

**Minutes of the Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on
Monday 16 September 2013, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall at 7.45pm**

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

1. Apologies

Mick Cowland and John Fargin's apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

There were no members of the public.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 August 2013

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

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. Bancroft / Bull Field Stile

The Clerk asked the Insurers about insurance for stock escaping through a kissing gate which is not on Parish Council land and it is not available. She had therefore written to the Diocesan Rural Surveyor saying that it was not possible for the Parish Council to accept the terms regarding the insurance and requested that the stile is now improved to a suitable standard; but that the Parish Council would be prepared to reconsider if the insurance terms were changed.

b. Chestnut leaves

The Clerk has asked three businesses to quote for the work and is awaiting their replies.

c. Playground

Green Scythe had quoted £12.00 for weed spraying round the posts in the playground. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation.

6. Report from District and County Councillors

No Councillors attended the meeting.

7. Finance

a. To Receive the Financial Report

The current balances stand at	
Barclays Community Account	£884.44
Business Saver Account	£6,157.99
Co-op Current Account	£4,623.52
Co-op Savings Account	£10,931.25

There were no unrepresented cheques. The Co-op Current account had received £0.55 in interest and the Precept has been paid into the Co-op Savings Account.

Once the Deeds had been obtained (see 7c) and a bank statement received, the Councillors **RESOLVED** to transfer the total amount from the Business Saver Account to the Community Account and then write a cheque to be paid into the Co-op Account which would close the Barclays accounts.

b. To consider invoices for payment

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

Payment to	Cheque Number	Amount
Green Scythe Ltd for grass cutting	400015	£126.60

c. To consider the Storage of the Deeds

The Clerk had enquired of the Co-op Bank and solicitors in Bicester and Brethertons Neasham Lloyd is prepared to store them without charge. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to write a letter to Barclays for two Councillors to sign authorising the withdrawal of the Deeds from the Bank. Once the Deeds had been received the Clerk would scan them and deposit them with Neasham Lloyd with written authorisation from the Parish Council.

8. Parish Matters

a. Pony on the Green

The Clerk reported that she had heard from Rob Lowther at CDC regarding the CDC Covenant on the property, but that as CDC had passed the social housing to Sanctuary Housing they were not able to enforce the Covenant; Sanctuary Housing would be looking into the issue.

The Clerk had drafted a letter to the owner, but the Councillors **RESOLVED** not to send it for the moment.

b. Road across the Green.

No progress has been made on this.

c. War Memorial

Mr Tobin sent a written report. He had made enquiries with two undertakers in Bicester, one said that under health and safety they cannot touch the memorial; the other is willing to quote and work on it, but not until it has been examined by a structural engineer to say it is safe.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to contact CDC to find out if there was a Structural Engineer available within the District Council, and to ask David McCullagh to obtain the opinion of the structural engineer involved with the Village Hall.

d. New Parish Council Noticeboard

Following a discussion, the Councillors considered the merits of stainless steel over wood and **RESOLVED** to order a board to match the current one from the original supplier, (a Standard Plus, 1070mm x 810mm, finished in green, side hinged and locks) supplied by Metrosigns who had quoted £594 plus £35 delivery exclusive of VAT. Delivery would be approximately 5-6 weeks from receipt of order.

9. Community Led Plans

The meeting on 27 August was a success with more than 60 villagers attending. Tim Mustill has agreed to be Chairman and the committee is currently being formed.

10. Village Hall Extension Proposals

No report had been received.

11. Planning Applications

a. To consider recent Applications

The Councillors considered 13/01214/F – C & D Maxfield, Crow Barn, OX27 8RQ; Extension of time limit to 10/01132/F - Amendment to 08/02074/F - Extension to existing dwelling (as amended by plans received 10.08.10) and had no objections.

b. To discuss the Parish Council's response to the appeal regarding 13/00718/F – Mr and Mrs R Ward, Former Rosemary - Variation of Condition 2 of 11/01160/F - re-submission of 13/000097/F

The Councillors noted that responses had to be with the Planning Inspectorate by 30 September. Following discussions with the District Councillor they **RESOLVED** to write to the Planning Inspectorate and include a transcript of John Fargin's speech to the Planning Meeting on 11 July and a DVD of the two planning meetings held at CDC in January and July which showed directly opposing views of the Planning Officers.

c. To note Notices of Decision

13/00957/TPO, Mr Williamson, Yew Tree Cottage, Mansfield Yard – consent granted.

12. Correspondence Received

a. Invoice from the Village Hall for the hire of the hall for Holiday Week. The Parish Council thanked the Village Hall Committee for waiving the fee.

b. Poppy Appeal. The area co-ordinator had contacted the Clerk to check that the Parish Council were prepared to continue with the donation for the wreath. The Councillors confirmed that they were.

c. Regarding Bicester Sweepers Activity. The Clerk was awaiting news from the CDC Enforcement team.

d. OCC Winter Service – giving an update on the salt order.

e. CDC Elections - re next year's elections.

The European election and the Parish Council elections (including Fringford, if there is one) will be held on 22 May instead of 1 May. Any casual vacancies arising on or after 22 December 2013 in the parish or the district councillors' seats will remain vacant until the rescheduled May elections. The Annual Meeting should now be held between 26 May and 31 July so will be scheduled for 16 June.

f. Photographs of the pony on the Green

g. Email from CDC re Parish Liaison followups (email forwarded)

- h. OALC Members Update** (circulated by email)
- i. CDC Community Event** 7 September for Sport, Health and Wellbeing (circulated by email)
- j. Letter from Playbus** asking if the village would like the Playbus, which will be turned into a mobile Christmas grotto, to visit the village between 6pm and 9pm on a December evening. There will be a £5 charge per child. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to ask School and Playgroup if they would be interested.
- k. Clerks and Councils Direct** (to be circulated)
- l. SLCC Branch meeting** – on 17 September at Banbury Town Hall at 10am
- m. Emergency Planning** – further to the survey, the planning team are holding two events to help, one on 23 October in Abingdon and one on 7 November at Bodicote House at 6pm for 6.30pm to 8pm. The Clerk would attend.

13. Reports from meetings

No meetings had been attended.

14. Any Other Business

- a.** The Clerk was asked to enquire about obtaining a quotation for trimming the shrubs and trees, including a young Chestnut, in Crosslands.

15. Date of next meeting

Monday 21 October 2013 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed Dated