

**Minutes of a Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on
Monday 19th March 2018, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall at
7.00pm**

Present: Cllrs David McCullagh (Chairman), John Fargin, , Les Harris,
John Reader, Mick Cowland and Jan Maciejewski .

In attendance: Cllr Barry Wood (CDC) in part

Apologies: Cllr Ian Corkin (CDC and OCC) and Cllr Adrian Thwaites

Also in Attendance : 10 Members of the Public

1. Apologies

Noted as above.

2. Requests for Dispensations and Declarations of Interest, gifts and hospitality

There were no requests for dispensations or declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. The Chairman welcomed Cheryl Snudden Community Engagement Manager from HS2 and explained that there were three main issues of concern to the Village:-

Confirmation that works for HS2 and E/W Rail will not overlap

Details of the HS2 Community Fund

HS's plans to mitigate the effects of significantly increased traffic in the area.

Ms Snudden confirmed that, where she was unable to give answers to the questions raised, she would refer the matter back to HS2 and respond by email once she had an answer.

She explained that Fusion Ltd were currently carrying out preliminary enabling works of surveying and design around the haul roads, and habitat creation works - these preliminary works will continue for another 18 months or so.

Eiffage Kier (EK) have been appointed main contractor in connection with the road engineering works – including bridge and viaduct designs and road scheme changes. The design work is expected to take 12 months and be completed by August 2018. Work to build the facilitating structures is likely to commence in Spring 2019 and continue for some 3 years at which time work to construct the line will be complete, apart from track laying and railway infrastructure, which will be installed by a specialist company with a view to the railway being fully operational by 2026.

Currently EK – the main contractor, is looking to reduce highway movements in the central section (C2 Great Missenden to Turweston) and C3 (Turweston to Southam) by using the Trace (the main railway route) as a haul road, making viaducts and bridges offsite using precast structures which are only assembled on site, and bulking up deliveries to minimise number of lorries using the roads. Ms Snudden agreed to ask Fusion and EK to talk to parishes along the route, and to set up liaison meetings once work under the contract begins. She confirmed that HGV traffic would be tracked and monitored, and all HGVs will have an HS2 identifier sign on their windscreens. She agreed to check whether this would be possible for all HS2 vehicles to show this

identifier. She agreed to respond to the Parish to confirm proposals for LGVs. It was agreed that the Parish Council would receive and forward concerns from residents, and make information received from HS2 available on its website and Facebook page. It was also suggested that HS2 should consider putting regular updates into the Parish magazine.

Ms Snudden was asked if HS2 would be prepared to consider signs indicating that no HS2 traffic should pass through the village – which she agreed to refer back to HS2. She confirmed that the company was surveying the local roads at present and preparing road condition surveys : Roads that were damaged by HS2 traffic would be repaired.

So far as Community funds are concerned the HS2 Community Fund is run by Groundwork, and she suggested that the Parish Council have initial discussions with them about potential projects. She also clarified that Fusion and EK both have Community Investment schemes – which, while they do not provide funds, would be available to carry out works in the Parish.

It was agreed that Ms Snudden would return to speak at the Parish Council meeting on 21st May, and she would try to bring with her representatives of Fusion and EK.

4. Public Participation

Members of the public had the opportunity to ask questions of the HS2 representative during the earlier discussion.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors and Police

None .

6. To receive a report from Cllr Wood (CDC) regarding any newly registered sites within the village.

None.

7. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 2018.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

8. Update on progress from the Minutes.

The Clerk reported that there had been a meeting with the East/West Rail Stakeholder Manager, where he had been shown the junction off the A4421 turning to Charndon and the local roads which were part of the proposed route for HGV and LGV traffic travelling to the E/W rail compounds at Launton and Charndon. E/W Rail are currently proposing to create a turning right lane off the A4421 into the unclassified road past Stratton Audley Park, and looking at building laybys along that road at 300m intervals. Having been taken along the unclassified road past Stoke Lyne (the current route proposed for LGV and private vehicle construction traffic) he had recognised that the road was not ideal, and some repair work may be required before it will be suitable for this use. E/W Rail will be submitting their application for a Traffic and Works Act Order (which will give them planning permission) late Spring 2018 and the works are likely to proceed after a Public Inquiry

9. Finance

To receive the monthly financial report – which is attached to these Minutes and shown as “Appendix A”

To consider invoices for payment itemised on the payment schedule

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

Cheque no:	Payee and reason	Budget	Minute Ref	Amount
400227	Richard Wise –snow clearing	maintenance		£180.00
400228	Messagemaker VAS	highway	8 at 19/2/2018	£2337.60
400229	OALC	subscription		£135.06
400230	OPFA	subscription		£42.00
400231	Anne Davies Clerk salary	salaries	Cl salary	£177.82
400232	HMRC	Clerk Tax	Cl ts and cs	£17.80

10. Parish Matters – to discuss where necessary
to receive an update from any of the Village Groups

Village Hall and Cycling group.

