**Minutes of the Meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 17th February 2020 in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall at 7.45pm.**

**Present:** Councillors Jan Maciejewski, John Fargin, Les Harris, Adrian Thwaites, John Reader David McCullagh and Hayley Ryder.

1. **Apologies**

Cllrs Barry Wood (CDC) and Ian Corkin (CDC and OCC).

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

There were no requests for dispensations or declarations of interest.

1. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st January 2020.**

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

1. **Co Option of councillor**

The council agreed unanimously to co-opt David McCullagh onto the Parish Council to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mick Cowland. Cllr McCullagh signed his declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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

The Clerk reported that Sanctuary Housing had passed concerns about the condition of the land by the former water tower to its Property Manager.

The Clerk was asked to contact the owners of the land near to the front of the Church to discuss the maintenance of the trees with the resident who has raised concerns.

It was suggested that, following the announcement that HS2 will proceed, the HS2 Community Engagement manager, Cheryl Snudden should be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting. Cllr McCullagh agreed to attend the forthcoming joint parishes meeting on HS2 if possible.

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

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

None

1. **Cricket Ground**

The Clerk was asked to invite the FCC Trustees to the next Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to ask OALC for advice on what the Parish Council can do to ensure the long term sustainability of the cricket ground.

The Clerk was also asked to circulate the form to apply for an Asset of Community Value.

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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| **400429** | Steve Woodward | Pothole repairs |  | £170.00 |
| **400430** | CFO | subscription |  | £55.00 |
| **400431** | Anne Davies Clerk salary | salaries | Cl salary | £191.59 |
| **400432** | HMRC | Clerk Tax | Cl ts and cs | £44.60 |
| Total |  |  |  | £461.19 |

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

The Village Hall and Parish Council are planning to hold an event to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day . A substantial event is currently being discussed, and the Parish Council agreed to contribute £1500 towards the cost of the same.

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

The Parish Council will make a grant application to HS2 to enable it to develop an extension of the grasscrete toward Hall Farm and on the road across the Green, and if the land can be acquired, provide additional parking at the rear of the new playground..

* 1. **Potholes and gullies**

This still requires action from OCC and the Clerk was asked to raise the matter again with Cllr Corkin. Cllr Harris agreed to contact Bicester Sweepers and ask for a price for regular gully emptying should OCC not respond positively

* 1. **Resilience**

Cllr Fargin agreed to discuss the option of placing a hand sanitiser inside the Village Hall with the Village Hall Committee

* 1. **Website**

The data on visits to the Fringford.info website was reviewed but was inconclusive in terms of specific visits to the PC pages. It was agreed that the site needed to be more up to date and in particular that village events such as PC meetings needed to be uploaded to the calendar and event list. Councillors agreed to approach village groups and ask them to send content suitable for the Website to the Clerk who would upload them and also update the events calendar

* 1. **Litterpick**

The Council noted that this had now been arranged for 5th April – starting from the Village Hall at 10.00am. The event to be uploaded to the village website.

* 1. **Councillors’ Allowances**

Councillors noted the rates for allowances received from Cherwell District Council. All councillors agreed that they would continue not to claim allowances or subsistence, unless a substantial distance was involved.

* 1. **Risk Assessment**

Cllr Ryder would review progress with Robin Ryder and report back to the next Council Meeting.

* 1. **Minutes**

Councillors agreed to send comments/changes to the two nominated councillors for final review within 7 days of them being circulated. Draft Minutes would be placed on the website only after this review had taken place.

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.**

Discussions were held regarding new planning application for the Butchers Arms car park. The new application is for 2 semi-detached houses. This application is to replace the 4 bedroomed house already passed.

The Parish Council agreed to object to the application, on the basis that 2 semi- detached houses would require more parking, turning spaces would be limited, and traffic accessing and exiting the site would be doing so on a blind corner. Furthermore the Parish Council agreed to support the request from an adjoining owner to maintain hedge screening.

The Clerk was asked to request a meeting on site with OCC as Highway Authority, to enable Councillors to raise their concerns.

1. **TVPA Rural Resilience Group**

The next meeting is 22nd April in Piddington Village Hall. Cllr John Reader agreed to attend and report back to the Council.

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**
  3. **Wild Oxfordshire**
  4. **Corona virus update**

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

None

1. **Agenda Items** was suggested –Agenda items for the next meeting should be submitted as soon as possible.
2. **Date of next meeting**

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the date of Monday 16th February 2020 at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

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