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Minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2017 at 7.00pm
Room JHB 128, John Henry Brookes Building, London Road.

Present:

Elsa Bell	HONORARY SECRETARY
Rosemary Belton	Friends of Bury Knowle Park
Richard Bradley	Friends of Quarry – TREASURER & TRUSTEE
Patrick Coulter	Headington Road Runners – CHAIR & TRUSTEE
Keith Frayn	Ramblers – VICE CHAIR & TRUSTEE
Liz Grosvenor	Admin Support
Carolyn Gulliver	London Court Residents'
Jill Haas	Low Carbon Headington
Cllr. Glynis Phillips	Oxfordshire County (Barton, Sandhills & Risinghurst)
Margaret Simpson	U3A Oxford
Howard Stanbury	Friends of Old Headington
Cllr. Ruth Wilkinson	Oxford City (Headington)
Peter West	St Anne's Residents' Area Association
Lesley Williams	Headington Schools Partnership

Apologies:

Sheila Hurst	New Headington Residents' Association
Maggie Maguire	Oxford Brookes University
Cllr. Altaf Khan	Oxford City (Headington)
Jeff McIlhinney	Webmaster
Cllr. Dee Sinclair	Oxford City (Quarry & Risinghurst)
Cllr. Roz Smith	Oxfordshire County (Headington & Quarry)

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<p>1. Apologies, welcome and introductions. Apologies as above.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 March were agreed</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising not elsewhere on the Agenda (including Executive Minutes of 2 May).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanging Baskets – See notes on Executive Minutes. EB confirmed that we would break even this year. She was warmly thanked for her work on this. • We await Roz's response on sponsorship signs following the change of personnel at the Council. • We await progress report on the Brookes liaison. • Site visit to discuss tree lighting is being rearranged. • There has been no success on the Swap Shop plea. 	<p>RS AS/MM RB</p>
<p>4. Finance: There have been no further grant applications. The Financial Year ended 31 March. The draft accounts show a deficit for the year of £750. £1300 has been given out in grants, and the hanging baskets cost £750. The Market made a profit of £2,500, and we are still holding the £500 contribution from the Coventry B/S for an art project.</p>	

<p>The original idea for an art project entailing painting a wall in Kennett Road with copies of the underpass art turned out to be non-viable. However, the Neighbourhood Plan has some community projects involving sculptures and murals, and a sculpture on a health site is being considered.</p>	
<p>5. Headington Market</p> <p>The Market has grown over the last year – up to 17 stalls some weeks, such that we want to expand to the other side of the London Road. Businesses have been approached, and they are very supportive, particularly <i>the Garden</i>.</p> <p>There are 30 stalls planned for the Festival Saturday Market.</p> <p>An Environmental Health Inspection is due and Charlie is on top of this ensuring that handwashing facilities are in place on food stalls, and that food is covered.</p> <p>Parking for Market traders is still a problem, and RW has contacted the Bowls Club, but has not had a favourable response so far.</p> <p>KF is seeking some help with Facebook and has been referred to Harry Jenkins who runs IT training with the University Hub.</p> <p>There is a signing-up list on Charlie’s stall for anyone wanting to be on the Market email list.</p> <p>Planning begins soon on an extra special 10th Anniversary Market in September.</p>	RW
<p>6. Headington Festival 2017 - Weekend of 3 and 4 June</p> <p>Volunteers are still required for both days for selling raffle tickets, meeting and greeting and clearing up at the end.</p> <p>The raffle tickets are not selling well – less than half compared with this time last year. There will be an opportunity to buy tickets in the Co-op on 1 June. Brookes are providing the drum for the draw (by Cllr. Zoe Patrick) which will take place at 4.45pm on Sunday. Margaret was warmly thanked for her work on the raffle.</p> <p>We need to set up a Headington Action stall with banners, and also leaflets – RB will get 200 new ones printed at Brookes, and PC will collect on Friday. KF and RB will liaise over the manning of the stall.</p> <p>Security and lost child procedures are in place.</p> <p>In due course we will organise some upright flags to advertise Headington Action – <i>Parchments</i> currently have a good deal on these.</p> <p>KF will advertise the Festival online for the Oxford Times and Oxford Mail.</p> <p>We have a new sponsor The Round Table.</p> <p>Providing the weather is kind we may just break even.</p>	RB/PC RB/KF KF
<p>7. Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>86% of the 4,000 votes said yes to the Plan. We are now in the 6 week legal period before the CEB formally confirms it.</p> <p>The Forum will remain until a successor body is set up.</p> <p>In the meantime there are community projects to set up; a meeting of the Steering Committee takes place on 7 June to start this process. A new Headington Planning Group has already been set up.</p> <p>We were the first plan to be submitted in Oxford – our experience is now being sought by other groups, and we are very grateful to our Project Manager, Adam, who steered it so successfully.</p> <p>We will get the HNP advertising boards together to show at the Festival.</p>	PC
<p>8. HA Objectives</p> <p>Under our new constitution we have a revised set of objectives. The meeting discussed how well we fulfilled these objectives and whether we needed a new process to monitor delivery of objectives.</p> <p>We considered the following:</p> <p>We considered the following:</p> <p>Q. Do we benefit those who live, work and study here?</p>	

