



Minutes of Oxton Society Committee Meeting May 6th, 2025, 19.00 St. Saviour's

Present:

Chris Jarrey	(CJ)	Chair
Jeff Willis	(JW)	Conversation and Planning
Alan Chape	(AC)	Conservation and Partnership / Vice-Chair
Bob Knowles	(BK)	History Group
Annette Capper	(ACa)	Friends of The Arno
Dominic Wilkinson	(DW)	Planning Lead
John Field	(JF)	Blue Plaques
John Heathman	(JH)	Secretary
Hugh Owen	(HO)	Membership
Griff Round	(GR)	Treasurer
Steve Weber	(SW)	Conversation and Planning
Carla Walker	(CW)	Comms
George Harrison	(GH)	Tree Group
Allan Brame	(AB)	WBC
Kirsty Cotton	(KC)	(Secret Gardens agenda item only)

1. **Apologies** were received from Heather Alcock,
2. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
3. **Conservation/Planning**
 - a. One new planning application was just received prior to the meeting (not yet considered (Birch Road).
 - b. Ashton House. (AB). Planning permission granted subject to protection of the wall. Developer advises he is now likely to sell onto another developer.
 - c. Local Plan. Now approved and all brown field development, but likely to be stressed by new government targets.
 - d. Local Listing. (AC) Our list needs to be re-submitted to conform with WBC data set. Action AC to re-convene planning group to do this.
 - e. Trees. Duane Chong has handed over his responsibilities to Dave Coombs, who will lead the group. Ron Jones is also now part of this group. A future tree survey needs to focus on a) Health profile, b) Safety profile, and Identification of future 'problem' trees. Decision: Allow Dave Coombs to settle into role and then scope out survey for a contractor to undertake, bearing in mind proposed TPO re-survey by WBC
4. **Finance** (GR). Accountants have approved our accounts. The committee approved the accounts.
5. **Comms.** Alistair Beattie has decided to not continue with our media /website assistance.

- a. Newsletters: Next newsletter to go out 31st July. Last Copy to Carla 1st July
Action ALL

6. Sub-group reports:
Friends of The Arno. See report sent out.

History Group.

See report sent out. Walks programme in operation.

Blue plaque Peter Sheppherd. June 14th 2025 for unveiling. CJ attending.

Membership.

As per report sent out.

Data protection. HO presented proposed policy which was approved. **Action ALL:**

You must regularly review the data you keep: Data is only to be kept for Society operational reasons. Destroy paper lists. Password protect digital lists. Advise HO of what data you keep.

7. Community items

1. **Hanging baskets.** John Booth has continued to run this project. Baskets going up mid-May
2. **Secret Gardens.** KC updated meeting on format for Sunday 11th May. Following this, it was decided to hold a separate meeting to review the Society's current strategy and approach towards SG and other village events. Action JH to arrange.
3. **Green areas in the village (3).** On-going (CJ)
4. **Street signs.** Mount Pleasant sign being repaired. Will move onto next sign, subject to cost approval.

8. AOB

Bleed out kit. Proposal to install one of these next to defib machine at The Willows. Action CJ to seek out costs.

9. Date of next meeting

Proposed to be **Tuesday 8th July 2025, 7pm** at St. Saviour's

The meeting finished at approximately 8.45pm