

**OIRA committee meeting, 12/01/2026, 8 pm, 2 North Street**

**Draft minutes**

**Present:** Alan Goodwin (chair), Alison Burdett, Jula Turner (minutes), Maria Holt (treasurer), Karen Schoenemann, Eli Harriss, Philippa Lanchbery, Cllr Susanna Pressel, Kate Stewart, Sarah Parker, Eleanor Dickey

**Apologies:** Andrew Boag, Cllr Lois Muddiman

**1 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Approved.

**2 Actions from previous meeting**

N/A

**3 Environment**

- East Street trees – these were pollarded however there was an error with the pollarding. The newly planted tree was pollarded and an established tree spared from pollarding. Cllr Pressel will email to ensure the remaining tree is pollarded.
- Street Cleaning - Cllr Pressel will enquire when this can occur.
- Waste collection communications – for two weeks running over the Christmas period the Council sent the standard Thursday evening email advising that bins would be collected on Friday, but they weren't, and instead the alternative arrangements publicised on the Council website were followed. Cllr Pressel said she would raise this matter with the relevant manager.
- Random parking/waiting around the Hollybush – The police have advised they can't do much and their advise is to report the license number.
- North Street developments – the new development on North street has some items that were not approved in the planning application.
- Proposed closure of Rewley Road Fire Station – OIRA are concerned at this and oppose it. Cllr Pressel identified that a council survey provides the local residents the chance to feedback on this.
- Oxford Station – Station will be closed first week of February for the new bridge to be installed.
- Thames Water on Osmeay Bridge – work is slow to non existent, Cllr Pressel reported that work is waiting on SSE to divert the utility cables.

**4 Councillors' slot**

- No additional items.

**5 Events**

- Island freebie day – went well and it was suggested to be repeated in May/June.
- Advent calendar and Carols – well organised, and thanks have been shared by Alan to the organisers

**6 Licensing and planning**

Nothing to report

**7 Committee admin**

- February newsletter copy deadline 22 January. AGM should be advertised.
- AGM preliminary date is 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Maria to book the church. Suggested speakers are the Lockkeeper and Jude to report on the daffodils – Alan to contact both.
- Email group – nothing to report
- Chatty Wednesday – nothing to report
- Chair and Secretary Vacancies: Eleanor Dickey has agreed to take over as secretary. It was suggested a Co-Chair would be the best solution with Sarah potentially taking one position.

#### **8 Date of next committee meeting**

2nd March, 8 pm

#### **9 Date of 2026 Committee Meetings**

11<sup>th</sup> May

13<sup>th</sup> July

14<sup>th</sup> September

9<sup>th</sup> November

#### **10 Any other business**

It was discussed whether to post the minutes on the web site, and it was agreed to do so.