



Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2019 at 7.00pm
Room JHB 128, John Henry Brookes Building, London Road.

Present: 19

Heather Armitage	Friends of Lye Valley
Elsa Bell	HONORARY SECRETARY, VICE CHAIR & TRUSTEE
Rosemary Belton	Friends of Bury Knowle Park
Richard Bradley	Friends of Quarry – CHAIR & TRUSTEE
Cllr Susan Brown	Oxford City (Churchill)
Patrick Coulter	Headington Neighbourhood Forum – TRUSTEE
Keith Frayn	Ramblers
Cllr Stef Garden	Oxford City (Headington)
Liz Grosvenor	ADMIN SUPPORT
Carolyn Gulliver	London Court Residents'
Sheila Hurst	New Headington Residents' Association
Philippa Logan	Shotover Preservation Society
John Nealon	TREASURER & TRUSTEE
Anne Partridge	U3A Headington
Andrea Siret	Oxford Brookes University
Margaret Simpson	U3A Headington
Cllr Roz Smith	Oxfordshire County (Headington & Quarry) Oxford City (Quarry & Risinghurst)
Howard Stanbury	Friends of Old Headington
Lesley Williams	Headington Schools Partnership

Apologies: 6

Tony Joyce	Oxford Civic Society
Cllr Altaf-Khan	Oxford City (Headington)
Cllr Mark Lygo	Oxfordshire County (Churchill) Oxford City (Marston & Northway)
Judith Palmer	Ramblers
Cllr Glynis Phillips	Oxfordshire County (Barton Sandhills & Risinghurst)
Mary Ross	Churches Together
Sonja Roffey	Mileway Gardens Residents' Association

With thanks to Oxford Brookes for providing the venue	Action
<p>Apologies, welcome and introductions. Apologies as above A reminder that if you are unable to attend a meeting it is acceptable that you send a representative on your behalf.</p>	
<p>Confirmation of Officers for the coming year In accordance with the new constitution the Trustees have nominated the officers for 2019/2020 as follows: Chair - Richard Bradley Vice Chair and Hon Secretary – Elsa Bell Treasurer – John Nealon Patrick Coulter will remain a Trustee and will represent the Headington Neighbourhood Forum. We now have four Trustees.</p>	

