

**Minutes of a Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on
Monday 20th August 2018, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall at 7.45
pm**

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

In attendance: Cllr Barry Wood (CDC)

Apologies: Cllr Jan Maciejewski, Cllr Ian Corkin (CDC and OCC)

Also in Attendance : 8 members of the public

45. Apologies

Noted as above.

**46. Requests for Dispensations and Declarations of Interest, gifts and
hospitality**

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

Letter re Oxford to Cambridge Expressway from Kit Malthouse MP

Cllr Wood attended the meeting to discuss the implications of a letter to local authorities from the Housing Minister Kit Malthouse asking for bids for new housing development along the Ox/Cam corridor. He explained that it would not be possible to put forward proposals until the route of the road is known. It was his view that the Department of Transport and the Minister for housing were not communicating effectively, and that the letter had been sent out in the mistaken belief that the corridor of the proposed route has been announced. As it is, he is now expecting an announcement of the proposed corridor when the Summer parliamentary recess is over and before Parliament breaks again for the Party conferences.

It is important to recognise that CDC's Local plan runs until 2031, with development concentrated on Banbury, Bicester and Heyford Park, with (very) minor allocation for villages. However the National Planning and Policy Framework may include a duty on planning authorities to refresh their plan every 5 years, and this activity may trigger speculative applications from developers. The likely timeframe for the Ox/Cam road is between 2030 -2050, and, at this point, CDC will have exhausted development opportunities at Banbury and Bicester and will be looking for other potential sites. A completely new settlement is one possible option, and there have already been discussions about development around Claydon/Calvert in Buckinghamshire.

There are 3 potential corridors;

- 1 Improving the A 4421 to connect to the Finmere/Tingewick bypass. In his view this proposal is complex and least advantageous.
2. A route across Otmoor – but there the problem is Otmoor itself. This was a challenge for the M40 and will be a similar challenge for the Ox/Cam road – which means that this option is highly likely to end up in the “too difficult” box.
3. A route south of Oxford to Thame.

CDC will need to understand the position after 2030, as it may well be looking for a new settlement of at least 5000 houses. However, this will need to take account of proposals in adjoining areas (e.g. Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire) , and the District will be concerned to ensure that any development does not swamp the rural villages. However, if the A4421 becomes the proposed corridor he was sure that there would be speculative applications which could push development closer to Fringford and its adjoining villages.

He understands that the proposal of an Oxford to Cambridge arc has been around for years, with the new Expressway being seen in some quarters as an outer M25 – with a “Brexit” overwash. If the corridor passes through Cherwell’s area, the authority would need to understand the new options it would present, particularly for development after 2030.

Public Participation

Shelswell History festival

A resident attended to explain that the 2019 Shelswell Festival plans to incorporate involvement and events by groups throughout the Shelswell Benefice (which includes the following villages: Mixbury, Cottisford, Newton Purcell, Hethe, Fringford, Stoke Lyne, Godington, Stratton Audley, Finmere) to be run in the 4-6 week period up to the finale event in Shelswell Park on 13th July 2019. The festival would be grateful for contact by any local groups happy to join in. Cllr Fargin indicated that the Fringford History Group would take part following the success of last year’s village history displays. Further details of the Festival can be found by contacting the organisers at enquiries@shelswellhistoryfestival.org.uk and from their website at www.shelswellhistoryfestival.org.uk

.

Fringford Cottage

The Parish Council were advised that the Planning Inspectorate are likely to be starting the timeframe for them to consider the Appeal within the next 4 weeks.

Folly Fields

2 members of the public attended to express their ongoing concerns about the Planning Application for a garden store and other development at Folly Fields. The Clerk has made contact with the CDC planning officer and new plans are awaited.

Cricket Club

The Cricket Club have invited the Parish Council to appoint a Councillor to their committee. Currently the ground is being utilized and the Club has some exciting plans for 2019.

47. Planning Applications

Storage cover for vehicles and salt

Land South East Of Glebe Court Street Heading North West To Stoke Lyne From A4421 Fringford

Ref. No: 18/01265/F

The Parish Council noted that the Clerk had received objections from a neighbour, and agreed that, while they had no issues about the building, they would like restrictions on hours of use placed on any consent granted by CDC.

48. Reports from District and County Councillors and Police

Cllr Wood reported that CDC is now working to unravel their relationship with South Northants, and build a relationship with OCC.

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

None.

50. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th July 2018.

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

51. Update on progress from the Minutes.

The Clerk reported that she was trying to make contact with the Diocese to start discussions about an extension of village parking. She has also been advised by BT that the telephone kiosk will be removed before the end of April 2019.

