

**Minutes of the Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on
Monday 20 January 2014, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall at 7.45pm**

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

1. Apologies

The Councillors accepted Roger Williams' apologies.

2. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

There were no members of the public.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 December 2013

It was **RESOLVED** that these minutes be accepted as true copies and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. Deeds

The Clerk has deposited the Deeds with Brethertons Neasham Lloyd in Bicester.

b. Noticeboard

The spare keys for the noticeboard have arrived and the Clerk has given them to John Reader.

c. Letter to parents at school

The letter has been duplicated and sent out to all the pupils at school and playgroup. It has been noted that fewer parents are now parking on the Green for which the Parish Council is grateful.

d. Nationwide Play Area Account

The Clerk has not made any further progress on this.

e. Precept

The Clerk has notified CDC of the Precept request.

f. Broadband

The Clerk reported that a short video entitled 'The Big Build' is available to watch on the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire website which explains the upgrade process (<http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk/home>).

BT is still undertaking the surveys County-wide so the timetable for action is still not known. The Clerk has been assured that the fact that a couple of villages in Buckinghamshire share the Stratton Audley exchange will not have an adverse impact on the timescale and that BDUK is managing the boundary issues at a national level.

g. Road Signs

The road signs on the A4421 have been cleaned and the yellow and white lines outside school have been repainted.

6. Report from District and County Councillors

No Councillors attended the meeting.

7. Finance

a. To Receive the Financial Report

The current balances stand at

Barclays Community Account	£36.20
Business Saver Account	£0.67
Co-op Current Account	£3,061.14
Co-op Savings Account	£16,934.14

Following the December meeting the Clerk re-assessed the budget. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree the budget of £16,755.

The Clerk reported that despite being told that no further charges would be taken from the Barclays account, a charge of £1 was debited in December which Clerk assumes to be for the storage of the Deeds. The Clerk has written to Barclays to request for the reimbursement of the fee and to cancel the charge.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** that once the charges to the bank account were resolved, the final amount in the savings account would be transferred to the current account, a cheque for the full amount in the current account written and paid into the Co-op account and the accounts closed.

b. To consider invoices for payment

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

Payment to	Cheque Number	Amount
Metrosigns 2000 for additional keys for noticeboard	400028	£8.40
Banks Design – Architects for the Planning Application fee for the Village Hall	400029	£385.00
JMC Olds for Clerking Duties (1 October – 31 December)	400030	£224.37
Bicester Print for Village Voice Newsletter	400031	£150.00

8. Parish Matters

a. Road across the Green.

The Clerk had received the details of contractors from OCC Highways and had produced a letter with a brief for discussion with the contractors. The Clerk would write to a number of the contractors on the list.

b. War Memorial

Mr Tobin has managed to get in contact with a contractor and hopes to meet them shortly.

9. Community Led Plans

John Fargin reported that the CLP group had applied to the ORCC for a grant to support the group and had been awarded £750 towards activities which would be paid to the Parish Council.

The first edition of the newsletter had been published and distributed to all villagers, the costs for which would be funded by the ORCC grant. The Clerk would send a copy to the District and County Councillors and to the Baroness for information.

The next event the CLP is looking to organise is a Spring Fair on 26 April if there is sufficient interest. Its purpose will be to involve and draw the community together rather than a fundraising exercise. The Clerk would inform the Baroness and look into the insurance for the event.

10. Village Hall Extension

The Village Hall Committee is waiting for the finalised plans. Once these have been received and approved, the formal planning application will be sent to CDC.

11. Planning Applications

a. To consider recent Applications

No applications have been received.

b. To note notices of Decision

The following notices have been received

- i. 13/01704/F and 13/01705/LB; Mr Gary White and Ms Julie Thomson, Green Farm, The Green, OX27 8DY. Internal and external alterations; demolition of old garage and construction of new single storey garage; installation of LPG underground tank. Permission for development subject to conditions.
- ii. 13/01794/F; Mr and Mrs O'Sullivan, 20 Crosslands, OX26 8DF. Conversion of existing garage to study / utility. Permission for development subject to conditions.

c. Rosemary Appeal

The appeal would take place on Thursday 30 January. John Fargin agreed to represent the Parish Council and would request to speak.

d. To consider the draft procedure for dealing with Planning Applications

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to adopt the procedure which the Clerk had drafted.

12. Correspondence Received

The Councillors noted the following correspondence

- a. **OCC Posters** – winter service and home school transport consultation
- b. **OCC Emergency Planning team** – re severe weather and what to do (circulated by email)
- c. **OCC TTRO Requests and updates** to the flooding issues in and around Oxfordshire
- d. **Clerks and Councils Direct**
- e. **Local Government Boundary Commission** – Electoral review of Cherwell (1st stage, to decide on the number of District Councillors – response by 17 February).

- f. **West Waddy ADP** – promoting a seminar on the impact of the Community Infrastructure Levy alongside an overview of the New Homes Bonus – 29 January from 4pm – 7pm at Merton College, cost £25. The Councillors declined the invitation.
- g. **ROSPA Playsafety** – sending their annual inspections brochure and training manual.

13. Reports from meetings

No meetings were attended.

14. Any Other Business

- a. The Clerk reported that the meeting for April had been set for the 21st which is Easter Monday and therefore a Bank Holiday. The Clerk apologised for the omission and gave alternative dates which would be agreed at the next meeting.

15. Date of next meeting

Monday 17 February 2014 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed Dated