

FRIENDS OF QUARRY
MINUTES
OF THE AGM ON 8 NOVEMBER 2017

Present 33 members

Chair Phil Siswick

Apologies (2016/7 committee member) Julia Gaspar

These minutes are intended to be read alongside the agenda, accounts and map distributed at the AGM, which are available on the Friends of Quarry website at www.friendsofquarry.org.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

2. Annual report Phil Siswick said that the recent newsletter covered most of the last year's activities. Having a permanent Chairman, rather than a rotating one as in the previous year, had improved the working of the committee. They had focused on small things which were achievable, and left wider issues to others.

3. Accounts Richard Bradley (Treasurer) presented the accounts. Expenditure had exceeded income by £130: this deficit was caused by the cost of the social events. However there is still £1832 in the bank. It was suggested that the annual subscription, which has been £2 for years be raised to £3. Richard said that we are sitting on £1800+ and wondering what to do with it: an increase is not needed. Ideas for spending our reserves were a picnic in the park, a street party, a talk, a brass band and something in darkest February, similar to the carol singing and Burns night in the village hall. Elizabeth Knight proposed the accounts; Dee Sinclair seconded them; and they were approved.

4. Election of the committee The Chairman asked for volunteers: if anyone would like to sample a committee meeting, they can come to the next one at the Masons' meeting room at 7.30 on 21 Nov. The present committee are willing to stand again and James McNally volunteered to join them. They were proposed by Diana Pfetscher, seconded by Allan Goodchild, and elected.

5. Report on planning Lawrence Kelly said that over the 14 years he has been involved, large projects and demolitions have decreased, and side and back extensions have increased. The turnover in Oxford City planning staff has been so great that they don't know Quarry and don't apply the written detail on protection for Quarry's character and appearance. The Council supports buildings for organisations that provide employment, and has defined permitted development. FoQ has met the Head of Planning and queried the way decisions are made.

6. Report on parking FoQ needs to decide what we should campaign for. The first task is to have a proposal agreed by residents. The questionnaire in the newsletter on people's

concerns - parking, volume of traffic, speed - produced only 35 opinions, which is not enough to form a plan.

Dee Sinclair said that CPZ plans need to be seen as a whole; restrictions in one place just push the parking to another. Installing CPZs is costly and cannot be afforded at present. The committee will put this project on hold until there are more volunteers for a group to drive it forward. However a speed check has been asked for, as evidence of the need for action. Several years ago a plan was agreed for a chicane in Quarry Hollow. FoQ could help to fund any agreed plan

The Green is being damaged by heavy lorries.

7. Neighbourhood watch This has died due to a lack of volunteers/coordinators. There was little response to the newsletter and FoQ will not take this over. We are not a high crime area. Information on crime is available on Thames Valley alert.

8. Litter picking We worked with Oxclean again this year. Please volunteer to help again on Saturday 3 March 2018 at 2 pm.

9. Social events Both the cheese and wine party and the quiz night were successful. We will hold another quiz night in October 2018. Other ideas are in para three. Social events are held to 'come and meet the neighbours' and to increase membership.

10. Bench Ken Weavers explained his map. There are plenty of benches on the south side of Quarry: should some of these be moved to the north side where there are few? Outside the Independent Store, at the junction of Trafford and Pitts Roads, on the ring road green or at the junction of Gladstone Road and Quarry High Street? Or the Recreation Ground though this is not in Quarry? The cost would be about £1000, though a talking bench would be extra. It was suggested that it would be better to spend our money on dealing with the increased traffic to Stansfield.

Dee Sinclair said that if FoQ funded the installation of a litter bin, the Council will empty it.

11.AOB

11.1 When the church puts up the notice about the extension, FoQ will call a public meeting

11.2 The AGM will be held be on 22 Nov at 2018 7.30 in the Coach House.