

**Minutes of a Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on
Monday 15 August 2016, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall at 7.45pm**

Present: Mick Cowland, John Fargin, Les Harris, Jan Maciejewski,
David McCullagh (Chairman), John Reader, Adrian Thwaites
In attendance: Jane Olds (Parish Clerk)
Apologies: None

1. Apologies

No Councillor apologies had been received.

2. Requests for Dispensations and Declarations of Interest

There were no requests for dispensations or declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 July 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

5. Update on progress from the Minutes

a. Cutting the Verges

The Clerk had received two quotations for cutting the Stratton Audley Road as per the map provided. The Councillors agreed to ask the contractors for a further quotation to extend the cutting from the Fringford sign to the main road, from the triangle past the Laurels to the Hethe junction and down Crow Lane.

The Councillors agreed that the lower quote for the Stratton Audley Road work was acceptable.

The Councillors also asked the Clerk to ask Green Scythe for a quotation for cutting round the bus shelter and the chestnut tree triangle.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to find out what the OCC grant for cutting the village verges would be.

b. NALC Transparency Grant

The Clerk had not yet had an opportunity to complete the paperwork.

c. Grants Policy

The Clerk had not had the opportunity to devise a simple application form.

d. Letter to Victoria Prentis re North Bicester Surgery and General GP Provision

The Clerk had received a response that day which David McCullagh read. The Clerk would circulate the letter. Mrs Prentis is monitoring the situation and has raised the issues with NHS England.

e. The Comet

The Clerk had received information about the new minibus scheme to be run by Oxfordshire County Council with a one off membership fee of £3 per member.

There were three options:

An individual member, with a pre-paid account, who can then book the service for exclusive use at a cost of £1.50 per mile.

An individual member, with a pre-paid account, for shared use at a cost of 75p per mile.

Parishes, groups, schools etc can join as a member and use the vehicle for trips, visits or create bus routes (but would not be able to claim the bus pass subsidy), charged at £20 per hour and invoiced after the journey.

All the options will only be available from 10.15am to 2.30pm

Mick Cowland agreed to obtain a price from three local taxi firms for a round trip to Bicester so that this could be compared with the Comet alternatives.

f. Meeting with Chris Thom from CDC re Local Plan Part 2

Mr Thom supplied the Clerk with the names of the Strategic Planning and Economy team, but was not able to send an organogram.

6. Report from District and County Councillors

Cllr Fulljames sent her apologies. No reports had been received.

7. Finance

a. To receive the monthly financial report – for information

As at 9 August the Accounts stood at

Co-op Current Account	£3,816.94
Co-op Savings Account	£13,540.25

There were no outstanding cheques.

The Standing Order of £114.00 to pay the Clerk for the period of 1 to 31 July cleared on 1 August.

The Clerk presented the meeting with a forecast of all the expected payments to the year end.

b. To agree to the addition of the Village Hall extension and redevelopment as a Fixed Asset

The Councillors considered the suggestion but asked the Clerk to obtain more advice about getting a full valuation of the Village Hall from BDO before making the decision.

c. To consider invoices for payment itemised on the payment schedule

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the following invoices for payment:

Cheque no:	Payee and reason	Budget	Amount
400137	Playsafety Ltd for playground inspection	Inspection – play area	£79.80

8. Parish Matters – to discuss where necessary

a. Village Groups – to receive an update

i. History Group

The costings had not been received for the printing of the History Trail and would be discussed at the next meeting.

ii. Neighbourly Support Group

It was reported that the application for the grant for £500 from Volunteer Link Up had been successful.

iii. Transport Group

It was reported that the group was keen to support the white gates to mark the entrance to the village

The Fringford Freewheelers would not hold their regular 1st Sunday cycle ride in September, but would join the Ride and Stride event on Saturday 10 September. More information would be available on the website.

b. War Memorial

The Clerk had written to Underwood and Weston and a meeting was subsequently arranged for 3 August with John Fargin and Jan Maciejewski.

Unfortunately, it was a very unsuccessful meeting as the contractor’s representative was rude and unpleasant and unable to see the concerns which the Councillors raised.