Ongoing.

Playground

The Parish Council noted that the playground project will comprise 4 main stages:

- i) Initial ground clearance and levelling
- ii) Turfing
- iii) Construction of the new play equipment
- iv) Fencing

The Parish Council expects shortly to receive £1000 from the TESCO Bags of Help scheme which will be put towards the cost of swings in the playground.

The Parish Council agreed to delegate to the Chairman and one other Councillor authority to sign the contract with the contractors as soon as final details have been agreed, and agreed that contractors should be paid by the Parish Council in agreed stages, with the money reclaimed from WREN as soon as possible after payment is made.

iv Village Green/Parking

The state of the Village Green is still a major concern for the Council, but following the discussion about HS2 and the possible availability of funds/labour the Parish Council agreed to consider options for edging the Green to prevent overrun by traffic, and the possibility of creating alternative parking for the Village Hall and the School.

vii Resilience Grant

An application to SSE for the next tranche of Resilience Grant funding is open until 16th May 2018. The Parish Council agreed to investigate generators for the Village Hall, and to apply for funding for a suitable generator and a towable gritter for use on local roads.

11. Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

Highways England are expected to make a decision on the preferred route for the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway in the summer of 2018..

12. East/West Rail

See earlier minute.

At 8.00pm the Parish Council meeting was adjourned to allow an Open Meeting where members of the public could speak about the planning application at Fringford Cottage for up to 10 dwellings. The Parish Council meeting reconvened in the Village Hall at 9.10pm

13. Planning Applications

To consider all recent Applications received from Cherwell District Council detailed below or on the District Council website up to the date of the meeting

Residential development of up to 10 dwellings

Fringford Cottage Main Street Fringford Bicester OX27 8DP

Ref. No: 18/00249/OUT

the Parish Council considered this application in the light of the outcome of the Open discussion and on the following criteria:

Criteria	Comment	Yes	No
Sustainability	Smaller Cat A Village, no public transport will drive car use. Cherwell have already achieved a large part of their target of 750 houses in Cat A Villages and have committed to major developments in Banbury and Bicester. There are no key services eg Health and Employment		X
Site Eligibility	Disputed Brownfield site and it not being in the village envelope		X
Loss of privacy overbearing Impact	Impact on the immediate neighbours. Headlight issue for the house opposite		X
Highway Safety, Traffic, Parking Issues	Extra traffic, narrow road, no street lights, school time congestion		X
Visual Amenity/Street Scene	Negative impact on the street scene by the removal of the wall and grass verge.		X
Wildlife	Survey carried out at the wrong time of the year		X
Historic Buildings	Proximity to heritage assets including Grade II		X

and Conservation	listed buildings		
Flooding	In area of medium to high risk evidence of provided by neighbours		X
Planning History	Refusals for smaller developments and these are still relevant. Conditions attached to earlier approvals. Refusal at Meadow Barn		X

Following a discussion about the application the Council agreed unanimously to object to the proposals and authorized the Clerk and Cllr Fargin to draft a response for submission to Cherwell District Council, with copies sent to all Councillors.

14. Correspondence Received – to note correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda where decisions are not required

The Councillors noted the correspondence received, most of which had been circulated by email, and discussed where necessary.

21/2/18 – Update OCC Travellers at Pear Tree Park and Ride

23/2/18 – Update OCC Travellers at Bicester Park and Ride

26/2/18 – CDC parishes Liaison Meetings

26/2/18 – Weather Update

26/2/18 – OALC Update

28/2/18 – Came and Company – Snow and Ice

15. Reports from meetings

East/West Rail.

16. Items for information or next Agenda only

Agenda Items

The Clerk requested that all items for the next agenda should be submitted by Friday 6th April 2018. The Clerk was asked to invite the Head Teacher of the Primary school to the next meeting to discuss car parking issues.

16. Date of next meeting

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the date of Monday 16th April 2018 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed

Dated

Fringford Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	19 March 2018
Payments processed since last meeting				£4,346.28
19-Feb-18	Mrs A Davies	400424		£177.82
19-Feb-18	HMRC	400425		£41.40
19-Feb-18	FCC Ltd	400426		£4,124.56
12-Feb-18	Bank charges			£2.50
Receipts processed since previous report				£0.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	11 March 2018
			Savings Account	£18,083.24
			Current account	£6,483.16
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	FCC Ltd			£4,124.56