**Minutes of a virtual meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.45pm.**

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

**Also present:** Cllr Ian Corkin (OCC and CDC)

R. Damerell (Clerk Elect)

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 December 2020.**

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

1. **Finance**
   1. To receive the monthly financial report – which is attached to these Minutes.
   2. To consider invoices for payment itemised on the payment schedule: -

| **Cheque no:** | **Payee and reason** | **Budget** | **Minute Ref** | **Amount** |
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| 400492 | Mrs A Davies | Salary |  | £183.31 |
| 400493 | HMRC | Cl tax |  | £45.80 |

* 1. Precept

The Parish Council agreed to request a precept of £13,268 which will be an annual payment for a band “D” property of £49.86, down from £50.41 in 2019/20.

1. **County Councillor’s report**

Cllr Corkin reported that the Cherwell DC COVID figures were beginning to reduce, vaccinations were picking up speed. A mass vaccination centre at the Kassam Stadium is due to open shortly. Hospital admissions were still very high.

CDC had been badly affected by the flooding on 23rd December, when 60mm of rain fell in one day, as opposed to the usual 56mm during the month, and all local rivers are higher than normal. At times the sewage system had also been overwhelmed.

Cllr Corkin has asked OCC/CDC to report on which areas were overwhelmed and which areas suffered system failures, and to look at action that can be taken by parishes to make themselves more resilient.

Cllr Corkin was asked for his opinion on the Poundon Road/A4421 T junction, which he agreed had not been working as well as hoped. It was also pointed out to him that the road surfacing at the top of the Poundon Road is also poor.

The Parish Council noted that gullies in areas of Fringford had been overwhelmed. Cllr Corkin confirmed that OCC were currently surveying the gullies Countywide to determine which could be considered critical and require clearing over a period less than the usual 4 years. The PC confirmed that it had provided a comprehensive report to OCC.

1. **Parish Matters** – to discuss where necessary
   1. **Village Groups**:
   2. **Village Hall**

The Village Hall is currently closed for all hirers apart from the pre-school group.

* 1. **COVID 19**

The Parish Council were not aware of significant numbers of cases in Fringford, but agreed they should try to encourage social distancing and responsible behaviour.

* 1. **Village Green**

Further quotes for the work required to increase parking provision adjacent to the Village Green are expected in January 2021, following receipt of which an application for financial support will be made to HS2.

* 1. **Hedge by the Play School**

The trees have been pruned, and some clearance has now taken place. Any further work will be the subject of a grant application to HS2.

* 1. **Butcher’s Arms Car Park Development**

The development has now started and numerous vehicles are parked on the road outside the development. Photographs have been sent to CDC planning and CDC Planning Enforcement. Some work on the pub car park had been undertaken. It was resolved to chase CDC again to ensure that all approval conditions were being met

* 1. **Flooding**

It was resolved to write again to OCC Highways requesting that the roadside gulleys be in the village be checked and if necessary cleared out again.

The Parish Council agreed that it should continue working on the development of its Emergency plan, which would include highlighting properties known to flood, and contain advice to owners on preventative action they could undertake themselves.

The risk Assessment developed in 2020 is to be re-formatted and updated as a starting point for the plan.

* 1. **Broadband (Possible Ultra-Fast FTTP Development)**

The Parish Council is waiting for updated information from OCC and Openreach. When this is available it will contact all residents to ascertain the level of interest in this provision.

1. **Planning Applications/Decisions**

None

1. **TVPA Rural Resilience Group**

The next meeting is to be confirmed. The group also has an active Facebook page.

1. **Correspondence Received** – to note Correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda where decisions are not required.

COVID update

Weekly Planning application list for Cherwell area from CDC

1. **Items for information.**

There was concern that dog bags are not being deposited in the receptacles provided.

It was reported that the present wet weather is damaging the surface of footpaths around the village. It was suggested that the council should report the issue to OCC footpaths, and take their advice on any appropriate action.

Clerk Transition. The transition plan for the handover of role to the new Clerk is well underway, Zoom meetings have been held to progress this.

The Councillors expressed their gratitude for the advice and the service that the former Clerk had provided in the past and wished her well on her retirement.

1. **Agenda Items** –

Long Term Security of Cricket Ground,

Succession planning

Emergency plan

Other agenda items for the next meeting should be submitted as soon as possible.

1. **Date of next meeting**

15th February 2021.

1. **The meeting closed at 8.45 pm**

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| **Fringford Parish Council** | | | |  | **Monthly Financial Report** |
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|  |  |  |  | Parish Council Meeting | 18 January 2021 |
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| Payments processed since last meeting | | | |  | £1,396.36 |
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|  | 21-Dec-20 |  | D McCullagh | 400487 | £361.45 |
|  | 21-Dec-20 |  | greenscythe | 400488 | £205.80 |
|  | 21-Dec-20 |  | Mrs A Davies | 400489 | £183.31 |
|  | 21-Dec-20 |  | HMRC | 400490 | £45.80 |
|  | 21-Dec-20 |  | R White | 400491 | £600.00 |
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|  | 30-Dec-20 |  | donation |  | £7.50 |
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| Bank Reconciliation | | |  | Statement dated | 17 January 2021 |
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|  |  |  | Savings Account |  | £16,227.96 |
|  |  |  | Current account |  | £26,155.01 |
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|  | Items not yet cleared: | | |  |  |
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|  | Receipts | None |  |  |  |
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|  | Payments |  | C White |  | £64.66 |
|  |  |  | greenscythe |  | £205.80 |
|  |  |  | R White |  | £600.00 |
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