

**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,  
held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.45pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: John Fargin, Phil Davids-Austin, Robert Gue, Hayley Ryder, David McCullagh, Les Harris

**Also present:** R. Damerell (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

- 1) **Apologies for absence** – to receive apologies – Cllr Hope sent her apologies, Cllr Corkin sent apologies for him and Cllr Wood.
- 2) **Requests for Dispensations and Declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality** – No Interests or Gifts were declared
- 3) **Public participation – to receive questions from members of the public relating to items on the agenda, in accordance with the Council’s Code of Conduct and standing orders.**
  - A member of the public enquired about the entrance into the field to the left, rear of the pub near the dog bin. There is a problem with low lying access to the field due to mud and flooding. To resolve this the field owner’s plan was to put down hardcore before covering with top-soil and then seeding this with grass. The Parish Council explained that it had no powers to approve such a proposal and suggested to the resident to contact Cherwell District Council to understand whether what was being suggested would need planning permission or be possible under planning regulations. It was suggested that in the first instance consultation with the neighbours is advised to keep them informed of any proposals.
- 4) **Updates from County & District Councillors** - None
- 5) **To approve the Minutes** of the last Parish Council Meeting. – The minutes of the meeting held on the 20 September 2021 were unanimously approved.
- 6) **Finance**
  - a) **To receive the monthly bank reconciliation** – The Parish Council reviewed and approved the accounts.
  - b) **To consider invoices for payment.** – Invoices were reviewed and approved by Councillors. It was agreed for the clerk to ask Green Scythe to carry out one more cut in the village.
- 7) **Parish Matters** – to discuss where necessary
  - a) **Village Groups – to receive an update from any of the Village Groups**
    - **Village Hall** - There have been three applicants for the Bookings Co-ordinator role and interviews will soon take place. The Parish Council resolved to pay for the Hallmaster Booking system license for the Village Hall.
  - b) **Village Green – update and HS2 projects**
    - **Road across the Green** – OCC have agreed to the inclusion of the raised bank and the posts on the Village Green. The Parish Council also agreed to extend the

posts onto the edge of the Village Green towards Main Street. The next step would be source quotes for the works and to attempt to have the grant application submitted to HS2 before Christmas, with works to be carried out in the Summer holidays.

- **The Pond** – The Parish Council agreed to fill in the pond, clear the area of poor or damaged trees and have a natural space including wildlife friendly aspects. It was agreed that Council could employ a landscape designer to come up with a design. (Work will be subject to receiving a grant from HS2)
- c) **Vandalism in the Village** – The Parish Council resolved to source quotes for the installation of two movement sensor lights in the Play Area to act as a deterrent for the vandalism. It was also resolved to source a sign stating the area is recorded during night-time hours only.
- d) **Proposed further speed detection sign** – A member of the public has suggested a new speed detection sign on the on the road from Caversfield. Having discussed the proposal in depth The Parish Council resolved to not purchase a new sign for the time being. The clerk to contact Oxfordshire Highways to check permission for putting up '20 is plenty' signs on the Village Green.
- e) **Kerbside drainage** – The Council thanked Cllr Hope for the excellent report that had been compiled and sent through to Cllr Corkin. The Council also agreed that if no update has been received from OCC before the next meeting the Council will chase this up.
- f) **School** – The clerk confirmed that the current school roll is 101 with a maximum roll of 105.
- g) **Quote to trim the shrubs in Crosslands** – Cllr McCullagh to approach Josh to get a quotation for pruning the shrubs back.
- h) **Consider enquiring about trimming back the corner where the wall is to be rebuilt** – The Council confirmed this this would be carried out as part of the plan to rebuild the wall and clear and tidy the whole area. (Subject to receiving HS@ grant)
- i) **Litter in and around the village / Bin / Dog Waste Bin** – The Council agreed to purchase the bin suggested by Cllr Hope for the roadside in front of the cricket pitch. The Councillors agreed to purchase a post with the new dog waste bin and place this several metres away from the bus stop.
- j) **Broadband service** – Cllr Fargin has met the Chief Engineer and the contract team. Permission is needed from the Baroness to dig several trenches on the green and verges for the fibre cabling. The Baroness agreed with the proviso that Openreach confirm the detail with her Land Agent. Cllr Fargin suggested contacting the Baroness again to confirm that Openreach are ready to start as soon as they get confirmation from the Land Agent.
- k) **Village Resilience Plan** – Cllrs to assess any risks that need to be added to the plan and to forward through for discussion at the next meeting.

- 1) **Proposed memorial bench** – The daughter of Ron and Mary Heritage have proposed a memorial bench for her parents. The Council resolved to agree to the request and place the bench on the Village Green to replace the old current bench that is on the opposite side of the green to the hall.

8) **Planning Applications/Decisions**

Application Number	Location	Proposal	CDC Decision	FPC Comments / Decision
21/02222/F	Laurels Farmhouse The Green Fringford OX27 8DY	Mass concrete underpinning to rear single storey addition and rear elevation wall of the main house	Permitted	21/02222/F

- It was agreed to contact Cllr Corkin in regards to the planning applications system. There have been a number of applications which have not listed the Parish Council as a consultee.
- It was agreed to invite Cllr Wood to discuss both the planning application situation as well as the Oxford / Cambridge Arc.

- 9) **Correspondence Received** – to note correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda where decisions are not required

**OALC Update**

- 10) **Items for information or next Agenda only** – all items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 8 November 2021

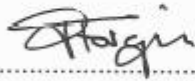
- 11) **Date of next meeting** – Monday, 15 November 2021 19.45

Fringford Parish Council		Monthly Financial Report	
		Parish Council Meeting	19 October 2021
Payments processed since last meeting			£341.99
Date	Reason	Cheque No.	Amount
23/09/2021	Cllr Fargin - Bench Cleaning	400519	£30.00
29/09/2021	Clerk Salary - September	400520	£240.00
05/10/2021	Navitas - Website Hosting	400516	£71.99
Receipts processed since previous report			£6,649.00
17/09/2021	Cherwell DC - Precept 2nd Instalment		£6,634.00
08/10/2021	Peter Southam		£15.00
Bank Reconciliation		Statement dated	
Savings Account			36,105.23
Current account			16,230.43
			52,335.66
Items not yet cleared:			
Receipts	None		
<b>Payments</b>			
2020/21 Carry over		64.66	
Green Scythe	Grass Cutting	£427.20	
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Richard Wise	Verge Vutting	£504.00	
		Net Total	£51,416.60

**Fringford Parish Council**  
**Invoices for payment October 2021**

Cheque no:	Payee and reason	Budget	Minute Ref	Amount
400524	Cherwell DC	Dog Bin waste collection		£549.88 ✓
400525	Bobs Damerell	Clerk Salary		£240.00 ✓
400526	Green Scythe	Grass Cutting		£213.60 ✓
Total				£1,021.48

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