52. Finance

- a. **To receive the monthly financial report and bank reconciliation – which is attached to these Minutes and shown as “Appendix A”**
- b. **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
400309	Came and Co	insurance		£86.17
400310	Green scythe	Grass		£343.20
400311	KM groundworks	playground	10 (iv) 19/3/18	£1260
400312	cancelled			
400313	Trentwood fencing	playground	10 (iv) 19/3/18	£3900
400314	A resident	Village voice		£26.74
400315	D McCullagh	playground	10 (iv) 19/3/18	£10.20
400316	D McCullagh	playground	10 (iv) 19/3/18	£8.51
400317	Navitas	Web site		£71.99
400318	cancelled			
400319	Wicksteed leisure	playground	10 (iv) 19/3/18	£17214.48
400320	GP and MP Allen	Verge trimming		£288.00
400321	Anne Davies Clerk salary	salaries	Cl salary	£185.38
400322	HMRC	Clerk Tax	Cl ts and cs	£43.00
Total				£23437.67

53. Parish Matters – to discuss where necessary

a. To receive an update from any of the Village Groups

The **History group** will be involved in the 2019 Shelswell Festival. The Group will also be starting to sift through the documentation stored in the Village Hall (formerly Parish documents) on 21st August. Any items of interest will be scanned before being lodged with OCC's archives.

The **Village Hall** has recently has some good lettings. It is about to install a CCTV, and a key box for hirers. The group will be making an application to HS2 for funding support to replace the roof – for which quotes have been received of between £21,000 - £28,000.

The **Fringford Freewheelers** will be taking part in a “ride and Stride” on 8th September 2018.

b. Playground

Work on the new playground has now been completed, and thanks are due to Cllr McCullagh, a resident who assisted in the application, negotiation and claim for the grant supporting the cost from WREN, and Baroness Von Maltzahn for agreeing to the change in boundary line of the playground to “square up” the playground shape.

The new playground will need to be maintained, and the Parish Council agreed to ask Tom Rawlinson, a contractor, to carry out half an hour of maintenance on a monthly basis as suggested by Wicksteed leisure, at a cost of £12.50 per month.

The playground will be opened by the Head Teacher of Fringford School at 3.30pm on 7th September. There will be light refreshments in the Village Hall, for which the Parish Council agreed a budget of up to £100.

It was agreed that a bench, formerly in the playground, should be repaired and relocated to replace the existing decaying one under the tree opposite Green Farm and suitably far enough away from the tree roots that have uplifted the existing one.

c. Village Green

The Parish Council agreed a request on behalf of the Winslow Rotary Club to use the Village Green for parking at the beginning of their Classic Car event on 14th July.

d. Resilience Grant

The Parish Council agreed to accept the Resilience grant offered by SSE.

e. WW1 Commemoration/ Tree of remembrance.

The Parish Council agreed to purchase a commemoration beacon to celebrate the end of WW1 at a cost of £360, and also agreed to ask OCC for a tree and plaque to remember the end of the First World War, with the exact location of the tree to be agreed.

f. Salt bins/Salt

Councillors agreed to check the amount of salt stored by the Council's contractor, and order more if necessary.

g. East/West Rail

The Clerk reported that a Parishes Liaison meeting with East/West rail is planned for Thursday 6th in the Chinnery room of Fringford Village Hall. Starting at 7.30pm.

h. Wall outside school

The Head Teacher of Fringford School has expressed concern at the condition of the stone wall behind the Noticeboard. Councillors agreed to look at the wall and form as view as to ownership.

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

The Councillors received an anonymous letter complaining about pallets of rubble apparently dumped at the end of Main Street. After discussion Councillors were of the view that the material has been placed to stop parking on the land, and, as the land was in private ownership, there was nothing further they could do.

55. Reports from meetings

None.

56. Items for information or next Agenda only

The trees overhanging the pavement between the Village Hall and the Butcher's Arms are now interfering with footpath use. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote to cut the trees back.

Councillors expressed concern at the number of potholes on Village Roads. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Corkin and arrange an inspection with the OCC Area Engineer.

Agenda Items

The Clerk requested that all items for the next agenda should be submitted by 7th September 2018.

57. Date of next meeting

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the date of Monday 17th September 2018 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed Dated

Parish Council Meeting

Payments processed since last meeting

18-Jun-18

400429

18-Jun-18

400430

£43.20

18-Jun-18

400301

£288.00

£3,285.30

27-Jun-18

£7.50

11-Jul-18

£3,277.80

Statement dated

Savings Account

£15,586.63

Current account	
-----------------	--

£12,218.83

Receipts	
----------	--

None

Payments	
----------	--

None

Net Total

£27,805.46