

Walton Manor Residents' Association

Minutes of the committee meeting held at 6pm on Sunday 26 April 2026 at 1 Farndon Road (Caroline'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 Grog Shop has agreed to display a notice board on which people could submit small ads, which the Grog Shop would charge for. **Tom to follow up**

Bike racks outside Sainsbury's. **Maggie to contact Jericho Residents' Association and Louise Upton.**

4. Meet the neighbours 4 March

There was a good turnout with some new faces. The next event will be on Wednesday 10 June 5.30-7.00. Maggie reinforced the need for committee members to come to these events. **Bryan to book with Silk.**

5. Oxclean 7 March

There was a good turnout of volunteers. Implements such as scrapers and brushes to remove vegetation deposited by plants overhanging the pavements and compacted leaf mould should be considered next time.

6. Planning

6.1 The Grog Shop has erected a new sign without planning permission. The Oxford City Planning Enforcement Officer has been notified.

6.2 179 Kingston Road. The project is expected to take 66 weeks. The builders have taken over and traffic management has improved. There are no contact details given on the outside. A newsletter similar to the one posted at the Eagle and Child would be helpful.

6.3 1A Southmoor Road. An updated application with revised plans has been made. Bryan and Helena will review and decide whether to object again.

6.4 Walton Manor Draft Conservation Area Appraisal has been prepared and will be published for consultation after the election on 7 May.

7. Trees in Kingston Road

A meeting was held by Laura with Luke Rowland, senior officer for tree planting at the county council, about the loss of trees in the chicanes in Kingston Road and their possible replacements. Maggie Black and James Fry attended. Luke Rowland agreed to send Laura a 'recipe' for what was required in the way of digging out the existing holes, possible contractors, costs and other practicalities for replacing the trees. Costs for digging out would be 'in the thousands' at each site and substantially more if the road had to be closed. If the plan goes ahead, the work would be carried out in the autumn.

8. Traffic

The county council has suggested the use of cameras at upper floor windows to monitor traffic. As Kingston Road is the most useful road on which this could be done, it was thought that this could be promoted on the Kingston Road WhatsApp group. **Tom to contact the WhatsApp group. Caroline to provide the link for the equipment.**

9. Notice board and information

New software has been used for the newsletter because the previous provider would charge us at 250 subscribers whereas the new one will charge us at 500 subscribers. **Caroline to ask James Fry about progress with the restoration of the Walton Well fountain.**

10. AOB

On 18 May there is a meeting about a proposed solar 'People Owned Power' project by the Sustainable Southmoor Road Group to take place at 72 Southmoor Road at 7.30pm.

Caroline to enquire about first aid training at the Observatory Practice via the Patient Participation Group. Maggie to provide contact with the group leader.

11. Date and place of the next meeting

Sunday 12 July at 6pm at Bryan's house 30 Plantation Road.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm