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

**Present:** Councillors Jan Maciejewski, John Fargin, Les Harris, , Adrian Thwaites, Mick Cowland, John Reader and Hayley Rider.,

**In attendance:**

4 members of the public.

**Apologies:** 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**

4 members of the public attended, 3 of whom wished to draw the Parish Council’s attention to the land close to the Village which is currently advertised by Carter Jonas as for sale. Parking in the Village is a continual problem and it was considered an opportunity to look for an additional facility for Village Hall/school parking. It was agreed that the Clerk should approach the Land Agent and see if it was possible to purchase a small parcel of land for these purposes. The Clerk was also asked to advise CDC of the Parish council interest in case there should be any future application for development.

Another member of the public attended to ask for Parish Council support in investigating an opportunity to set up a Community Interest Company to invest in activities for the benefit of the village.

A further member of the public attended at the request of the Parish Council to give advice on Risk Assessment to support the parish’s Resilience plans, which were discussed later in the meeting.

1. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th November 2019.**

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

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

The Parish Council were most disappointed that there was no attendance from the Cricket Club to update the Council on its proposals for it land holding. The Clerk was asked to remind the Club again, and to obtain an estimate of the cost of legal advice for the Council.

It was reported that the problem with car repairs had now, in the main, ceased.

The Clerk was asked to write to CDC on behalf of the Parish Council objecting to the Chesterton “Great Wolf” development on the grounds of increase in traffic on local roads.

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

Cllr Corkin has circulated a written report about his OCC activities.

**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** | **reason** | **Minute Ref** | **Amount** |
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| **400419** | OCC | Comet bus |  | £84.00 |
| **400420** | R Howson | tree |  | 100.00 |
| **400421** | Green Scythe | grass |  | £363.30 |
| **400422** | Anne Davies Clerk salary | salaries | Cl salary | £191.39 |
| **400423** | HMRC | Clerk Tax | Cl ts and cs | £44.80 |
| Total |  |  |  | £783.79 |

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

No updates.

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

The Chairman has received a verbal quote in the region of £30,000 to create a raised concrete kerb on both sides of the road, crossing the green with the creation of two passing places which can be used for dropping children off, but not as parking places.

(If my memory serves me right it was suggest by yourself that should HS2 go ahead we could then make an approach with regards to assistance with the cost.)

It was suggested that the school should be approached to see if the land behind the new playground area could be made available for the possible formation of extra parking in the near future.

* 1. **Potholes**

Some potholes have been repaired, but there is still concern about the holes at the access to the Village Hall and most of the remaining roads in Fringford.

The Clerk advised that she had received a complaint about a bus driving over the Green and creating damage. She confirmed that she would report this on receipt of number plate details or ownership details.

* 1. **Resilience**

Cllr Fargin has carried out an initial assessment of risks in the Village. The resident suggested that these should be ranked on a matrix based around likelihood and impact. The resident agreed to carry out the first attempt at scoring the identified risks, and then the matrix will be circulated around other Councillors for input.

* 1. **Christmas Tree**

The Christmas tree has now been erected. The Council expressed it grateful thanks to those volunteers who had put up and decorated the tree, including former Chairman David McCullough.

* 1. **Water Tower**

The Clerk was asked to arrange for a quote from Tree Solutions to clear the overgrown bushes on the land on which a water tower previously stood. This quote is to be circulated amongst the Parish Councillors to seek their opinions on the quote before the go-ahead to carry out the work is given.

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**

None

1. **TVPA Rural Resilience Group**

The next meeting is 22nd January 2020 in Ardley Village Hall.

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. **OALC update**
  2. **OCC update**

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

The Clerk was asked to add a review of the website to the Parish Council agenda..

1. **Agenda Items** was suggested –Agenda items for the next meeting should be submitted by 7th January 2020.
2. **Resignation of Councillor**

At the end of the meeting Cllr Mick Cowland announced that he would be resigning from the Parish Council with immediate effect.

The Council gave him grateful thanks for over 30 years’ service to the Village.

1. **Date of next meeting**

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the date of Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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