

IFRA

Iffley Fields Residents Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Iffley Fields Residents Association held on Monday 13 March 2023 at Greyfriars Hall.

Present

Sue Hale (in the Chair)

Ben Pinches, Christine Hogg, Barbara Ashcroft, Susan Bedford, Janet Hall, Simon Fisher, Thelma Martin, Samantha Robertson, Denise Cullington, Jane Fisher, Helen Mosby, Gill S, Vivian Alexander, Judith Okley, Larry Sanders, Martin Box-Oliver, Jo Burch, Sam Alston, Virginia Hodgson, Leonora Pitt, Mary-Ann Sinclair, James Fletcher, Richard Norman, Sylvia Eades, Cllr Chris Jarvis,

Apologies: Jon Rees, Cllr Emily Kerr, Cllr Damian Haywood, Luke Bolton, Peter Sidgwick, Ruth Ashcroft

At the first half of the meeting residents described their experiences of volunteering with local organisations: Asylum Welcome (Janet Hall), Friends of Aston Eyot (Thelma Martin), Oxford Mutual Aid (Christine Hogg, Leonora Pitt, Mary-Ann Sinclair), Restore (Samantha Robertson), The Samaritans (Helen Mosby), Better Housing Better Health (Sam Alston).

1 MINUTES OF AGM 14 MARCH 2022

The minutes of the AGM were accepted as a correct record.

2 IFRA'S YEAR

Sue Hale introduced the newsletter that outlined the events of the last year which had seen the installation of table tennis, more plants and trees on the Recreation Ground and improvements to Longbridges swimming area. Two new benches would also be installed soon. Local interest groups had been set up this year including a book group, walking, history, gardening and bridge. There was interest in setting up other groups including film and chess.

Points from members included:

Meadow Lane Car Park: the decision on this was expected shortly

The Playground: Simon Fisher pointed out that this was in need of attention and it was important to maintain pressure to improve it.

Planning: Jane Fisher asked if IFRA was still involved in planning issues. Thelma reported that new planning applications for the area were scrutinised weekly. IFRA also commented on city and county wide consultations where appropriate as well as submitting comments on the proposed development of the Horse Field in Iffley.

Air quality: concerns were expressed about the pollution caused by idling cars by the school in Bedford Street.

LTNs and traffic filters. It was asked whether this was in the remit of IFRA. It was agreed that IFRA could comment on anything that affected residents but had not discussed this as there was little likelihood that there was a consensus view and it did not directly affect Iffley Fields. The divisive and violent nature of the city-wide debate was deeply regrettable.

3 TREASURER'S REPORT

Ben Pinches reported that he was standing down as Treasurer after many years. With more activities and projects, multiple sources of income and increased expenditure, it was now a more complex task. For the first time IFRA had asked residents for money, and had raised £800 which enabled IFRA to break even. He would continue to act as treasurer until new arrangements could be made. Ben was warmly thanked for all his work over the years.

4 STREET PARTY 7th MAY

This had been proposed and Cllr Emily Kerr had offered to arrange the street closure required. It was agreed to post on Facebook to see if it was possible to form a committee to take this forward.

5 ELECTIONS

The following officers were elected for the following year

Chair - Sue Hale

Co-Vice Chair- Jon Rees

Co-Vice Chair - Ben Pinches

Treasurer - Vacant

Secretary - Christine Hogg

Susan Bedford was elected for the first time and Luke Bolton, Samantha Robertson and Barbara Ashworth were re-elected for a further 3 years. Emily Kerr resigned following her election as city councillor.

The meeting closed at 21.15

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