

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FRINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011 - Chinnery Room Fringford Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Micheal Cowland, John Reader, Les Harris, Helen Lashbrook, Adrian Thwaites, John Fargin, PC Caroline Brown

1. **APOLOGIES** - None
2. **THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** were approved and signed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
  - The Parish Council continues to monitor the progress of HS2
  - The Assets Department at OCC have reviewed the road and work to re-instate the verges should be approved in around 8 weeks. This will result in the road being closed for a short time. Still awaiting dates.
  - The salt bins are the property of the salt bins although we paid for them. This is due to an insurance requirement as they are placed on land belonging to the Highways Authority. LC to follow up when our Salt Bin will be replaced on the village green.
  - LC will remain invoicing the Parish Council for salary rather than using PAYE as it was felt that the Parish Council interpret the new ruling to cover clerks where their job position is not suitable for invoice i.e. this is their only job therefore they are not technically self-employed. As LC is actually registered as a sole trader for the purpose of tax then we will continue to accept invoices in this way.

PC Caroline Brown attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on local police issues. There were 15 incidents reported in the village which is an increase of one since last year. Most issues were theft although there was one assault and one public order offense.

As usual the Rural Police Team have attended several village events including, Fringford Playgroup Sports day, The Beer Festival and Fireworks Night.

4. **PLANNING**
  1. 11/00177/F Shelswell Park Re: Proposed Solar Farm – Ongoing
  2. 11/00999/F Gable Cottage Re: proposed rebuild – Passed
  3. 11/00909/F Sunnyside – Additional property to be built – Passed
  4. 11/01160/F Mr and Mrs Ward – 2 new dwellings to replace single – Passed
  5. 11/01223/F Margaret Clark – The Rickyard – Build garage – No objection
  6. 11/00524/F MOTO Hospitality – Ardley Wind Turbine – No Objection
  7. 11/01240/F John Bacon – Rosewood – Extension – No Objection
5. **VILLAGE HALL**

One of the trees at the side of the village hall has been removed as a measure to reduce any possible subsidence. As the Parish Council is unaware of the actual cause of any damage it was decided that a claim would be made on the insurance policy as it would be wrong to assume subsidence was the only cause. David McCullagh will follow this enquiry up.

As part of the Viridor Grant it was requested that a formal lease notice showing at least 10 years was produced. This was processed and signed by Helen Lashbrook and Christina McCullagh (Chair Village Hall Committee)

**6. FINANCES**

Dep Acc –	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	£10528.94
Current -	No Statement received	£836 (ESTIMATED)
Invoices	LC	-£396.36
	Green Scythe	-£232.32
	Green Scythe	-£122.16
	BM Builders re Hall	-£145.75
Payments in:	Precept	+£4000

**7. PLAY AREA**

ROSPA still have not sent report – LC to chase  
Many thanks to John Reader who has replaced some broken areas of the park this month. LC will monitor for damage over the winter.

**8. VILLAGE GREEN –**

The trees remain being monitored. It is felt that the continued work by all is having a positive effect on the condition of the trees compared to trees outside the village which are not being maintained.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE -**

Email re removal of Walters Bus Service – LC to ask if anymore services can be laid on to replace the service lost.

Email re salt and grit bins – No order to be placed for additional salt now due to storage issues.

RHS re Britain in Bloom – No action

Maya Smith re Manhole cover – LC has chased and Oxfordshire Highways cannot find owner but they will repair as dangerous.

Unity Trust Bank – No action taken

Oxfordshire Carers forum, donation request – No Action

ORCC Community Networking Event - No Action

A letter was sent to Viridor on behalf of the Parish Council to approve the Cricket Club grant following contact from Les Fagg.

**10. AOB**

- The footpath along side Fringford Cottage was reported as being overgrown. LC to contact Mr or Mrs Jenkinson re this being cut.

**The next meeting will be held on 17th October 2011 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.**