

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on Monday 17 September 2012, 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), Cllr Catherine Fulljames (from 8.30pm)
Apologies: None

1. Welcome

David McCullagh welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

No apologies had been received.

3. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

4. Public Participation

No members of public attended the meeting

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 August 2012

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

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. **Maintenance of the Church Clock.** The Clerk has received the details of the Horologist and will arrange for the cheque to be paid. For information the agreed sum of £125 was excluding VAT. The full amount will be £150, but with the VAT reclaimable.
- b. **Replacement of the stile in Bull Field.** The Clerk has contacted CDC and been forwarded onto Oxfordshire County Council. Both organisations have stated that it would be possible for the Parish Council to pay for the work provided that permission from the owner has been agreed. Once the work has been completed, the upkeep would be the responsibility of the land owner. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to contact the owner and renter of the field to ask their permission.
- c. **Rectory Lane.** The markings were for suggested patching work, but the work has been postponed for the foreseeable future.
- d. **Salt.** Mr Wise is happy to store the tonne of salt and will distribute it around the village where necessary. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to order the salt from OCC.
- e. **Local Plan.** The Clerk started the circulation of the document 'Protocol for Preparing Neighbourhood Plans' for the Councillors to read.

7. Finance

a. To Receive the Financial Report

The Clerk gave the Councillors the report.

The current balances, as of 31 August 2012 are

Community Account	£2,369.78
Unpresented Cheques	£248.45
Business Saver Account (including £1.84 interest)	£13,856.46

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

Payment to	Cheque Number	Amount
Green Scythe Ltd (Invoice no: 2665)	100608	£124.22
Playsafety Limited (Playground inspection fee)	100609	£75.60
David McCullagh (Tarmac repairs to Village Hall car park)	100610	£43.85
JMC Olds (Clerking duties 1 July – 1 September)	100611	£142.80
JMC Olds (reimbursement of CiLCA Course)	100612	£84.84
Cherwell District Council (Dog bin emptying)	100613	£348.70
Peter Meecham (Church clock maintenance)	100614	£150.00

8. Parish Matters

a. Additional Grasscrete edging

The Clerk wished to discuss whether there were other options available with a representative from Highways, but was unable to meet with them before the meeting. She hopes to be able to report further at the October meeting.

b. Theft of Lead from the Village Hall and remedial process to date

Lead flashing from the corridor up to the roof on the Village Hall roof was removed by thieves on or before 25 August (when water was discovered pouring through the corridor ceiling) which has resulted in damage to the roof and ceiling in the corridor. The insurance company has been advised and a loss adjuster has inspected the damage. The roofing company will be making good and replacing with a synthetic lead which it is hoped thieves will not be interested in.

c. Playground Report

The Clerk has received the Playground Inspection report. A few minor points were raised including:

- that the gates had a ‘violent action’
- that there was minor decay to the timber components of the Balance Trail due to the strimming of the area and that there was minor chain wear which needed monitoring;
- that the flat swing chain needed monitoring and that one of the swing seats is damaged;
- and that the whole area needed topping up with bark

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to leave the gates as they were as they had been advised in the past that the gates needed to close firmly; to ask the Clerk to ask Green Scythe to be more careful when strimming and to look at renewing the bark and the swing seat in the spring.

9. Planning Applications

Notice of Decision

- a. **Application no: 12/01008/LB**, The Forge, Main Street, Mr and Mrs Hazell, Internal alterations to ground floor utility areas and new en-suite to Master bedroom at first floor.

- b. **Application no: 12/00964/F**, Candleford Cottage, Rectory Lane, Mr and Mrs Thomson, Single storey side extension.
- c. **Application no: 12/01050/F**, Stone Gap Cottage, Main Street, Dr Damion Hannon, Erection of garden shed.
- d. **Application No. 11/01160/F – Rosemary Cottage.** The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to write to CDC Planning to ask why work is still continuing and to outline the Councillors’ concerns in the correspondence including the placement of the new houses, the alleged additional bedroom and the issue of car parking. If there is an additional bedroom, the Council requires to see the additional or retrospective planning application.

Mick Cowland has obtained copies of deeds to the original house which includes a plan and given them to the Clerk for filing.

10. Correspondence Received

The Clerk notified the Councillors of a number of items of correspondence.

- a. Bicester French Market will be on Saturday 6 October between 9am and 5pm
- b. The annual electric blanket testing campaign will be in Bicester on 23 October
- c. The Proposed Submission of the Draft Local Plan Development Plan, Draft Sustainability Appraisal Report and Draft Bicester Masterplan has been received and is currently in circulation.
- d. Air Ambulance Week will be from 24 – 30 September

11. Report from District and County Councillors

Councillor Fulljames (Oxfordshire County Councillor) attended the meeting from 8.30pm. She recommended that Fringford responded to the Local Plan Development Plan and the Bicester Masterplan. She was asked if the A4421 was likely to be dualled and she assured the meeting that this was very unlikely, but that if the HS2 scheme went ahead that the road may be diverted around Newton Purcell.

Councillor Fulljames also mentioned the Jubilee Big Society fund for which she has a share, amounting to £10,000, to distribute amongst her 18 parishes. The Clerk has details about how to apply if any parishioners are interested.

12. Any Other Business

The Councillors requested that Minutes of Parish Council meetings be put up on the village website. The Clerk will ensure that this happens.

The trees in Crosslands are getting tall. The Councillors asked the Clerk to obtain a quotation for reducing the height. The Clerk will bring the quotation to the next meeting for discussion.

13. Date of next meeting

Monday 15 October 2012 at 7.45pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed Dated