

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on
Monday 18 March 2013, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall**

- Present:** John Fargin, David McCullagh, John Reader, Adrian Thwaites,
Roger Williams
- In attendance:** Cllr Catherine Fulljames, Anton Nath (ORCC) from 8.10pm,
Jane Olds (Parish Clerk)
- Public:** Mr Robert Herring (until 8.05pm)
- Apologies:** Mick Cowland and Les Harris

Welcome

David McCullagh welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Mick Cowland and Les Harris's apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

3. Public Participation

Mr Herring attended to present his planning application (ref 13/00283/F). He presented the Councillors with information about the three Eco Pods he was applying to install permanently. They would be made of tin and clad with wood, would have electricity in the form of a heater and a light, but no other amenities would be available within the pods as campers would bring their own.

The Chairman thanked Mr Herring for explaining his application. Mr Herring then left the meeting.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 February 2013

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

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. Road across the Green. The Clerk met with the Grasscrete Representative and has received a quotation to install grasscrete on the south side of the road. To supply and install the Grasscrete GC1 system would cost in the region of £11,400. The Clerk has also contacted Highways and has asked that the Steward inspect the whole area and give recommendations and details of contractors. In the meantime, the Clerk will attempt to obtain quotations for a temporary measure.

The Councillors noted that an Interlink van is parked on the green at night and will monitor this.

b. Rosemary Statement. The Clerk has contacted Cllr Barry Wood and he is happy to be the Parish Spokesman should the need arise.

c. Neighbourhood Plan. Anton Nath from ORCC attended to outline the various options with the Councillors after the meeting.

- d. State of Village Roads.** The Clerk has contacted Highways and asked for them to be repaired as quickly as possible. However due to the bad weather, many roads around Oxfordshire are in the same condition, so Highways have a very high workload at present. Cllr Fulljames asked that if repairs to potholes were not adequate to let her know as soon as possible in order that the work can be re-done by the contractor without further expense.
- e. Playground.** The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to order two new swing seats at £44.88 (inc VAT and delivery) each for the older children's swings and 1 ½ metre cube bags of playbark to see how far this would spread.

The Clerk will obtain some prices for the playbark.

- f. Bull Field Stile.** Sarah Aldous from OCC Footpaths has been in contact with the lessee of the field informing him that funds for a kissing gate were available and giving examples of places where gates have been installed locally, but has not received a reply. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to discuss the matter with the owner of the field.

6. Report from District and County Councillors

Cllr Fulljames reported that the Oxfordshire County Council budgets were set in February and had felt there was no option but to put the OCC Council Tax portion up by 2%. However, she apologised for the rise.

With the likelihood that HS2 will happen, Cllr Fulljames informed the meeting that there are a number of community fora, one meets at Westbury every two months and another at Mixbury. If the Parish would like to get involved, they would be very welcome.

Cllr Fulljames reminded the meeting that the next tranche of Big Society Funding would be starting again in May and to start thinking of small scale ideas which may benefit from this source of funding.

7. Finance

a. To Receive the Financial Report

The current balances, as of 14 March are	
Community Account	£2,666.60
There are no unrepresented Cheques	
Business Saver Account	£12,156.81

The Co-op account is now open and the Clerk has received the account details, cheque book, paying-in book and electronic tokens. The Councillors agreed to complete the year with the current banking arrangements. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to transfer 50% of the money (£7,000 - £6,000 from savings and £1,000 from the current account) into the new account at the beginning of April and then once the account is working to the Council's satisfaction, close the Barclays account with a final cheque.

The Clerk has notified CDC of the new Savings Account details for the Precept.

b. To consider invoices for payment

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

Payment to	Cheque Number	Amount
OALC Subscription	100632	£133.07
Cherwell District Council for dog bin emptying	100633	£174.35
JMC Olds for Clerking duties (1 November – 31 March)	100634	£361.55
JMC Olds for expenses from 14 October – 12 March (printing £38.01, postage £13.61, mileage £39.96)	100635	£91.58
SLCC Subscription (part payment)	100636	£19.61

8. Parish Matters

a. Guttering on Prentice’s Yard

John Reader has been in contact with the owners of the property who have assured Mr Reader that the company has agreed to install a pipe which will be directed to the existing drain. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to write to the owners of the property outlining Mr Reader's conversation and requesting that the work be carried out as quickly as possible to reduce the water and mud in Ghost Alley.

b. Repair Post and Rail fencing outside Village Hall

A Parishioner requested that the Parish Council consider repairing the fencing outside the village hall. However, it appears that the work has already been carried out.

c. Village Hall Break-in

All the damage appears to have now been repaired. David McCullagh agreed to find out if the Parish Council is likely to be liable for any of the repair work or whether it would all be paid for by the Insurers.

9. Communication Policy

The Clerk presented a Communications Policy for the Councillors to discuss. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy.

10. Stratton Audley application for designation of area for Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council had no comments.

11. Planning Applications

a. To discuss recent Applications

Application No. 13/00283/F Mr and Mrs R Herring, Glebe Lakes Caravan Park, Fringford, OX27 8RJ; permanent stationing of 3 camping pods. The Parish Council had no objections.

b. To note Notice of Appeal

APP/C3105/A/13/2191771 Mr & Mrs Herring, Glebe Court, Fringford; Installation of vehicle wash facility – resubmission of 12/00382/F. The Councillors had no further comments to make, but asked the Clerk to find out if the neighbours who had been reporting to CDC regarding the out of hours use of the facility had submitted their findings.

c. To note Notices of Decision

Appeal A: APP/C3105/A/12/2178065, Land at Willow Bank Farm, Fritwell Road, Fewcott, Bicester, Oxon OX27 7NZ and

Appeal B: APP/C3105/A/12/2176155, Land at Willow Bank Farm, Fritwell Road, Fewcott, Bicester, Oxon OX27 7NZ.

The Planning Inspectorate has overturned Cherwell's refusal and are allowing the installation of four wind turbines.

12. Correspondence Received

- a. Mayor of Bicester's Annual Concert – 26 April at St Edburg's Church
- b. BDO Audit Briefing
- c. Clerks and Councils Direct
- d. CDC Spring Clean – the Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to order two rolls of recycling sacks and two rolls of black sacks.
- e. Email from Villager regarding the Village Hall Fencing
- f. CDC re poster for Bicester French Market on 23/24 March
- g. Email from Catherine Fulljames regarding dangerous fly tipping of building materials on the road in Piddington and warning to be vigilant.
- h. Email from a villager regarding out of hours activity at Glebe Court. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to contact Cllr Barry Wood to ask about how the Parish Council can help the villager.
- i. Email from Mike Sargeant, Bicester and Kidlington Ramblers Footpath Working Group – re Parish Path Wardens. He asked whether the village had a Parish Path Warden (someone who is happy to trim hedges/ grass and do general light tasks, possibly reporting broken stiles and footpath gates). If not, whether the PC would agree to the Working Group tidying the vegetation in the footpaths. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the working group to help.

13. Reports from meetings

There were no meetings to report.

14. Any Other Business

There was no further business.

15. Date of next meeting

Monday 15 April 2013 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm and was followed by a discussion with Anton Nath from ORCC about the benefits of Neighbourhood Plans and Community Led Plans.

Signed Dated