

Minutes of the 2018 AGM.

Present 40 members **Chair.** Jeff McIlhinney

Apologies. Jenny Elliott, Mary Kelly, Alan Kimber Nickelson, Anne Blackman, David Knight, and Jo Walden

Co-ordinator's Report.

Friends of Quarry had an active year which began with a public meeting to discuss the proposed extension to Holy Trinity Church, which had received planning permission from the City Council. The meeting was lively, with forthright expressions on both sides of the arguments for the extension, and the views expressed were represented to the Diocesan Registrar in a letter. Subsequently we were involved in discussing the problems of anti-social behaviour of some Scrutton Close residents with the local, and area manager, of the Close. Following these discussions guidance was provided as to what Quarry residents should do if they witnessed further anti-social behaviour. We also liaised with Quarry residents who were being adversely affected by noise and bad behaviour originating from the Six Bells Pub. Representations to the City Licensing Authority were made which suggested that amendments be made to the licence for the Six Bells in view of the annoyance to its neighbours. Following the refurbishment of the pub we have worked with the new licensee, and local councillors, to try and ensure that both noise and anti-social behaviour would be reduced significantly, and are waiting to see if this is the case.

Three social events were organized during the year, in March a Wine and Cheese evening in the village Hall with Music from David Kay, Chris Mills and Allen and Julie Kimber Nickelson, in September there was a Picnic in the Park and in November a Quiz Night also in the village hall. All of these were well attended and were enjoyed by those attending. Friends of Quarry were also involved in organizing the local, as part of the OxClean city wide, litter pick in Quarry.

Traffic and parking continue to be a problem in Quarry. A survey of parking in Pitts Road and Quarry High Street by Friends of Quarry has found that at least 30% of the parking places are due to non-resident parking by people leaving their cars in Quarry whilst they go to work. During a speed survey in Quarry Hollow, Quarry High Street and Quarry Road in August in conjunction with the police the volume of traffic entering Quarry was noted by them and several cars were observed exceeding the 20mph speed limit. Friends of Quarry continue to work with the local councillors, and the police to find solutions to these problems, which both our own and the Council's surveys show is increasing.

Last year there was support for a bench to be put in front of the Shop on Gladstone Road. Unfortunately owing to a possible change in ownership of the shop we have been unable to proceed with this site but we continue to investigate alternative positions in Quarry for a bench.

Minutes of the 2017 AGM. The minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted with the correction of the date and place of the meeting. Proposed By James McNally and seconded by Alan Goodchild.

Annual Accounts. The Treasurer, Richard Bradley, presented the accounts, which can be found on the website. The actual deficit was about £50 because a surplus from the quiz night was not included. Our reserves, now £1744, have been going down slowly year by year. The accounts, proposed by Ian Callaghan and seconded by Julia Gasper, were accepted.

Changes to the Constitution.

- Increase in members £ subscriptions. The suggested increase to £2.50 a year and a 10 year membership of £20 was proposed by Alan Edwards and seconded by Barry Carter, and accepted.

- Tenure of the Treasurer. Paul Rogers proposed and Elizabeth Knight seconded that the tenure be increased from three to five years, to resolve the difficulty of finding a new Treasurer, and this was accepted.

Election of the committee. Roz Smith proposed and Ann McIlhinney seconded that the current committee of Richard Bradley, Jenny Elliott, Julia Gasper, Jonny Ives, Lawrence Kelly, David Kiggell, Jeff McIlhinney, James McNally, Paul Rogers, Phil Siswick, Ken Weavers and Jan Wheeler be re-elected. This was accepted.

Report on Planning. Lawrence Kelly reported that 11 planning applications in Quarry and 11 applications for tree work had been made in the year. He had looked at these for their affect on the conservation area and on neighbours, and commented to the planners when necessary. Other points were:

- The increasing parking problem is resulting in house owners putting down impermeable hard surfaces in front of their houses, which prevents water draining into the Lye valley, causing concern to Thames Water.
- Planning has been contacted about the stone wall and the hedge at Beechers. The hedge should have been replanted within 10 months, and the fence is preventing removal of an ugly skip and the construction of a sports kit store.
- New bright lights at the back of the Chequers are causing concern.

Social Events. Jan Wheeler reported on the wine and cheese party with wonderful music, the sunny informal picnic and the hilarious and enjoyable quiz night. It is intended to repeat these next year. She asked for other ideas, perhaps a lecture on local history and a walk through Quarry.

Bench. Ken Weavers said that there are 17 benches already in Quarry, all of them in the south and west with none in the north and east. Four possible sites have been explored but, as noted above some of these have proved impossible, leaving the only feasible site is at the Beaumont Road entrance to Quarry. There was little enthusiasm for this site compared to the site outside the shop. The committee will continue to discuss this project. Other proposed projects were:

- Planting daffodils at the Gladstone Road and Beaumont Road entrances to Quarry
- A boulder, possibly inscribed with "Quarry Village", to replace the old ♦Welcome to Quarry♦ sign at the Beaumont Road entrance.
- Trees/shrubs on the central reservation of the ring road between the Headington roundabout and Spring Lane

These were popular and it may be possible to get help with funding from the Council and the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Committee was asked to explore these ideas.

Traffic and Parking. Roz Smith said that the Council are feeling a groundswell for more CPZs all round the city: hence the recent questionnaire. This is exploratory and further CPZs will go where the demand is strongest. This questionnaire, which has gone to Risinghurst and Sandhills as well as Quarry, is informal. Areas where the demand is strongest, will get another, formal, questionnaire which will be much more detailed. When answering the questionnaire, please add comments. New CPZs will not have so many signs and yellow lines will be less obtrusive. A recent traffic survey showed that, at peak times, 500 vehicles an hour are going through Quarry. There is a problem with traffic speed made worse by the extent of parking with the consequent narrowing of the roads.

AOB The next AGM will be at 7.30 on 28th Nov 2019 in the village hall.