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Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2021 at 7.00pm Via video

Present: 21

Heather Armitage	Friends of Lye Valley
Elsa Bell	HONORARY SECRETARY, VICE CHAIR & TRUSTEE
Patrick Coulter	Headington Neighbourhood Forum – TRUSTEE
Rosemary Belton	Friends of Bury Knowle Park
Richard Bradley	Friends of Quarry – CHAIR & TRUSTEE
Bridget Durning	Community Schools Alliance Trust – TRUSTEE
Keith Frayn	Ramblers/ Co-Chair Market Committee
Theresa Frayn	Co-Chair Market Committee
Liz Grosvenor	ADMIN SUPPORT
Carolyn Gulliver	London Court residents
Sheila Hurst	New Headington RA
Jonny Ives	Journalist and Cyclox
Tony Joyce	Oxford Civic Society
Viv Miles	Project Lead on Connected Communities
John Nealon	TREASURER & TRUSTEE
Anne Partridge	U3A
Cllr Roz Smith	Oxfordshire County (Headington & Quarry) Oxford City (Quarry & Risinghurst)
Howard Stanbury	Friends of Old Headington
Wendy Vrij	Oxford Brookes University
Peter West	St Anne’s Road, Gathorne Road, Rock Edge. Margaret Road, etc
Lesley Williams	Headington Schools Partnership

Guests: 2

Frank Mckenna	Headington Liveable Streets
Hollie Tuckwell	Oxford City Council

Apologies: 2

Phillipa Logan	Shotover Preservation Society
Cllr. Glynis Phillips	Oxfordshire County (Barton, Sandhills & Risinghurst)

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<p>Welcome and introductions. Hollie was introduced – she is the lead officer at the City Council for the Barton Locality Hub.</p>	
<p>1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 25 November and of Executive on 11 January Agreed.</p> <p>Matters arising Membership application from Headington Liveable Streets (HLS) It was agreed to accept as a new member Frank McKenna representing Headington Liveable Streets (HLS). 9 voted yes, none against and the rest abstained or had a conflict of interest being already on HLS.</p>	

<p>Diversity A working party to discuss this is scheduled for February.</p> <p>Post office future The Chair has contacted all the local Councillors to keep this at the top of the agenda, and has queried where a Post Office might be situated during the Co-op site development.</p> <p>Communications to members All representatives are encouraged to distribute the messages we send out. We know that they are distributed to Brookes, the Schools and to some Residents' Associations. Committee members are asked to let us know if they think we send too many, or if they are not of interest to their members.</p>	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headington Action update <p>Market TF updated us as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Christmas market was very successful. Mince pies provided by Cornfield Bakery generated funds for Sobell House, which, with a collection reached c. £1,000. • Thanks were expressed to Hilary Bradley for organising the carol singing and Nick Gill for the Jazz. • Thanks were extended to Roz for the use of the Village Hall. • Ewan, the market manager was very pleased and pleasantly surprised by his bonus, as was helper Archie. He was thanked for his dedication to the market. • Following the 19 December market a Risk Assessment was undertaken and it was decided to move the bakery stall to the forecourt of the village hall alongside the Greek stall. The remaining stalls were spread out, and only essential food stalls were permitted to attend. • We have now doubled the number of volunteers in each shift • The traders are happy about the increase in their stall fees • A notice about dogs is being issued as some of them are perceived as creating a nuisance. • The public are being very supportive of the market. • The committee is grateful for the help received from the Town Hall (Green Spaces), Environmental Health and the Community Police. • There have been some very wet Saturdays and the problem of flooding will need to be addressed if we are at Quarry hollow for some time yet <p>The Chair had received many favourable comments about the market, including the fact that people felt safer there than in the supermarkets. If anyone would like to volunteer to be a steward then please contact Theresa.</p> <p>Festival 2021 It has been decided that a May festival cannot go ahead in the current pandemic. The Committee are now considering an alternative that could be in September; could be a one-day event; having only stalls; or just having family picnics. The festival committee will discuss shortly. We understand that the Cowley Carnival is also having similar discussions, and it was suggested that a September festival could be a Harvest Festival in BKP, or be a Michaelmas Fayre. What we are trying to avoid is too much forward planning that will incur costs for something that cannot then go ahead.</p> <p><i>(At this point Roz Smith and Jonny Ives joined the meeting)</i></p> <p>Floral baskets EB re-iterated that we had signed up to a 5 year plan last year such that we were able to obtain baskets at £110 each. Our contract is with the City Council who install the baskets and maintain them. In view of the lockdown last year we did not ask the businesses for sponsorship and this year, as we did last year, we are</p>	ALL