<p>A. <i>Hanging Baskets, Festival, Market. Should we include absent commercial owners and landlords here?</i></p> <p>Q. Do we work with the inhabitants, voluntary sector, commerce, local authorities, and other organisations?</p> <p>A. <i>We set up and financially supported the Neighbourhood Plan. There should be more integration, and conflict arises with new housing developments. We do give grants to students and residents.</i></p> <p>Do we:</p> <p>Q. promote the Headington Area? A. <i>Market and Festival</i></p> <p>Q. generate civic pride? A. <i>Baskets and Lights</i></p> <p>Q. do community projects? A. <i>Neighbourhood Plan</i></p> <p>Q. make environmental improvements? A. <i>The HNP encourages walking and cycling, and includes biodiversity sites. Bury Knowle Park.</i></p> <p>Q. advance education? A. <i>Lye Valley walks, Brookes projects.</i></p> <p>Q. reduce social deprivation? A. <i>we give grants to groups. We will contact churches and schools to identify targets. We need more transport for elderly and disabled, and a community centre for them to meet others. Perhaps an art project with older people. More representation required on HA from "deprived groups". Consider lonely people.</i></p> <p>Q. provide facilities for recreational leisure? A. <i>Grants given, and mentioned in the HNP.</i></p> <p>Q. improve the condition of life for the inhabitants? A. <i>we need to emphasise participation with sports clubs and lunch clubs, and contact residents' associations for their input.</i></p> <p>Q. work with equality legislation? A. <i>could do better</i></p> <p>How do we deliver?</p> <p>Forward Plan</p> <p>Targets</p> <p>Success criteria</p> <p>Monitoring process</p> <p>Keep on agenda – particularly for AGM</p> <p>Should we meet elsewhere to encourage more attendees?</p> <p>Do a presentation to U3A and get their input</p>	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listing of Buildings of Local Interest – the Oxford Heritage Register was formed a couple of years ago – there are about 100 assets on the list, none in Headington although four are 'pending'. The character assessments for the HNP identified more. This activity is now in abeyance. The City has more interest and resources to look at conservation areas. <p>Is this an activity which HNF/HA could take on? Would the City Council agree? HNF could evaluate assets using the City's criteria and HA's Councillor representatives could give formal approval.</p> <p>Is this a viable project? RW will put it forward as an idea once we have discussed further and decided if it is a worthwhile project and considered the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was raised over the announcement that further heat pipes ("heat sharing network") are being mooted in the area of Brookes, Headington School and Warneford Hospital, and student blocks, in the interests of decarbonising the city. A project representative has been invited to the Headington Forward meeting on 7 June. • The Headington Neighbourhood Action Group (Police Liaison) has been stood down for the moment. We understand that the Police are being "re-structured". • Hustings for East Oxford are taking place on 1 June at 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Lime Walk. 	<p>RW</p>
<p>9. The meeting closed at 9pm.</p>	
<p>10. Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be in Room JHB 128 on Wednesday 26 July 2017.</p>	