

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FRINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 16th April 2012 - Chinnery Room Fringford Village Hall

PRESENT: John Reader, Les Harris, David McCullagh, John Fargin, Roger Williams,

1. **APOLOGIES** - Adrian Thwaites, Mick Cowland
2. **THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE APPROVED AND SIGNED**
3. **MATTERS ARISING.**
 - **CRICKET CLUB** – Roger Williams (Parish Trustee for the Fringford Village Trust) reports a positive start by the Village Trust. There are 7 trustees with Stuart Montgomery taking the Chair. Katie Carr, Andrew Davison, Rob Pumfrey and two cricket club representatives make up the remainder. Katie Carr is head of fundraising and has organised sub committees covering grants, company donations and charity events alongside individual fundraising efforts. It is hoped that funds can be raised from outside the village to achieve the figure needed. The constitution has been agreed and is being signed. The Trust will then become a registered charity and bank accounts will be opened. It has been suggested that villagers can arrange standing orders of a small amount per month to go to the trust as another income source. Suggestions by the Parish Council – can minutes be added to the website, can the Cricket Club transfer the monies raised so far to the Trust when the accounts are set up, can the amount raised so far be added to the website. **Also a copy of the constitution of the trust would be useful.**

PRECEPT PAYING FOR CRICKET PITCH - LC has spoke to Karen Curtin, Head of Finance for CDC and Northants DC. Karen advised that the precept has *potentially* been capped for next year at a 3.9% increase for Parish Councils to bring it into line with Town Councils. This is not in place yet and may not be introduced at all. If the Parish Council were to request a loan for the amount to purchase the Cricket Pitch with the help of supporting councillors this may well be possible and paid off by increasing the precept over the coming years. CDC would be sympathetic if the precept is capped and would probably extend the loan period. A loan is to be applied for in advance to ensure that there is another income source should fundraising fall short.

Had the Parish Council **known** far enough in advance of the Precept being set it may have been possible to add the £45,000 to the precept in a single payment as there is technically no limit to Parish Council precepts. It may have been approved. This would have to have been a resolution by the Parish Council taking into consideration the impact on the Council Tax bill for that year. The Parish Council feels that this would only have been acceptable if the village voted as a whole to the large increase in payments for that year. The Parish Council are aware that there are some parishioners that may not be able to afford a substantial increase in their council tax bill. Karen did say that this is all in theory. The

Parish Council would not have been able to do this due to time constraints. The Cricket Club approached the Parish Council at their November meeting. The budget for the year has to be set during November and December by the terms of the audit commission so it would not have been possible to have gone through all of the steps necessary to add £45,000 to the precept. The Parish Council had no legal paperwork on the cricket pitch, needed to have discussions and backing from Cherwell District Council and would need to have had the full agreement of the village and Cricket Club.

- HS2 Remains to be monitored
- David McCullagh is dealing with the National Lottery Funding for War Memorial refurbishment – Ongoing
- APM – LC has invited PC Caroline Brown, Cllr Barry Wood, Cllr Fuljames. Cllr Fuljames sends her apologies.
- If Jane Olds has a job description from another Clerk Position could we see a copy to create our own job description.

4. PLANNING

12/00382/f – Bicester Sweepers Change of use of land. **Objections** as per notes and previous refusal issues.

12/00393/F – Sunnyside Bungalow. Variation of Condition 7 of 11/00909/F - Parking to be split, 2 spaces for each property - Objections

5. VILLAGE HALL

The new heating system is in place paid for by a grant from Viridor Credits. The Jubilee will be celebrated at an event run with the Butchers Arms taking place in the afternoon on the cricket pitch.

6. FINANCES

Current Account 30/03/12	£1821.44	
Deposit Account 30/03/12		£12104.62
Payments In		£4750.00
Payments out:		
CDC – Dog Bins	174.35 – reissued	
Richard Wise	72.00 - reissued	
Aon – Insurance	707.54	
Approx balance after	£867.51	£16854.11
Les Harris to transfer £3000 to current Account		
Signatures for Bank still on going		
Jane to get a second quote from Came and Came and check fidelity guarantee		

7. PLAY AREA

All in good condition

8. VILLAGE GREEN

No response from Oxfordshire Highways re the verge issues on Main Street.
Roger has some further issues regarding the Green that will be looked into at a later date.

9. CORRESPONDENCE -

Law and Governance Information returned from CDC for Roger Williams
Trading Standards Buy with confidence leaflets
CDC Kevin Lane – response to Fringford Cricket Pitch questions
OALC – response to Fringford Cricket Pitch questions

10. AOB
None

The next meeting will be the APM held on Monday 21st May 2012 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.