<p>The Committee confirmed these officers.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Keith Frayn and Patrick Coulter for their work for HA over many years, and were each presented with Book Tokens. KF, as Market Committee Chair and Trustee has turned round the fortunes of the Market and we are very grateful to him for this success. PC, as Chair has now served for eleven years and has just presided over his 11th AGM.</p>	
<p>Introduction by the Chair</p> <p>Richard Bradley (RBr) set out his vision for the coming years. He sees the existence of HA as being time-limited in the light of the proposed Community Council, but there will be no significant changes to the current set-up of our tried-and-tested formula.</p> <p>His main focus will be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working with PC on the formation of the new Community Council 2. Supporting the Community events e.g. facilitating the Loneliness Project 3. Addressing the problem of resources for projects that need volunteers to run them. This will include finding a replacement for the Market Chair, and providing a reciprocal trustee to represent the Community Association which has funds available for us to use for community projects. Also EB would like to relinquish her role as Hon. Sec. if we could find a volunteer. 	
<p>1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 January were amended as follows: Margaret Simpson should have been designated as U3A Headington (not Oxford) and Heather Armitage should be Friends of Lye Valley rather than Town Furze allotments. These were amended and will be on the website shortly.</p> <p>Subject to the above the Minutes were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. Matters Arising not elsewhere on the Agenda (including Executive Minutes of 27 February 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have received a grant application from Friends of Headington Hill Park (HHP) for £10 - £12K for the maintenance of the path and creating a view through the wall facing the church. We have asked them to re-submit to clarify some of the requests. <p>PC asked the Councillors if funds are short for park maintenance in particular the maintenance of paths and trees. It was confirmed that such basic maintenance should be undertaken by the Council rather than the Friends groups but this will be checked out by Cllr.SB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairtrade have been approached regarding membership – they have a new manager and a decision is pending. • Science Oxford will be approached soon – Stansfeld Park opens soon. There will be a talk at Stansfeld on 13 May. • The HA response to the SODC Local Plan consultation (in particular the policy for land North of Bayswater Brook) has already been circulated, as has the response to the Oxford Local Plan. We have been requested to be present at the examinations in public of both Plans to present evidence in support of our submissions. • The process of spending CIL money is being modified. The application comes to the monitoring sub-committee and if approved is submitted to the HA committee and then to the City Council. The amended process will be distributed before the next meeting for approval. • The request from the BBC Oxford for HA to participate in a magazine programme is still being considered. 	<p style="text-align: center;">SB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RBr</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Oxford Neighbourhood Plan Alliance has been set up with Summertown (whose plan has just been approved) and Wolvercote. PC suggested that the six monthly Planning Users meeting arranged by the City Council had been very useful but appears to have been discontinued. Cllr SB agreed to this follow up with planning officers to see whether it can be reinstated. She advised that she already chairs the strategic meeting of the Oxford Parish Councils and suggested that representatives from Headington attend as observers. We were advised that a recent planning application was refused on the grounds of it contravening our Neighbourhood Plan. In the light of the pending new Local Plan, our HNP policies will need to be reviewed to ensure that they accord with the new Plan. <p>Hanging Baskets</p> <p>EB reported that these will go up in late May and the contract will again be with the City Council. The Council will cover the VAT element and thus we can retain the cost at £100 per basket.</p>	
<p>4. Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Loneliness project has engaged a consultant who has been in touch with local organisations to further this – they include the churches, health service, U3a, Archway, etc. We have also looked at outside projects and on 28 March RBr and PC visited Frome in Somerset “the town that cured loneliness”. Their claim to fame has been demonstrated by a marked decrease in hospital admissions as a result of their initiatives on loneliness. <p>On 7 May we will be facilitating a workshop on Loneliness in Headington at the Bury Knowle Health Centre from 6 – 8 pm by bringing together the stakeholders. These will include two GP practices, the churches, councillors, Brookes and Archway amongst others. We will report the outcome at the next meeting.</p> <p>EB, PC and RB will meet shortly to progress the Greening Project. Rosemary Belton has offered to help.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RBr reported that Friends of Quarry are carrying out a project of bulb planting, and subject to Highways approval, planting shrubs on the central reservation on the Ring Road. Roz and Glynis are supportive. This is in line with the Greening Project’s aims to encourage local groups to design and take responsibility for greening their area. Heather thanked us for the grant we gave for a survey in Lye Valley on invertebrates. They discovered that there was a difference in species between north and south fen. FoLV would like to join them up but some parts encroach on the bottom of private gardens. Some of these have been adopted, but others remain. <p>They also used the grant to buy new tools. They meet every Wednesday and feel, apart from maintaining the valley, this also helps to combat loneliness and depression.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We were asked what is happening to the derelict property in Old High Street, and were advised that a council decision is awaited on the pursuance of a compulsory purchase order which the owner has so far managed to circumvent. HS reported that they were campaigning to restore trees to Old High Street and would be keen to have the initiative as part of a greening project in Headington. We have ascertained that the trees removed from the White Horse pub have been removed by Greene King. RBr will write to Greene King to register our unhappiness. 	<p>RBr</p>
<p>5. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting was organised on 26 March by Cllr Pat Kennedy, Oxford City Council's Older People's Champion, to explore the idea of setting up Age-Friendly Oxford – this would be the 34th such group in the country – the only other one in Oxfordshire is in Banbury. Presentations were from UK Age-friendly Network [NGO]; City and County Council Officers and from AgeUK's CEO. This is a City Council initiative – and as a result a small steering group was agreed, possible members could be the 3 City Councillors present, plus NPC, AgeUK and MS shall be representing various groups, with advice and support from Age-friendly Network. Pat will be asking other age-related groups if they wish to be 	

<p>represented. The brief is to look at working opportunities, housing, health and attitudes to Ageing. We were advised that Bruges is a dementia- friendly city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC advised that there will be a musical event put on by Highfield Residents’ Association on Friday 5 April – flyers were distributed at the meeting. • On Saturday 30 March there will be a plant stall at Headington Quarry Village Hall from 10 to 3. • Our new leaflets were available at the meeting. • 	
<p>The meeting closed at 8.45</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting for your diary: Wednesday 29 May (in JHB 128)</p>	

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