<p>going to apply for CIL money.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Connected Communities</p> <p>Oxford Hub/Together originally organised a street champion initiative. Neighbourhood co-ordinators organise the local street champions at street level using WhatsApp groups, to ask for help or to offer it. This is a prime example of Community development and coherence that HA is keen to encourage.</p> <p>Oxford Together has indicated it would like local groups to take over the street champion network. It has been difficult getting clarification of this from Sara Fernandez, CEO of Oxford Hub, and from Cllr Marie Tidball.</p> <p>VM and RB have now managed to organise a meeting with Oxford Together with a view to HA taking over the local street champions.</p> <p>We will need a co-ordinator to run it so we are applying for CIL money to fund a part time contractor post. We are asking for £10,000 for one year, but we do not know if we will be eligible for this type of project.</p> <p>19 members of the committee voted yes to submit the CIL claim and one abstained. The claim itself might have to be tweaked depending on the outcome of the Oxford Together meeting.</p> <p>Street Champions were very active in the first wave but have faded away somewhat, partly due to neighbours being brought together to help each other. The WhatsApp Groups were a very successful means of communication and some are still active.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected Communities now has a Facebook page and WV has offered to help VM with it. • VM will follow up on several leads gleaned from a webinar run by The Oxford Community Foundation. • We are aware that 001 Cars are offering free taxis rides to get people to vaccination centres. See note below. 	<p>WV/VM VM</p>
<p>2. Headington Action projects</p> <p>Greening</p> <p>There are 3 strings to this project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhancing the green infrastructure 2. Encouraging Biodiversity 3. Making greener communities 4. <p>A volunteer has come forward to further these aims.</p> <p>Brookes is being encouraged to look at biodiversity and tree cover in the context of the development at Clive Booth residences. A Tiny Forest is one suggestion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather A asked if Dunstan Park in Old Headington could be added to the list as it is an important fen. The Greening committee have already decided to look at adjacent groups and spaces that abut Headington and Heather A would like it to be added to the Wild Oxford project to ensure its protection. • RS advised that she might be able to obtain funding to look at green corridors for wild life. • PC pointed out that the stewardship of parks is included in the Neighbourhood Plan (NP), and as such this might release some CIL money. • We note that the Tiny Forest project has now planted some trees in Foxwell Drive. <p>Headington Centre</p> <p>Conversations have taken place about improving the centre of Headington and a strategy and plan is being formulated. The City did offer some Officer input having refused to pass the Neighbourhood Plan last year, and a meeting with stakeholders is scheduled for February to flesh out the vision. This will then be submitted to the City council to set up a consultation exercise.</p> <p>TJ asked for the Civic Society to be involved in the early stages and he will liaise with PC on this.</p>	<p>PC/TJ</p>

<p>Art project by Oxford Brookes S106 money is available for this art project which was also in the NP. It has been delayed by Covid but a workshop is being set up to scope out the project</p>	
<p>3. Finance summary 2020</p> <p>The accounts will be presented at the AGM, but finances are looking up. Our main source of income is the market which we have managed to keep operating, and whilst we had to dip into reserves to cover the costs involved in moving it to Quarry Hollow we only used c. £3K of our £10,000 reserves.</p>	
<p>4. AOB Hear in Headington</p> <p>There have been some complaints about lack of publicity, the quality of the “shark” structure and the audibility, and we consider that the project of 8 installations is being inadequately managed by the City. The Chair will liaise with RS for a city Council response. The level of usage can be readily ascertained by the inbuilt counters.</p> <p>Lye Valley Heather A advised that there is now a slide show on the Lye Valley website showing what is in the valley. The Friends are very worried about the planning applications for Dyrnham Place which would affect the underground water flow on which the valley depends. The weight of the houses alone would also disturb the unique geology.</p> <p>Also Warren Crescent – 10 houses being built on old builders’ rubble where there is a very steep slope and water run-off will affect the stability of the ground there and detrimentally affect the water flows from the springs. This area is designated as green space in the NP, but Warren Crescent did get planning permission. TJ advised that the Civic Society (OCS) is worried about this and the fact that any application that includes new housing seems to get the go-ahead. He will speak with Heather A and Judy Webb and see what the Planning Group at OCS can do about it.</p> <p>All the volunteers at the Lye Valley were thanked for their work on this important and unique site.</p> <p>Playing Out After the meeting LW alerted us to the Playing Out newsletter entitled <i>What can we do to help children right now? Here is the link:</i> https://mailchi.mp/372f35af3502/its-oktoplay?e=a47d34aecf</p>	<p>CHAIR/RS</p> <p>TJ/HA</p>
<p>5. The meeting closed at 8.30</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting for your diary:</p> <p>31 March 2021 with the AGM</p>	