

**Minutes of a Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on
Monday 19 December 2016, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall at 8.10pm**

Present: John Fargin, Jan Maciejewski , David McCullagh (Chairman), John Reader (from 8.55), Adrian Thwaites
In attendance: Jane Olds (Parish Clerk)
Apologies: Mick Cowland, Les Harris

1. Apologies

The Councillors accepted Mick Cowland and Les Harris's apologies.

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 21 November 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. Minibus Grant application

The Clerk confirmed that she had sent off the forms for the membership and the S19 permit and had received confirmation and the permit. The minibus fund application had also been sent together with all the necessary supporting documentation and confirmation of receipt had been received.

b. Internal Auditor Letter of Engagement

The Clerk confirmed that she had sent off the letter of engagement.

c. Boundary Commission consultation response

Following the meeting with other parishes (Chesterton, Launton, Wendlebury) and Cllr Barry Wood, which David McCullagh and the Clerk attended, the Clerk sent the following response:

"The small village of Fringford is just four and a half miles north of the centre of Bicester. It is of great concern to the parish that Fringford - and the other the villages north and east of Bicester - whose residents use Bicester for the majority of services including medical, secondary education, leisure and shopping, none of which are available in the quiet rural villages, will be excluded from the Bicester / Banbury Parliamentary constituency. There is currently a community cohesion between the town and the surrounding villages which would be eroded significantly if the villages were split from the central town.

If it is not possible to maintain the current arrangements, having considered the proposals, the Fringford Ward would be better served by moving to the Buckingham constituency rather than the Henley/Thame constituency. This would be possible by moving the Long Crendon Ward from Buckingham to Henley / Thame (as it is much closer to Thame than Buckingham) and moving the old Fringford Ward of 1,887 electorate into Buckingham.

It is understood that there is a recommendation that Parliamentary wards should not go over county boundaries, but this is already proposed in two other areas of the country.

The Parish Council hopes that this information is of help to the Commission.”

d. Financial Regulations

The Clerk had updated the cover of the regulations and updated the website.

e. Crosslands shrub work and removal of sycamore

The work had been completed to a satisfactory standard.

f. Bollard reinstatement

The Clerk had confirmed the work with the contractor and was waiting for a date to start.

g. Potholes on the Green

The Clerk had reported the potholes and they had been marked for repair shortly. The deterioration at the junction nearest school would be kept under review.

6. Report from District and County Councillors

No reports had been received.

7. Finance

a. To receive the monthly financial report – for information

As at 12 December the Accounts stood at

Co-op Current Account	£2,214.38
Co-op Savings Account	£17,274.16

The Current Account had received a total of £67.50 in donations to the Village Voice.

There were four outstanding cheques totalling £603.38.

The Standing Order of £114.00 to pay the Clerk for the period of 1 to 30 November cleared on 1 December.

b. To consider the draft budget

The Clerk presented the meeting with a draft budget which the Councillors **RESOLVED** to discuss further at the January meeting once the quotations for the grass cutting had been received and considered.

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
400158	R Howson for Village Christmas Tree	Christmas Tree	£120.00
400159	Bob Staig for Crosslands shrub work and removal of sycamore tree	Trees / Landscaping	£180.00

Cheque number 400157 was written, but withdrawn.

8. To consider responses to CDC for:

a. CDC's consultation on Local Plan Part 1 – Partial Review for Oxford's Unmet Housing Need

The Councillors considered the draft response and **RESOLVED** to agree it. The Clerk would make the final amendments, would send it to CDC and publish it on the website.

b. The Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule

The Councillors **RESOLVED** that no comment was necessary.

c. Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document

The Councillors **RESOLVED** that no comment was necessary.

9. Parish Matters – to discuss where necessary

a. Village Groups – to receive an update from any of the Village Groups

Fringford Friends were already helping one villager. They hope that they will be able to help more villagers as the need arises.

The Fringford Freewheelers had not met due to the inclemency of the weather but would be out and riding again in the spring.

The History Group had not had further opportunity to discuss the history leaflet, but would be doing so in the new year.

Nothing had been heard from the Social Group. The Clerk would contact the leaders to ask for an update on whether the Spring Fayre would take place next year.

b. Playground – to consider further the repair work on the playground

Jan Maciejewski reported that he had discussed the playground repairs with Mr Hudson, the original installer of the playground. It would be possible to do all the repairs for about £700. However, the Councillors were concerned about the insurance and how the contractors would be covered.

Following further consideration and Mr Maciejewski's offer to repair the damaged swing uprights using epoxy resin and new wood in the rotten areas at the base of the swings, the Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to the interim work.

David McCullagh would be meeting with Kate Richens to discuss the possibility of a new playground project in the new year.

c. CDC Public Access Buildings Consultation – to consider the consultation about Public Access Buildings

The Clerk informed the meeting that as the Village Hall refurbishment had been partly paid for using Parish, and therefore public, funds, the hall would need adding to CDC's list of available buildings for hustings during an election period. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to the request and asked that the Village Hall Committee be informed.

- d. **Lendrums Amusements** – to consider agreeing to the fun fair on the Green from 30 July to 6 August 2017
The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree the dates.

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 planning applications had been received.
- b. **To note Notices of Decision**
No notices of decision had been received.

- 11. High Sheriff’s Awards** – to consider nominations for the High Sheriff’s Awards
The Councillors considered the request for nominations but had no suggestions.

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

The Councillors noted the correspondence received, most of which had been circulated by email, and discussed where necessary.

- a. **OALC** – November update and training programme
- b. **Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice**
- c. **OALC** – staffing update
- d. **OCVA** – Pulse newsletters
- e. **Rural Services Network** – newsletter
- f. **Police Burglary Crime Prevention Poster** - put up on the website and on Facebook for general circulation
- g. **CPRE** – re CDC’s Local Plan Part 1 review
- h. **OALC** – re confirmation that Precepts will not be capped next year
- i. **Cllr Catherine Fulljames** – Christmas card

13. Reports from meetings

The meetings attended had been reported under the agenda items.

14. 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 5 January 2017
- b. **Vandalism** – it had been noted that a number of instances of vandalism had occurred in the village recently, including damage to two windows in the Village Hall. PCSO Louise Beaumont had put the village on the list of areas to visit regularly over the next few weeks. The Clerk would put out a notice on the website and Facebook to alert villagers to be vigilant, but to call 101 or 999 rather than tackle the offenders themselves.

16. Date of next meeting

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree the date of Monday 16 January 2017 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed Dated