

**Minutes of a Meeting of Fringford Parish Council, held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall at 7.45 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Adrian Thwaites (Chairman), John Fargin, John Reader, Jan Maciejewski, David McCullagh and Les Harris.

**Apologies:** Cllr Ian Corkin (CDC and OCC) and Cllr Mick Cowland

**In Attendance :** No members of the public.

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

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

**124. Planning**

None

**Fringford Cottage**

The Clerk reported that the appeal against CDC's refusal of planning permission for development at Fringford Cottage had been refused.

**Butchers Arms**

The Council noted preliminary advice that the landlord of the Butchers Arms PH intended to apply for permission to erect one property within the grounds of the car park. The Council agreed to advise residents of the proposal as soon as it receives the application for consultation, and invite interested parties to attend a meeting of the Parish Council where it can be discussed.

**125. Reports from District and County Councillors and Police**

The OCC monthly update has been circulated.

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

None.

**127. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, subject to the addition "The Cricket Club is shown on Land registry documents as being owned in trust by three trustees." in paragraph 111.

**128. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The History Group has now purchased a scanner and an A3 copier to copy the old parish council documents. It will also be available for use by other Village Groups. The Clerk confirmed that an email from one of the trustees of the Cricket Club has been circulated to all Councillors. The Council agreed that it should respond to the detailed points raised. It was also suggested that the Council make enquiries of the

Cricket Club as to the timing of their Annual Meeting – which it could then publicise to residents.

**129. 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:

| <b>Cheque no:</b> | <b>Payee and reason</b>  | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Minute Ref</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 400362            | History Group            | Admin         | 118.A/2018        | £435.86       |
| 400363            | Anne Davies Clerk salary | salaries      | Cl salary         | £185.18       |
| 400364            | HMRC                     | Clerk Tax     | Cl ts and cs      | £43.20        |
| 400365            | OALC                     | Subscription  |                   | £138.97       |

**130. Parish Matters – to discuss where necessary**

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

**Village Hall**

The Village Hall has now re arranged its storage to create a secure storage facility in the store cupboard.

**History Group**

The group plan to meet again in late February. They have purchased a scanner and copier to store village documents electronically.

Councillors reported that the distribution of old planning documents to the current residents of the properties involved had been very well received.

- b. **Fringford friends**

This group is available to provide support for hospital appointments etc.

- c. **Village Voice**

The Parish Council noted that the Village Voice is currently celebrating 5 years of operation. The Clerk was asked to write to the editors and the printer with the Council’s thanks.

- d. **Village Green**

The Parish Council noted that potholes across the Green, in Rectory Lane and Church End Main Street had still not been repaired. The Parish Council is waiting for proposals to improve the Green from OCC. The Council agreed that the Clerk should request an update, copying in Cllr Corkin.

The Parish Council agreed to seek permission for the crab apple on the Village Green to be cut back to avoid the need for high sided vehicles crossing the Green to take avoiding action

**e. Thatch on the Village Pump**

Cllr Maciejewski reported that the ridge on the thatch on the Village Pump needed attention. The Clerk agreed to refer the matter to the thatcher, who had carried out the re thatch of the pump in 2008.

**f. Stone Wall**

The Parish Council has now received a quote of £750 to take down the stone wall on the edge of the Village Hall Car Park and make good the stone end. Having considered the matter the Council authorised the Clerk to accept the quote of £550 from Adam Butcher.

**g. Village Hall gable end**

Cllr Maciejewski reported that he had inspected the gable end of the Village Hall, and noted that it was leaning by about 3 inches in 6 ft, probably caused by movement in the hot summer of 2018. The Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation and take appropriate action to support the wall if it became necessary.

**h. Silver birches by Crosslands**

The Parish Council confirmed that they would authorize residents to pollard the silver birches by Crosslands if such action was necessary to ensure that light into properties was not blocked.

**i. Swings/Bench**

The swings/bench formerly at the playground are currently stored with Cllr Reader.

- 131. Correspondence Received** – to note correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda where decisions are not required  
The Council noted the monthly reports from OALC and OCC, which have been circulated.

- 132. Reports from meetings**  
**None**

- 133. Items for information or next Agenda only**  
Cllr McCullough announced that he would be resigning from the Parish Council immediately following the end of the February meeting. A Notice of vacancy will be erected inviting expressions of interest, so that the matter can be discussed again at the next Parish Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March.  
The resignation was accepted with regret, and councillors thanked David McCullough for all his work on behalf of the Council and the Village.

The next meeting of the TVPA Rural resilience group will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> February in Fringford Village Hall.

**Agenda Items**

The Clerk requested that all items for the next agenda should be submitted by 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**134. Date of next meeting**

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the date of the next meeting as Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed ..... Dated.....

| Fringford Parish Council                 |                       |        | Monthly Financial Report |                   |
|--|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|  |                       |        | Parish Council Meeting   | 18 January 2019   |
| Payments processed since last meeting    |                       |        |                          | £858.86           |
| 21-Jan-19                                | Tree solutions        | 400356 |                          | £390.00           |
| 21-Jan-19                                | Mrs A Davies          | 400357 |                          | £185.18           |
| 21-Jan-19                                | HMRC                  | 400358 |                          | £43.20            |
| 21-Jan-19                                | Village voice         | 400359 |                          | £70.00            |
| 21-Jan-19                                | R Howson              | 400360 |                          | £100.00           |
| 21-Jan-19                                | Yelland Farm Workshop | 400361 |                          | £70.48            |
| Receipts processed since previous report |                       |        |                          | £0.00             |
| Bank Reconciliation                      |                       |        | Statement dated          | 13 February 2019  |
|  |                       |        | Savings Account          | £16,102.43        |
|  |                       |        | Current account          | £17,084.04        |
| Items not yet cleared:                   |                       |        |                          |                   |
| Receipts                                 | None                  |        |                          |                   |
| Payments                                 | cancelled             |        |                          | £0.00             |
|  | cancelled             |        |                          | £0.00             |
|  |                       |        | Net Total                | <b>£33,186.47</b> |