

**Minutes of the Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on
Monday 9 June 2014, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall
following the Annual Parish Meeting at 9.25pm**

Present: Mick Cowland, John Fargin (Chairman), Les Harris, David McCullagh,
John Reader, Adrian Thwaites,
In attendance: Cllr Barry Wood (CDC), Jane Olds (Parish Clerk)
Apologies: None

On arrival, the Councillors all signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms.

1. To elect the Chairman for the year 2014/15

Les Harris proposed John Fargin and Mick Cowland seconded the proposal. John Fargin was elected unanimously.

2. Apologies

No apologies had been received.

3. To elect the Vice Chairman for the year 2014/15

No Councillors were prepared to stand as Vice Chairman so they **RESOLVED** not to elect a Vice Chairman for the present.

4. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer for the year 2014/15

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to appoint Mrs Jane Olds, Parish Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer.

6. To appoint the Parish Internal Auditor for the year 2014/15

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to appoint Mr Clive Morton as Internal Auditor.

7. Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

8. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. New Financial Regulations

The Clerk had not had the opportunity to look at this further.

b. Playground

The Clerk had ordered 65 bags of bark which amounted to £302.90. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to the £2.90 overspend. The bark was scheduled to be delivered on Tuesday 10 June.

The playground inspection will be taking place in July

10. Report from District and County Councillors

Cllr Fulljames and Cllr Wood had made their reports about the County and District work to the Annual Parish Meeting.

11. Finance

a. To receive the financial report

The Accounts stand at:

Co-op Current Account	£2,779.18
Co-op Savings Account	£15,802.78

There are three un-presented cheques totalling £1,055.14. The cheque which was authorised for the Amiantus asbestos survey was not sent because the Village Hall Committee had agreed to pay it.

The Current Account has received £270 cash in donations from the Village Fayre which has been banked and allocated to the Pump budget.

b. To consider invoices for payment

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

Payment to	Budget	Cheque Number	Amount
Green Scythe Ltd for grounds maintenance invoice number 4417	Grass cutting	400046	£262.80
Fringford Church Restoration Fund for CLP Beer Festival Barrel sponsorship	Community Led Plan	400047	£98.00
Barstows Stationery	Admin costs	400048	£6.42
M J Giddings Farm Produce Ltd for playground bark	Playground maintenance	400049	£302.90

The Councillors agreed to pay for the bark but requested that the cheque was not posted until the bark had been received and all was satisfactory.

12. Co-option of new Councillor

The Clerk informed the meeting that there was no need to advertise the vacancy, unless the Councillors wished to, as the notice of Uncontested Election with one vacancy had already been posted on the noticeboard. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to bring some suggested names to the next meeting.

13. Parish Matters

a. Road across the Green

The Clerk had chased the contractor, but was no further forward. The Councillors **RESOLVED** that John Fargin would also try to get a date.

b. War Memorial

John Fargin and Mr Tobin have met and are completing the National Heritage Lottery *Here and Now* Fund application and are including the straightening of the memorial in the application.

c. Facebook Presence

The Councillors requested links to other Parish Councils who have set up pages in order that they could consider the suggestion further at the next meeting.

d. Verges and footpaths

The Community Led Plan Group will be giving the Parish Council a list of the paths which need attention in due course.

14. Community Led Plans

The Chairman of the CLP group reported to the Annual Parish Meeting. They have had a successful year. The next objective is to engage with the youth and other groups of the village. The Group intends to build a questionnaire with the help of ORCC; there will be a stall at the Beer Festival to help build on the groundwork for this. They hope to have the questionnaire and the subsequent Village Plan completed by the autumn. Decisions will then need to be made on how to take the plans forward.

15. Village Hall Extension

Following a huge amount of work by the Village Hall team and John Fargin and further to advice, the team reluctantly decided not to submit the application to Viridor for the June decision meeting. A number of issues had been raised about the VAT implications of the project which could not be resolved. All of the work so far undertaken will be re-used, but the team will be taking stock and seeking advice from the Village Hall Advisor at ORCC and OALC.

Whilst it is disappointing not to be able to commence the project this summer, the advantages of delaying include being able to obtain more quotations for the work, being able to schedule the builders in to the 2015 summer schedule, and there will now be the opportunity to seek funding from alternative sources.

16. Planning Applications

a. To consider recent Applications

No applications had been received for discussion.

b. To note notices of Decision

No Notices of Decision had been received.

c. To consider further actions regarding the Rosemary Development

The Clerk had just received a planning application, reference 14/00817/F which would be discussed at a meeting to be convened the following week. Cllr Wood informed the meeting that this application had been marked for delegated decision, but, at his request, would now be considered by the Planning Committee.

Cllr Wood informed the meeting that it was understood that CDC Planning Committee would be considering the second bite enforcement issue at the Planning Meeting on Thursday 19 June.

Cllr Wood was helping one of the neighbours with their case against the CDC Planning Department and would report further in future.

A long discussion took place regarding taking the handling of the whole planning issue to the Local Government Ombudsman, but Cllr Wood recommended waiting until he had finished his own investigations. He also said that if the Councillors wanted to go down this route they would need to be very specific in what had gone wrong and have a goal as to the outcome as had previously been suggested at earlier Parish Council meetings.

17. Correspondence Received

The Councillors noted the correspondence received and discussed where necessary.

- a. **RoSPA** – the Playground will be inspected in July.
- b. **OALC** – May Members' Update (circulated by email)
- c. **Maggie's Oxford** – asking for volunteers to help run the new Maggie's Centre at the Churchill; forwarded to the Village Voice Editors and the Shelswell News.
- d. **Cllr Hudspeth** – re Connecting Oxfordshire and LPT4 (Local Transport Plan) Bicester date 30 June; forwarded to the CLP group
- e. **ORCC** – Invitation to CLP/NP training event on 16 July
- f. **CDC** – Cherwell Faith Forum on 17 June
- g. **OALC** – training update

18. Reports from meetings

No meetings had been attended.

19. Any Other Business

a. Caversfield Parish Council

Caversfield Parish Council reported that the Planning Inspector had decided in favour of CDC regarding the Cala Homes appeal on the land at South Lodge Riding Stables on the Fringford Road and rejected it. The report is available on Caversfield's website.

b. Register of Members' Interests

The Clerk reminded the Councillors that the forms need to be sent to CDC by 28 June.

c. The Rev'd Christabel Hargraves

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Rector had decided to resign as Rector of the Benefice and will be moving to Wales. Her last service will be on 12 October.

d. CDC Local Plan

Nigel Payne, the Inspector for CDC's Local Plan, halted proceedings on Thursday 5 June because of a disparity between the housing numbers which CDC had forecast and those of the Oxfordshire SHMA. The Inspection will resume in December.

20. Date of next meeting

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree the date of Monday 21 July 2014 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 10.25pm

Signed Dated