**Minutes of the Meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 20th January 2020 in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall at 7.45pm.**

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

**In attendance:** Cllrs Barry Wood (CDC) and Ian Corkin (CDC and OCC).

1 member of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr John Reader

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**

1 member of the public attended to express his concerns about the erection of poles to provide broadband coverage along the Stratton Audley to Stoke Lyne road near to the junction with the A4421. Their initial erection caused a broken water main, led to closure of the road, and their location remains a concern.

The Council agreed that the Parish Council would express its concerns to both the OCC broadband team and also to OCC Highways and request that in future the PC would be informed in advance of works of this nature and road closures.

1. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th December 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 understood that Fringford Cricket Club were unable to attend this meeting and would extend an invitation to a future meeting to discuss the safeguarding of the land against any future potential development.

The Clerk was asked to register the land as an Asset of Community Value.

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

Cllr Corkin has circulated a written report about his OCC activities. Both Councillors answered questions about OCC/CDC matters. The Council explained concerns about the proposed changes to the Butcher’s Arms development (to provide 2 semi - detached properties) and Cllr Wood drew attention to the planning process and the opportunities for local members to call an application in for consideration by the Planning Committee.

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

None

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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| **400424** | J Fargin For Payment to Britannia - Brackley | Shredding of old Parish records |  | £48.00 |
| **400425** | Fringford PCC | mowing |  | 195.00 |
| **400426** | Tree solutions | Crosslands |  | £390.00 |
| **400427** | Anne Davies Clerk salary | salaries | Cl salary | £191.59 |
| **400428** | HMRC | Clerk Tax | Cl ts and cs | £44.60 |
| Total |  |  |  | £869.19 |

* 1. **Precept for 2020/2021**

After detailed discussion the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to set a precept for the year 2020/2021 in the sum of £13268 – an increase of 3% on the current precept, and an increase of approximately £1.00 per annum for a band “d” property in the village.

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

The Village Hall is now using an online booking system and has revised its Terms and Conditions and all other hirer documentation.

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

The Parish Council will look at extending the grasscrete beyond Hall farm and will also re-consider adding additional parking to the Village Hall car park, near the new playground. The Clerk was asked to make contact with the Vicar to see if she has any information about land ownership.

* 1. **Potholes and gullies**

This was discussed with Cllrs Corkin and Wood. Cllr Corkin suggested that the Council make enquiries of the work that OCC highway gangs are able to carry out.

Parish Councillors asked that letters be sent to OCC and OCC Highways stating present poor conditions of roads in Fringford village. F.P.C. requested letters to be sent asking when the required works were likely to be carried out.

* 1. **Resilience**

Cllrs Fargin and Reader have carried out an initial assessment how the Village Hall could be used in a major emergency as a refuge and the types of equipment that would be required. It was agreed that it was not viable to install off-grid heating and lighting due to health and safety concerns. Funding for this is therefore not required. The Parish may look into investing in additional gully clearance to reduce the risk of the Village flooding again.

* 1. **Ex Water Tower Land**

Research suggests that this land (between houses on Wise Crescent) is owned by Sanctuary Housing. The Clerk was asked to write to CDC drawing their attention to the health hazard, and to write to Sanctuary Housing requesting that they take action to clear the land.

* 1. **Website**

The Clerk was asked to contact the web site designers to request up to date figures on web site hits, and, specifically, Parish Council hits.

It was also agreed that a link to all Planning Applications should be shown on the Parish council News section of the site home page.

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 no. semi-detached houses. This application is to replace the 4 bedroomed house already passed. New plans had only just arrived so planning will be discussed further at FPC next meeting.

It was agreed that PC members would view the concerns raised by the neighbouring residents on Stratton Audley Road and consider these in a response to CDC.

It was agreed that we should seek an onsite meeting with a representative of OCC Highways; Ian Corking suggested he would support this request.

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**
  3. The Council also noted correspondence from a resident of Church End asking for work to be carried out on the tall trees. The Clerk was asked to make contact with a long standing resident to see if he has any information with regard to ownership, as the council did not consider appropriate to enter land in unknown ownership and carry out major tree works.
  4. The Clerk was also asked to make enquiries about the cost of gully clearance.

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

None

1. **Agenda Items** was suggested –Agenda items for the next meeting should be submitted by 7th February 2020.
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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