Following the meeting, the Clerk had been contacted by the contractor who wished to resolve the issue and a further stone mason was asked to meet with Cllrs Fargin and Maciejewski on 15 August. This stone mason understood the issues and started the remedial work at once; the work was likely to take a further day.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to pay the outstanding balance once the work had been completed to John Fargin and Jan Maciejewski’s satisfaction.

c. Keep off the Grass signs for the Green

The Councillors considered commercially available signs but were concerned that the wording was misleading. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to look into the costs of two new styles of ‘custom-made’ signs with the text ‘Please respect our Green’ and ‘Don’t park on the grass’. If it was not possible to arrange for the purchase of the signs before the beginning of term, the old signs would be put up to remind parents taking their children to school.

d. Seat outside the Churchyard

Two villagers had, independently, proposed the need for a seat outside the churchyard. The Councillors agreed that this was a lovely idea, but that the exact position, construction and specification of the bench would need to be considered carefully because of car parking and

the likelihood that a concrete slab base would be needed. The Baroness had been consulted and offered no objection; the Church would also need to be consulted.

David McCullagh agreed to meet with one of the proposers to discuss the issues from the Parish Council perspective and see how the matter could be taken forward.

It was also suggested that the villagers be invited to the next meeting to discuss the project further.

e. Lendrums Fair

The Councillors noted that the date of the fair had had to be changed to week beginning 8 August due to circumstances beyond their control.

f. Candleford Canter

The Councillors noted the date of the Candlford Ladies Canter as 30 October.

9. Playground Report

The Councillors considered the report. The issues raised included the sharp action of the gate which was unavoidable because if it was any looser dogs are able to push their way in, the slight deterioration in the poles and the long term concern over the depth of the bark.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to obtain quotations for removing the bark and its surrounding container and returning the entire area to turf which is a RoSPA recommended surface for play areas.

10. Planning Applications

a. To consider all recent Applications received from Cherwell District Council detailed below or on the District Council website up to the date of the meeting

No applications had been received

b. To note Notices of Decision

- i. 16/00949/OUT, Mr and Mrs P Wyatt, 4 The Green for 'Erection of detached two-storey three bedroom dwelling with parking and amenity space'. Refusal of permission for development.
- ii. 16/01138/F, Mr and Mrs D Spencer, 7 Manor Road for 'Alterations, erection of single storey extension to the rear; demolition of existing conservatory; external landscaping to include patio area and additional parking area at the rear'. Permission for development subject to conditions.
- iii. 16/01137/F, K Allen, 16 Wise Crescent for 'Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension'. Permission for development subject to conditions.

c. To consider a further submission to CDC about the village regarding the Local Plan Part 2

The Councillors considered the submission to CDC which had been circulated prior to the meeting and had no further comments.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to send the submission to the Strategic Planning and Economy team.

11. Correspondence Received – to note correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda where decisions are not required

The Councillors noted the correspondence received and discussed where necessary.

- a. **OCC** – re decision to put the Unitary proposals on hold (circulated by email)
- b. **Cllr Ian Corkin** – re broadband issues (circulated by email)
- c. **Pulse newsletter** – circulated by email inc Neighbourly Support Group
- d. **CDC** – Adoption Statement of Community Involvement 2016 document (to be circulated)
- e. **OALC** – Autumn training programme (circulated by email). David McCullagh indicated he would like to attend the Planning course.
- f. **TVERC newsletter** (circulated by email)
- g. **OALC** – July update (circulated by email)
- h. **Hugo Brown** – re ordering poppy wreaths (for next agenda)
- i. **Christopher Harris** – re open email to Nigel Bell at CDC regarding a planning Local Government Ombudsman decision together with Nigel Bell's response

12. Reports from meetings

No meetings had been attended

13. Items for information or next Agenda only

- a. **Agenda Items** – the Clerk requested that all items for the next agenda should be submitted by Thursday 8 September 2016

- b. **Martin Greenwood** – requested that details of his latest book about the village be put on the village website. The Clerk had circulated the request to the Web Committee and would organise a meeting to discuss it.

16. Date of next meeting

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree the date of Monday 19 September 2016 at 7.45pm

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed Dated