

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on
Monday 21 January 2013, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall**

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

Welcome

David McCullagh welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

3. Public Participation

No members of public attended the meeting.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 December 2012

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

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. Road across the Green.** The Clerk will arrange for quotations once the weather is more clement. As a temporary measure the requirement will be for a firm base to be put down, type 1 and then shingle on top. The Clerk will ask Highways if any funding is available and for recommended contractors.
- b. Tree work in Crosslands.** The Clerk had notified the contractor of the additional work and it has now been completed.

6. Report from District and County Councillors

There was no report from either the District or County Councillor

7. Finance

a. To Receive the Financial Report

The current balances, as of 31 December 2012 are

Community Account	£1,270.82
Unpresented Cheques	£879.22
Business Saver Account	£15,155.08
Income received into Business Saver Account (interest)	£2.02

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to a transfer of £3,000 from the Saver Account to the Community Account.

b. To consider invoices for payment

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

Payment to	Cheque Number	Amount
R Howson for Christmas Tree	100627	£89.00
Tree Solutions (Invoice no: 1759) Ghost Alley Leylandii	100628	£400.00

c. To discuss banking arrangements

Following Les Harris's discussions with Barclays, the Councillors **RESOLVED** agree to change the Parish Council's bankers from Barclays to the Co-op. The signatories, Les Harris, Mick Cowland and Adrian Thwaites, will complete the forms and return them to the Clerk for despatch.

d. To discuss the 2013/14 Budget

The Clerk presented the Councillors with a budget report for discussion. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree the budget.

e. To discuss and agree the Precept for 2013/14

Following discussion, the Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to raise the precept by £500 to £10,000. This will help with the additional expenditure required for the road repairs. The Clerk will notify CDC.

8. Grant Awarding Policy

The Clerk produced a policy to guide the Councillors in awarding grants, should the need arise. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the policy.

9. Parish Matters

a. Car Parking for Beer Festival and Open Gardens Weekend

The Councillors discussed and approved the request from the Church to park on the Green.

b. Snow Plan

Following the heavy snow over the previous weekend, the Snow Plan had worked well. The Councillors wished to thank Richard Wise and other villagers for keeping the roads from the village open.

The Clerk will enquire whether it is possible to replenish the salt bins from Highways. Mr Wise will replenish with the current stock. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to order a further two one-tonne bags, if possible, and to order two bags for next winter.

10. Planning Applications

a. Application No. 11/01160/F Rosemary

Following discussion, the Clerk had prepared the Parish Council's submission to CDC Planning Committee for their meeting on 31 January and had sent it off in good time. The Planning meeting is on Thursday 31 January at 4pm and can be viewed via a webcam from the Cherwell website. However, public are not able to participate.

11. Correspondence Received

There was no correspondence other than that already mentioned.

12. Reports from meetings

There were no meetings to report.

13. Any Other Business

There was no further business.

14. Date of next meeting

Monday 18 February 2013 at 7.45pm followed by a talk from Cynth Napper of Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum regarding the Natural Environment Research Council Act (postponed from the January meeting).

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed Dated