**Minutes of a virtual meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 16th November 2020 at 7.45pm.**

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

**Apologies:**

Cllr Barry Wood (CDC).

**Also present**: Ian Corkin (CDC and OCC) and one member of the public.

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 19th October 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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| 400475 | Information Commissioner | admin |  | £40.00 |
| 400476 | Fringford PCC | Grass cutting |  | £295.00 |
| 400477 | Infra serve | Electrical check on VH |  | £303.60 |
| 400478 | Fringford VHC | Covid expenses |  | £112.35 |
| 400479 | cancelled |  |  |  |
| 400480 | cancelled |  |  |  |
| 400481 | CDC | Dog bins |  | £549.12 |
| 400482 | R Wise | Verge trim |  | £168.00 |
| 400483 | Tree Solutions | Hedge by VH |  | £300.00 |
| 400484 | Mrs A Davies | Salary and secure memory stick |  | £234.82 |
| 400485 | HMRC | Cl tax |  | £52.40 |
| 400486 | Richard Howson | Christmas tree |  | £240.00 |

1. **Councillor’s report**

Cllr Corkin reported that OCC were now carrying out their own “track and trace “processes, once the national system had referred matters to them after 24 hours. If necessary, County officers were visiting addresses and making personal contact.

Butcher’s Arms

He suggested that the Parish contacted CDC to establish which planning permission was being implemented.

1. **Parish Matters** – to discuss where necessary

**Village Groups**:

* 1. **Village Hall**

Following advice received the Village Hall is currently used only by the Pre-School Group.

* 1. **COVID 19**

Numbers in Oxfordshire have been increasing, and spread to older residents. It was agreed that the Parish Council would design posters reminding residents of the need to wear masks and comply with social distancing advice. Cllr Ryder agreed to circulate suggestions, and once agreed they will be placed around the village and at the bus stops.

* 1. **Village Green**

Cllr McCullagh reported that he is currently waiting for detailed quotes for the work across the Green and also to renew the area in front of Hall Farm.

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

The trees have been pruned, and quotes for further work are awaited.

* 1. **Christmas Tree**

In view of the current lockdown, Councillors agreed to order and decorate a larger Christmas Tree than usual. To cover the additional cost, donations will be accepted from residents. It was agreed that a sum of up to £250 excluding VAT could be spent on additional lights, and it was suggested that the lights could extend into the tree on the side of the Christmas tree.

Two residents had agreed to contribute towards the extra costs and the PC expressed its gratitude for these gestures.

**Butcher’s Arms**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would seek confirmation from CDC as to the planning approval currently supporting the present construction.

* 1. **Rural Gigabyte Project**

Ongoing.

* 1. **Grass cutting quotes**

After hearing that Green Scythe had quoted a small increase, and the verge contractor’s costs were remaining the same, the Council agreed to extend the current contract for both contractors.

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.

The Parish Council agreed to the request from Lendrums Amusements to hold a fair on the Green during the last week in July.

The Clerk was asked to write again to the occupier of Sunnyside Cottage to ask if the hedge could be cut back further.

The Parish Council has received notice that the Clerk plans to retire at the end of January 2021. It was agreed that the council would

* 1. Approach clerks of local parishes to see if they wished to increase their work portfolio
  2. Advertise the position on the OALC website
  3. Approach the clerk to Bicester Town Council, (who mentors applicants) to see if she had any suitable contacts
  4. Advertise the position on the village website and Facebook page.

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

Emergency plans, Neighbourhood Support and Cricket Club.

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

21st December 2020.

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

