**Minutes of the Meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 16th September 2019, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall at 7.45pm.**

**Present:** Councillors Jan Maciejewski (Chairman), John Fargin, Les Harris, John Reader, Adrian Thwaites,

**In attendance:** Hayley Ryder.

**Apologies:** Mick Cowland, Cllrs Barry Wood (CDC) and Ian Corkin (CDC and OCC).

1. **Apologies**

**As above.**

1. **Requests for Dispensations and Declarations of Interest**

There were no requests for dispensations or declarations of interest.

1. **Public Participation**

The Chairman and Secretary of Fringford Cricket Club attended to update the Parish Council on the Cricket Club’s land ownership and current activities. Following an increase in interest from players, the Club has re - joined the Oxfordshire Cricket Association league for the 2020 season, and a full update will be in the next edition of the Village Voice.

Following discussion about the ownership of the Cricket Club land, and the need to safeguard it for future use by the Village it was agreed that the Club would have discussions with their lawyers, and attend a future meeting to discuss options and costs.

Finally the Parish Council noted the current difficulty the Cricket Club is experiencing with dog waste on its ground. It would therefore remind all residents to pick up dog waste and place it in the bins provided in the village.

A planning consultant from the John Phillips Planning Consultancy attended to give the Parish Council a preliminary understanding of a planning application to be lodged in respect of Crown Barn, the purchase of which by a Charity – “My Sunshine” is currently progressing. Following completion of the purchase, the Charity plans to establish a small training facility for teenagers not in Employment, education or training. It will encompass a facility that give training in garment manufacturing and design, and also give training in equine husbandry. Current business plans suggest that there will be about 15 trainees , who will be on the scheme for about 3 months at a time, and who will be collected and taken to and from the facility by mini bus every day, together with about 5 staff members who will be resident on site. Traffic movements will be minimal.

The planning consultants have had initial discussions with CDC planners, whose response has been positive, and an application will be lodged with CDC shortly.

The Parish Council thanked the planning consultant for coming to their meeting, and expressed support for the aims of the project, subject to there not being any issues with traffic or visibility from the site onto the road.

1. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th July 2019.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, with confirmation that Hayley Ryder’s surname is RYDER..

1. **Update on progress from the Minutes**

**Butcher’s Arms Fringford**

The Clerk has circulated the response from CDC to the concerns raised about the Butcher’s Arms planning application.

**Grass cutting**

The grass cutting has been completed and ghost Alley is much clearer.

1. **Report from District and County Councillors**

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

No further news.

1. **Finance**
   1. **To receive the monthly financial report – which is attached to these Minutes and shown as “Appendix A”**
   2. **To consider invoices for payment itemised on the payment schedule**

| **Cheque no:** | **Payee and reason** | **Budget** | **Minute Ref** | **Amount** |
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| 400402 | FVH |  |  | 29.69 |
| 400403 | Grass cutting  Green Scythe | ditto |  | 363.60 |
| 400404 | Anne Davies Clerk salary | salaries | Cl salary | £370.38 |
| 400405 | HMRC | Clerk Tax | Cl ts and cs | £89.40 |
| 400400 | Grass cutting  Green Scythe | maintenance |  | 363.60 |

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

Booking and Caretaking

The current caretaker has resigned, A new cleaner has been appointed, CCTV and a key boxhave been installed.

To carry out the Booking Clerk role the Village Hall Committee has purchased a dedicated mobile phone (07936 879175) and set up a new email address ([fringford.hall@gmail.com](mailto:fringford.hall@gmail.com)) and published this information widely. The Village Hall Committee is also setting up a trial of an online booking and payment system, Hallmaster, which they hope to have in place within a month or so.  
Rick Kemp Event on Saturday, 21st September, with tickets currently selling well.

There will also be the Village Postman’s Retirement event, which is being organised by the Village Hall team. It will take place on Sunday 6th  October from 2.30 to 4.30. Ahead of this the committee are making short video of clips of villagers wishing him well together with a large card.

* 1. **Village Green** – to receive an update

The Chairman is awaiting quotes of the cost of carrying out OCCS suggestion plans. For additional parking across the Green..

* 1. **Playground**

The Parish Council noted that further matting was required, and work needed to the gates and fences. It agreed an estimate of up to £1000 for the work, and authorised the Clerk to arrange for it to be carried out. The Council expressed concern at the quality of the benches and tables, and, once the initial work has been completed, agreed that the table from the former playground should be re installed.

There was concern about the use of the playground in an unsuitable manner. It was agreed that a floodlight with a movement sensor would be erected b the playground, and a notice warning of CCTV installed.

* 1. **VE Commemoration**

Ongoing. Organisation will begin shortly as the Autumn Fayre has now taken place. The event was successful and well attended.

* 1. **Potholes**

The Parish Council noted that the Dragon patcher has been renewing roads in Stoke Lyne. She was asked to request that Cllr Corkin and a Highway Engineer walk around the village to examine the state of the roads, particularly in Rectory Lane and featherbed Lane.

* 1. **Car repairs -Wise Crescent**

There have been a number of complaints from villagers abut the number of vehicles parked for repair in Wise Crescent.

The Clerk was asked to refer the problem to the Housing Association and CDC Planning Enforcement, and , as a curtesy, write to the owner of the vehicles.

1. **Planning Applications/Decisions**
   1. **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**

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| [**19/01728/F**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/19/01728/F) | Glebe Leisure Glebe Leisure Caravan Park Glebe Court Street Heading North West To Stoke Lyne From A4421 Fringford OX27 8RJ | Change of use of a part of a field to a storage area for caravans with hardstanding, security fencing and new hedgerow along the north side |

The hard copy will be circulated when it becomes available.

1. **TVPA Rural Resilience Group**

Cllr Reader will be attending the meeting on 2nd October, where he will raise concerns about the mis use of the playground, teenagers riding scooters along High Street and parents parking on the Village Green when bringing their children to school.

1. **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.

* 1. Royal Garden party – another Parish has nominated a Fringford resident. This nomination was unanimously supported by the Parish Council.
  2. **OALC update**
  3. **OCC update**

1. **Items for information or next Agenda only**

The Parish Council agreed to make part of the Beacon available for a flower display in the Church Council on Remembrance day. It also noted that disposal of Parish records has been arranged, for an estimated cost of £36, which the Parish Council will defray.

It will discuss resilience items at its meeting in November

1. **Agenda Items** was suggested –Agenda items for the next meeting should be submitted by 5th October 2019
2. **Date of next meeting**

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the date of Monday 14th October 2019 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed ……………………………………… Dated …………………………….