

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on Monday 17 June 2013, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall at 7.45pm

Present: Mick Cowland, John Fargin (Chairman), David McCullagh, John Reader, Roger Williams
In attendance: Five residents, Cllr Barry Wood (CDC), Jane Olds (Parish Clerk)
Apologies: Adrian Thwaites

1. Apologies

Adrian Thwaites' apologies were accepted and Roger Williams apologies were accepted for the previous meeting.

2. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

Residents raised concerns about the suitability of a pony being kept in a small back garden or on the Green. The pony is eating neighbours' plants and sometimes causes an obstruction to the entrances to neighbours' properties. There were concerns about the smell from the manure and about infestations of rats and flies. The Council was informed that there was a Covenant on the property that livestock were not permitted to be kept in the garden; unfortunately CDC were not able to act on this, but were able to advise.

Other residents attended the meeting regarding the Planning Application 13/00718/F – Rosemary. Neighbours had been informed that the Planning Officer was intending to recommend approval of the current plans despite the fact that they were incorrect and both the Council and the residents were awaiting amended plans.

The Councillors thanked the residents for their contribution and the residents and Cllr Wood chose to leave the meeting.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 May 2013

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

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. Confirmation of Vice Chairman. Roger Williams was content to be confirmed as Vice Chairman and apologised for not being able to attend May's meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept Mr Williams' apologies.

b. Bull / Bancroft Field Stile. The Clerk advised the Councillors that following discussions with Sarah Aldous at OCC, it is not usual for the Parish Council to take over responsibility for a structure on a Public Right of Way. The gate will lessen the maintenance and therefore responsibility of the current owner / lessee; however it is up to the Council if they wish to take on the responsibility. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to the terms set out by the Diocesan Rural Surveyor and subject to approval from the Rural Surveyor, agreed to the purchase and installation by OCC Footpaths of a Woodstock Pedestrian kissing gate with meshed hoops for additional stock control at the current price of £236 with the possibility of the necessity of additional posts (making the total no more than £250).

The Clerk will discuss the project with the Diocesan Rural Surveyor and OCC Footpaths.

c. Community Broadband

The Clerk had heard from OCC regarding the registration of the village as interested in the Rural Broadband scheme which is being promoted by DEFRA. OCC recommended waiting until the County’s Superfast Broadband programme had been arranged. The Clerk hoped to find out more about the Broadband options at OALC’s next meeting on 1 July.

6. Report from District and County Councillors

Cllr Wood attended the early part of the meeting to hear the villager’s comments about the Rosemary development.

7. Finance

a. To Receive the Financial Report

The paperwork for the external audit has been completed and sent to BDO. The cheque for the insurance has been sent and the paperwork received.

There are no cheques outstanding and the only receipt has been £0.47 of interest in the Co-op Account.

The current balances stand at

Barclays Community Account	£885.44
Business Saver Account	£6,156.81
Co-op Current Account	£5,924.18
Co-op Savings Account	£5,357.46

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to investigate a suitable place to store the Deeds which were currently at Barclays. The Clerk will contact the Co-op and alternative solicitors in Bicester.

b. To consider invoices for payment

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

Payment to	Cheque Number	Amount
Oxfordshire County Council for certified copy of Village Green Map and Register	400006	£1.51
OALC for Effective Responses to Planning Applications course for two Councillors	400007	£84.00
Green Scythe Ltd for grass cutting	400008	£254.64

8. Parish Matters

a. Guttering on Prentice’s Yard

Following the inspection by OCC Footpaths officer, John Reader reported that the work has been rectified. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to write to the owners of the property to thank them for completing the work.

b. Pony on the Green

The Clerk had been in contact with OCC's Assistant Rights of Way Officer. The Green was registered as a Village Green in 1972 and at that point all grazing rights which were not already registered on the common land ceased to exist. The pony, therefore, has no right to graze on the green. The Clerk has written to the owner of the pony to ask them to find alternative grazing. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to the Clerk applying for a Certified copy of the Village Green Map and Register from OCC for clarification.

The Clerk has kept the landowner updated.

c. Road across the Green. The Clerk is waiting for school to be in contact to make an appointment with the Headmistress. John Fargin and Roger Williams will be following up the previous suggestions.

d. Holiday Week and Village Hall Hire

Following the query from a resident at the Annual Parish Meeting, the Councillors discussed the payment of £125 made as a grant in September 2012 for the hire of the Village Hall for the children's summer holiday week. The Councillors were concerned to ensure that the volunteers should not be out of pocket and asked for the hire charge to be brought to the attention of the Village Hall Committee for future bookings.

e. Village Hall Extension Proposals

The Village Hall Committee had asked Mick Cowland if he would be prepared to join the Village Hall Extension Committee [Mick is this the right name?] as the Parish Council Representative. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to the request.

Mick Cowland reported that he had attended two meetings of the working group who are now approaching builders and architects and seeking funding for the work.

9. Community Led Plans

John Fargin outlined the proposal. He had attended the launch of Stratton Audley's Community Led Plan in April and suggested that a Community Led Plan would assist the village and the villagers more at present than a Neighbourhood Plan, particularly as it could be run jointly with the proposed plans for the Village Hall extension.

The Parish Councillors **RESOLVED** that a Community Led Plan would be the best course of action and asked John Fargin to lead the process to start with. It was important to maintain the momentum which had been started with the Village Hall extension proposals; with this in mind John Fargin would look at some dates and have further discussions with other interested parties including the Church and the Cricket Club.

10. Planning Applications

a. To consider recent Applications

- i. 13/00695/F, Mrs I Hopton-Scott, Coach House, Rectory Lane, First floor side extension; new rear dormer and rear single storey extension. The Councillors considered the plans and had no objections.

- ii. 13/00718/F – Mr and Mrs R Ward, Former Rosemary, Main Street, Variation of Condition 2 of 11/01160/F – Re-submission of 13/000097/F. The Councillors were unable to discuss the plans as they were awaiting the arrival of further, more accurate, documents.

b. To note Notices of Decision

13/00495/F Mrs T Heathfield, 9 Manor Road, Garden Shed and Car Pull-in – Permission granted.

11. Correspondence Received

- a. **OALC AGM** – 1 July (7 for 7.30) including presentation about Broadband
- b. **OALC Courses** – Planning (10 July) and Data Protection, Freedom of Information and Data Transparency (24 September)
- c. **OALC Members Update** (circulated by email).
- d. **Parishes Liaison Meeting 12 June** (circulated by email)
- e. **Sam West, Neighbourhood Policing Administrator** – regarding the dates of future meetings
- f. **OCC Highways** – re the surface dressing of A4421 at the Stratton Audley turn.
- g. **Email from resident** – expressing concern about the pony on the green and the fencing at 3 The Green
- h. **Email from resident** – regarding shooting on 9 June in Hethe.
- i. **Email from RoSPA** – the playground will be inspected in July.

12. Reports from meetings

The Clerk attended the Parishes Liaison Meeting on 12 June at which there were a number of presentations including by the Chair of the Cherwell Community Land Trust and by Christine Lalley at OALC, together with some five minute presentations about the Community Right to Bid, A Neighbourhood Planning update, a Community Governance Review update, Council Tax and Parish Precepts update and information about the New Homes Bonus.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to look into the Community Right to Bid in more detail and find out what could be registered.

13. Any Other Business

There was no further business.

14. Date of next meeting

Monday 15 July 2013 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed Dated