

Walton Manor Residents Association

WMRA 24-01-28_02

Minutes of committee meeting held at 6pm, Sunday 28th January at 30 Plantation Road

Present: Maggie Black (MB); Jo Lane (JL); Geoffrey Cole (GC); Janet Minot (JM); Helena Webster (HW); Tom Landell-Mills (TLM); Bryan Pickup (BP); Mary Pegler (MP)

Apologies: Caroline Martin (CM); Charlotte Beatson (CB)

1. Outstanding Matters from last meeting's minutes:

● Constitution revision

MB presented the latest draft to the committee, who suggested and agreed minor changes to the WMRA specified area and the length of term for officers. To be uploaded to the website when amended.

Action: MB

2. AGM review

The committee agreed the AGM had been a success, with more than 100 residents attending. Loss of approx £180 incurred on refreshments and photocopying costs. The queue for signing in and name-labels delayed people's arrival, and this should be abandoned next year, in favour of encouraging people to sign up to the newsletter voluntarily. It was agreed that posting leaflets through doors is still the most reliable way of advertising the AGM, especially for residents who don't have internet access. A paper copy of the WMRA newsletter to be displayed on the community noticeboard and given to Wyndham House for display, to attempt to reach everyone.

3. Oxfordshire Liveable Streets joint meeting

MB has been approached by Jamie Hartzell, Oxfordshire Liveable Streets, to co-host and raise awareness of a joint meeting to discuss the latest scheduled traffic changes (filters, exemptions etc). He would also be approaching Jericho Community Association/St Margaret's Association to include a range of neighbours. A presentation will be made by Zuhura Plummer (Campaign Director). WMRA committee agreed to co-host.

4. Relations with neighbouring Residents' Associations

Suggestion from Cllr James Fry that we might wish to hold joint meetings with other residents' associations. Committee felt this could be done on an ad hoc basis, when a common need arises, rather than regularly.

Planning issues:

- 1A Southmoor Road

HW presented revised drawings which had addressed a lot of the criticism raised at the original application. Committee discussed the amendments and have no objection to the design, but will make comments limited to the disruption to the area and on-street parking applications. HW concerned that there is a history of delay in regards to canal projects, which can result in nothing happening, which hopefully will be avoided in this case.

- 73 & 43 Plantation Road

73: The residents at 73 had held a meeting for neighbours in The Gardeners Arms on 15.1.24 to show their plans and discuss the proposed building works. This gave neighbours a chance to comment and to air their worries about disruption. The process was a constructive way to meet the new neighbours and share building plans; MP felt this should be recommended to more planning applicants.

43: HW has made a comment about size of the proposed rear dormer window.

- Frog Orange shop. 29/1/24 Since the meeting, we have heard from Savills, and there is a new plan in the works. They have requested a meeting on zoom to discuss it with us in the next two weeks.
- Walton Manor Appraisal

No further news. HW to write to the council to prompt them to a start date.

5. Website update

CM had emailed to say she is still working with Peter on the street by street histories. BP invited all contributions; GC happy to help with history of Southmoor Road. MP suggested contacting Peter Howell (Victorian Society) who has given an interesting talk on the area's Victorian history. MB urged all to look at the new website.

6. AOB

- MP offered dates for 2024 Oxclean. Committee agreed on 2nd March, 9am-12pm, and were enthusiastic to participate.
- MB contact Dr Bendor Samuel, of OCM, to enquire why the church bells are no longer ringing.
- MP suggested including 45-55 Woodstock Road in the active WMRA, following a chance meeting with one of the residents. Committee happy to do so.
- JL advised of the current bank balance: £693.37.

7. Date of Next Meeting: April 28th, 6pm, 38 Kingston Road (Tom Landell-Mill's house)