

Walton Manor Residents Association

WMRA 24-04-28_02

Minutes of committee meeting held at 6.30pm, Sunday 21st July at 46 Plantation Road

Present: Maggie Black (MB); Mary Pegler (MP); Helena Webster (HW); Bryan Pickup (BP); Janet Minot (JM); Charlotte Beatson (CB); Caroline Martin (CM)

Apologies: Jo Lane (JL); Godfrey Cole (GC); Tom Landell-Mills (TL-M)

1. Outstanding Matters from last meeting's minutes: none
2. Planning issues:
 - 179 Kingston Road
WMRA will not be raising further objections to the plans submitted, although it realises there are still many objections from St Bernards Road residents. Suggestions raised by BP and HW have in the committee's view, been taken into consideration by Savills and the further objections of nearby residents (height and parking) have already been respected as far as seems practicable. JM suggested that it was important that work proceeds at the site, as it is vulnerable to vandals and graffiti.
 - 1a Southmoor Road – application has been granted
3. Meet Your Neighbours event (3rd July) at The Gardener's Arms
The committee agreed the summer event was a success, with many residents attending. Reminders sent via street WhatsApp groups was helpful. Suggestion that the committee should be more visible next time, with name badges. A similar event is planned for the pre-Christmas period.
4. Traffic
 - Some suggestion from OCC website news that traffic filters may be reconsidered, due to the delay in Botley Road railway bridge works.
 - GC suggested a reminder via the newsletter to warn the residents about the Woodstock Road improvement plan which has now been passed by OCC and will begin in August 2024. Side road access will be affected for four week stretches, with small sections taken in turn. GC to pen a paragraph for the newsletter.
 - MB concerned that the electric cable installation in Kingston Road is taking a long time.
 - HW concerned that Leckford Road will be closed to traffic for 2 days next week, but residents have not been alerted to move their cars.
 - HW was approached by someone at Wyndham House, about the disintegrating yellow lines on Leckford Place, which encourage people to park illegally. HW to follow up with cllr John Howson.
5. AGM 2024, provisional date 20th November 2024.
MB to attempt to book D'Overbroeck's hall, as last year.
Suggestions for a speaker include Liz Woolley, local historian. BP to contact her to see if she is interested.
Microphone system will be needed. CM to contact The Library of Things and St Margaret's Institute to see if we can hire/borrow one.
6. Canal Festival, 21st September 2024 at Aristotle Lane Recreation Ground. Last event was very successful and popular. MB is volunteers organiser and is looking for helpers. Notice to go out in late summer newsletter asking for volunteers.
7. AOB
 - Interest from Diana Nauman, Plantation Road, in joining the committee
 - CM described a younger demographic group moving into Warnborough Road, who may not be aware of the residents' association, and may not feature on the mailouts. How can they be included?
8. **Date and Time of Next Meeting: 6pm, October 13th at 1 Farndon Road (Caroline's house)**

