for Kingston Road. **Laura and Diane to compose a letter to the Tree Officer. Tom offered to consult a colleague who has professional knowledge of cost-effective street tree provision.**

7 Oxclean.

To take place on Saturday 7 March 10am-1pm. **Laura to register.** To be advertised on the notice board and in the next two newsletters. Committee will identify rubbish hot spots and notify Laura. The new planting pockets will be cleared of leaves.

8 Traffic.

Increased traffic on Banbury Road and Woodstock Road has resulted in reduced footfall in the Summertown shops. The 20mph speed limit is regularly exceeded in our area. Data are needed but readings from the flicker are not recorded. **Caroline to contact James Fry regarding cameras on houses to monitor traffic speed.**

Tom to write to the County Council 'Bike Tzar' about the bike racks outside Sainsbury's in Walton Street.

9 Notice Board.

The notice board is provided by the City Council who set conditions on what can be displayed. **Janet to provide a brief explanation of the conditions for the website.**

Tom to contact the Grog Shop and recommend a notice board on which residents could place advertisements for a small fee.

10 AOB.

The next 'Meet the Neighbours' is scheduled for Wednesday 4 March 5.30-8pm. **Bryan to book with Silk.**

11 Next Meeting.

Sunday 26 April at 6pm at Caroline's house, 1 Farndon Road.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.