

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on
Monday 15 April 2013, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall**

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

Welcome

David McCullagh welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Les Harris's apologies due to ill health were accepted. The Parish Councillors wished Mr Harris a speedy recovery.

2. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

3. Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 March 2013

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

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. Road across the Green.** The Clerk met with Mr Wise about a running repair to the verge. Mr Wise will fill in the potholes on the verge and around the green as a temporary repair. However, Mr Wise recommends not doing too much at present as it may encourage cars to park even further on which will erode the verge and widen the road further if it looks like a permanent repair.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask John Fargin and Roger Williams to investigate all the options and report to the May meeting.

- b. Playground.** The Clerk has ordered two new swing seats and has found out the previous supplier of playbark which was very competitive. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to order 40 x 70 litre bags of playbark from Giddings Farm Produce at a cost of £194.80.
- c. Bull Field Stile.** Fringford Church does not own the field (also known as Bancroft Field). It is glebe land and owned by the Diocese. The Clerk has spoken to the Director of Glebe and left it with him to investigate the possibilities.
- d. Village Hall Update.** The Councillors considered a report from the Village Hall Committee which outlined the building maintenance programme, the outstanding issues and items for further consideration.

The Councillors thanked the Village Hall Committee and their Chairman for all their hard work and **RESOLVED** to agree that rebuilding and redesign of the Chinnery Room and store rooms should be welcomed provided funding could be found.

The Councillors raised one concern regarding parking outside the Village Hall. If the Hall were more successful, more parking would need to be found. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to write to the Headmistress of School to investigate the possibility of turning part of the school grounds into a car park to adjoin the Village Hall car park which would enable more parents to park more safely.

- e. **Parish Path Wardens.** The Councillors considered the footpaths needing tidying and decided that the one by Folly Fields was in most need. The Clerk will contact Bicester and Kidlington Ramblers Footpath Working Group with the information.
- f. **Repair Post and Rail fencing outside Village Hall.** The Clerk has written to the villager confirming that the repair had already been done.
- g. **Communication Policy**
The policy is now available on the Village website.

6. Report from District and County Councillors

No Councillors attended.

7. Finance

a. To Receive the Financial Report

The current balances, as of 28 March are	
Community Account	£2,665.60
There are six outstanding Cheques amounting to	£780.16
The total figure at year end should stand at	£1,885.44
Business Saver Account (including £1.73 interest)	£12,156.81

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to transfer £6,000 from the Saver account to the Community account and write a cheque for £7,000 to open the new Co-op account.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the accounts were ready to be internally audited and intended to complete the audit by the May meeting.

b. To consider invoices for payment

There were no invoices for payment.

8. Parish Matters

a. Guttering on Prentice's Yard

The Clerk had written to the owners of the property outlining John Reader's conversations and requesting that the remedial work on the guttering be carried out as quickly as possible to reduce the water and mud in Ghost Alley.

The owner has assured both the Clerk and John Reader that Anglian Windows would be doing the remedial work as soon as possible. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to contact OCC Footpaths for further advice and to ask the owner if the Clerk could help by writing to Anglia Windows to speed up the work.

9. Neighbourhood and Community Led Plans

John Fargin had looked into Neighbourhood Plans and Cherwell's Local Plan in great detail and reported his findings.

The Councillors thanked Mr Fargin for the report, considered it and **RESOLVED** to decide that it would be more beneficial to wait and not to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan at this stage.

If any residents would like to make comments, the Parish Council would be glad to receive them.

10. Community Broadband

The Parish Council recognised that the Village needs faster Broadband. The village has a Broadband Champion and the Clerk will investigate further.

11. Planning Applications

a. To discuss recent Applications

No applications had been received.

b. To note Notices of Decision

No notices of decision had been received.

c. To receive a report regarding Rosemary.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the current application, 13/00097/F, would be discussed at the District's Planning Meeting on Thursday 18 April provided the Chairman had not deferred it. It was due to be discussed at the meeting on 28 March but discussion was deferred until a site visit could be arranged.

12. Correspondence Received

a. From CDC - Criteria and implementation of Register of Local Heritage Assets. The Councillors **RESOLVED** that whilst it was a laudable project, neither they nor the Clerk were qualified to comment.

b. From CDC - Extension to Public Consultation; Focused consultation on Changes to the Cherwell Local Plan Proposed Submission (circulated by email). The Councillors considered the email, but agreed that they had no further comments.

c. Cllr Barry Wood regarding the purchase of RAF Bicester by Bicester Heritage.

d. From CDC. The Clerk has received the remittance advice for the Precept, but it is for more than expected; the Clerk has asked for an explanation.

13. Reports from meetings

There were no meetings to report.

14. Any Other Business

The Clerk had just received the insurance quotation for the year from AON (£677.68) and would look into obtaining additional quotations to bring to the May meeting.

15. Date of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 20 May 2013 at 7.45pm followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed Dated