



# Friends of Quarry 2017 AGM

8 November 2017

## AGENDA

- **Welcome**
- **Annual Reports**
- **Annual Accounts**
- **Election of the Committee**
- **Discussion on Quarry Matters:**
  - Planning – Update on Holy Trinity Building Plans
  - Traffic and Parking
  - Neighbourhood Watch
  - Social Events
  - Quarry Bench
- **AOB**

## MINUTES OF THE 2016 AGM

**Chair:** Phil Siswick

**Apologies:** (2015-16 Committee Members): Paul Rogers, Jenny Wright

**Please Note:** These minutes are intended to be read alongside the agenda and presentation for the AGM. Those are available on the Friends of Quarry website at [www.friendsofquarry.org](http://www.friendsofquarry.org). As such, these minutes are intended to capture the key decisions made and additional points raised during the meeting.

### **Annual Reports:**

- Phil Siswick presented a summary of the activities of Friends of Quarry since the 2015 AGM. They can be found on slide 3 of the presentation.
- Lawrence Kelly provided an update on planning activity. He reported that there had been fewer applications than in previous years. A total of 12 applications had been made in the Quarry, of which 9 had been approved, 1 had been refused and 2 were withdrawn. Key applications had been for the Quarry Pavilion, Stansfeld and for Holy Trinity Church
- Jenifer Carpenter provided an update on Social activities. There had been fewer than in previous years, due to the lack of manpower on the Committee and the effort associated in organising them. There had been a combined Christmas event with the Village Hall in December and a Quarry Walk in May. Plans were being discussed for a possible Cheese and Wine evening in February

### **Annual Accounts:**

- Richard Bradley presented the annual accounts, which can be found on slide 5 of the presentation. The accounts were proposed by Allan Goodchild and seconded by David Blackman

### **Election of the Committee:**

- The AGM thanked those members of the Committee who were not standing for re-election for their contribution to the Committee
- Julia Gasper and Jeff McIlhinney proposed themselves as members of the new Committee. They, together with those existing Committee members standing for re-election (whose names are listed on slide 8 of the presentation), were proposed by Ann Blackman and seconded by Ian Callaghan

### **Discussion on Quarry Matters:**

- **Stansfeld:** Richard presented an update on the ownership of and plans for the Stansfeld site. The site had been purchased by the Oxford Trust to build a science centre that will provide both education facilities and a facility to support new companies forming to exploit scientific developments. The Oxford Trust had recently submitted a planning application for the development of the site. The Friends of Stansfeld group would consider their response to this planning application at a public meeting to be held on 15 November 2016. Responses from the public could be made until 21 November 2016.

- Concerns were raised and discussed about the impact of the development on parking and traffic in the Quarry. Richard described the approaches proposed by Oxford Trust to mitigate this. It was proposed that Oxford Trust be asked to contribute to a bus service into the Quarry to provide another opportunity for people to travel without using a car.
- **Traffic Survey:** David Kiggell and Richard discussed the initial findings from the Traffic Survey that had been carried out in October. That provided information on peak and average traffic flows, which indicated that there had been a moderate increase in traffic over the 4 years since the last survey was done. Further analysis of the data would take place to draw harder conclusions.
- There was discussion about the impact of traffic in the Quarry, including possible methods of reducing or discouraging traffic. In addition to those already outlined in the Traffic Consultation document discussed at an AGM some years ago, further suggestions on the use of traffic lights and other measures were made. These will be taken forward by the Committee.
- **Response to Planning Applications:** In response to recent concerns raised, Lawrence asked whether Friends of Quarry was striking the right balance in its response to Planning Applications. He clarified that when the Committee considered applications, the criteria were the impact on the Quarry, either in the form of things such as traffic or on the character or appearance of the Conservation Area. The key features of the Conservation Area were described in the Conservation Area Assessment document, which is available on the City Council website. The Committee does not respond based on whether they like or dislike an application.
- There were comments from the floor that Friends of Quarry need to be careful of what was included in their responses to the Planners and to strike a careful balance. Stephanie Meeson commented on her recent application, where she felt that Friends of Quarry had not fully taken into account the reasons behind the application.
- There were also comments that the Committee did not have a mandate to comment, as it had only been elected by a small percentage of the residents of the Quarry and did not consult all residents on each application. Phil said that the engagement of Friends of Quarry with the broader Quarry community had been recognised as an issue and that action would be taken on this. However, while the Committee did attempt to consult all residents when contentious applications with significant impact were raised, as it had in the past for 26/28 Quarry High Street and Holy Trinity, this was unlikely to be possible for all applications. However, this would be discussed further by the Committee.
- **Residents Concerns:** The key concern raised was about parking, which the meeting felt had increased as an issue. In particular, there was discussion about the potential benefits and disadvantages of the implementation of a Controlled Parking Zone. Dee Sinclair clarified the history of the previous CPZ consultation. A poll was taken of those present to establish whether a controlled parking scheme would now be supported in principle. The majority of those present said yes, although no further discussion took place. The Committee will take this point forward and prepare options for a CPZ for discussion with the Community in order to be prepared if one is proposed in the future.

## 2017 ACCOUNTS

### Friends of Quarry

#### Accounts 01 November 2016 to 31 October 2017

Receipts		Payments	
Subscriptions	137.00	OPT and OCS membership	20.00
Quiz evening (entrance fees)*	4.00	Quiz evening	100.58
Interest	0.84	Wine and cheese evening	74.91
		AGM (room hire and printing)	35.95
		Newsletter (printing)	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>141.84</b>		<b>271.44</b>
Difference receipts minus costs	<b>-129.60</b>		
Balance in bank 01/11/17	1832.00		
Balance in bank 01/11/16	1961.60		
Difference (see note)	<b>-129.60</b>		