

**Minutes of a virtual meeting of Fringford Parish Council,  
held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.45pm.**

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

**Also present:** R. Damerell (Clerk)

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

There were no requests for dispensations or declarations of interest.

**106. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

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

**Questions / Comments from the Public**

None

**107. Finance**

- a. To receive the monthly financial report – which is attached to these Minutes.
- b. To consider invoices for payment itemised on the payment schedule: -(are these going to be inserted in the schedule below?)
- c. The clerk to establish when and where the resilience fund was granted from.

<b>Cheque no:</b>	<b>Payee and reason</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Amount</b>
400501	John Fargin – Printer ink cartridges for notices and Broadband letters to villagers	Expenses		£22.16
400502	Mr B Damerell April Salary	Clerk Salary		£240

**108. County Councillor's report**

None present

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

**Village Groups:**

**a. Covid-19**

Cllr Fargin updated that approximately 10 days ago the cases in the region were around 15 Cases.

- b. Remote Meetings** – The Clerk updated that there hadn't been an update in relation to the legal challenge to the Government ruling. The Parish Council Resolved to cancel the next Parish Council meeting in May depending on the outcome of court case. The meeting in June has also been delayed until 28 June 2021.

**c. Village Hall**

The pre school is continuing to use the hall. Some of the previous hirers are returning on the 17 May. Dog training has also been happening in the car park. There has been a small amount of vandalism as the A-sign has been broken, as well as alcohol bottles left in the pre-school outside area. The Parish Council agreed to the possibility of extending the CCTV area. There are significant pot holes which have occurred over the last six months. The Council resolved to ask the school if they would be willing to contribute to the repair.

- d. **Village Groups** – to receive an update from any of the Village Groups
- e. **Request from WI to use the Village Green** – The Parish Council agreed to the request. The Council also reaffirmed that any persons wanting to use the Village Green for an event would need to seek permission from the Council. Cllr Fargin volunteered to draft some proposals for conditions for use on the Green
- f. **Village Green/Wall** – Cllr McCullagh updated that there is a meeting with Wayne Barker. They want to widen the lay by next to the Play Area. Estimates projected this would provide approximately 20 parking spaces. This would replace the proposal for parking across the Green. The Council agreed to the proposal so long as there is a sufficient safeguard whether posts or banking, to stop cars parking on the Green. The Council agreed the spaces should be designed to drive in and reverse out. Cllr McCullagh also suggested using the HS2 regular grant to excavate the pond, insert a liner and re-establish the pond. Cllr McCullagh agreed to source three quotes for the work.  
Cllr Fargin suggested a new sign celebrating the historic background of Fringford. Cllrs Fargin and Harris agreed to research ideas for the signs.  
Cllr McCullagh has found another quote for the wall which was approximately £12,000. Oxford Oak Tree quoted removing the trees for under £1,000. The Council agreed for this to proceed.
- g. **OALC - Village Green Training** – The Parish Council agreed for the clerk to attend the OALC training for Village Greens.
- h. **The Butcher's Arms – update** – The clerk updated CDC have confirmed that there has been no update since the last visit. The planning officer is liaising with OCC on the parking and drainage issues. The Clerk to contact Cllr Corcking to arrange a meeting to discuss any next steps that could be taken.
- i. **Broadband service improvement** – Cllr Fargin updated that Openreach have communicated that all vouchers have to be validated again due to ongoing disruption between Openreach and DCMS. The vouchers have also been changed from being worth £7,000 each to £2,380. Cllrs Fargin and McCullagh have continued to contact Openreach with very little response. They will also print and deliver an explanation as far as one is available from Openreach to each household.
- j. **Succession Planning** – The clerk has forwarded through the notices from the Returning Officer for the Noticeboards. It was agreed to advertise the vacancies in the Voice as well as on the noticeboards and the Village Whatsapp Groups.

- k. **Emergency Plan** – Cllr Ryder has started the process and has discussed the document with Cllr Harris. The Emergency Plan is normally drafted for the Council to lead the village in an unspecified emergency.

**110. Planning Applications/Decisions**

21/01054/F	16 St Michael's Close, Fringford	Extension of dropped kerb for vehicle access / disability access	Neutral – The Council agreed to send letters to the impacted houses for any comments
21/00850/F	1 Glebe Farm Cottages, Fringford	Single Storey rear extension and double storey side extension	Neutral – The Council agreed to send letters to the impacted houses for any comments

**111. Correspondence Received** – to note Correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda:

- OALC March Update
- A43 Overnight northbound closures
- Cherwell Parish Bulletin
- Update on Finmere Bridge
- Remittance advice – April Precept
- Notice of Official Mourning period

**112. Items for information.**

None

**113. Agenda Items** – None

**114. Date of next meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

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

Fringford Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	26 April 2021
Payments processed since last meeting				£262.12
26-Apr-21	John Fargin - Printer Ink Expenses		400501	£22.16
26-Apr-21	R Damerell - Salary		400502	£240.00
Receipts processed since previous report				£360.00
17-Mar-21	R Damerell - Salary		400494	£360.00
Receipts processed since previous report				£360.00
17-Mar-21	R Damerell - Salary		400494	£360.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	26 March 2021
Savings Account				£16,227.96
Current account				£27,129.15
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			