

**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,
held on Monday 15th November 2021 at 7.45pm.**

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

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

- 1) **Apologies for absence** – to receive apologies – Cllr Corkin and Cllr Wood sent apologies.
- 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.**
 - No comments
- 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.
- 7) **Parish Matters** – to discuss where necessary
 - a) **Village Groups – to receive an update from any of the Village Groups**
 - **Village Hall** – The Village Hall has made the decision to raise the hiring prices in line with other local venues to 15%. There are three prospective candidates for the ‘Booking Co-ordinator’ role and interviews will be carried out soon.
 - b) **Village Green – update and HS2 projects**
 - **Trees** – Cllr Fargin proposed the letter drafted in the meeting to the owner of the School House. This was approved by 6 of the 7 Councillors with one objection.
 - **Road across the Green** – The Councillors agreed to erect posts around the entire Village Green. It was also agreed to contact the school at the time of the work to inform the parents of the changes and alternative areas to park.
 - **The Pond** – It was agreed for Cllr Davids-Austin would lead on the project supported by the other Cllrs.
 - c) **Vandalism in the Village** – Cllr Fargin confirmed that it could potentially cost thousands of pounds to install lights by the play area. The Cllrs agreed to put the installation on hold
 - d) **Kerbside drainage** – Cllr Hope updated that she has chased Cllr Corkin for an update on when action will be taken, with no response so far. The Parish Council

noted its disappointment at the lack of action and response on this. It was agreed to contact the Chief Executive of Cherwell DC to try and progress this further.

- e) **Litter in and around the village / Bin / Dog Waste Bin** – The bins have been ordered and will soon be delivered. There will need to be communication with the Cricket Club to agree for the exact location for the new dog bin and then the post will need to be post-creted into the ground.
- f) **Broadband service** – Openreach have clarified that only once Voucher holders have signed up for the product will the internal box be fitted in their house. There is a possibility that the wires and cables will be in place possibly by Christmas or early in the New Year, with the service possibly in place for a target date of March.
- g) **Proposed memorial bench** – The clerk to chase Cherwell District Council for the catalogues for bench examples to share with the residents.

8) Planning Applications/Decisions

Application Number	Location	Proposal	CDC Decision	FPC Comments / Decision
21/03589/F	The Butchers Arms Main Street Fringford OX27 8EB	Retrospective - Erection of a new LPG tank and boundary treatment. New public house car-park demarcation on the land adjacent to The Butchers Arms public house.	Pending	The least the Parish Council would expect is that the plans put forward by the applicants and agreed by Cherwell should be implemented. Could the planning department work with Building Control to ensure that the LPG tank meets all safety regulations required.

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

9) Items for information or next Agenda only

- Cllr McCullagh raised the item of acquiring a quote for the cutting of the trees at Crosslands. It was agreed to source the quotes and to bring these to the next meeting.
- It was agreed to add the Village Resilience Plan to the next Agenda and for Cllrs to send any additions or comments to the plan.

10) Date of next meeting – Monday, 15 November 2021 19.45

Part 2

Confidential business: To consider and resolve whether to exclude Public and Press on the grounds that matters for discussion affect individual staff members/ procedures/ legal/ finance issues.

(1) To Consider seeking up to date legal advice on general practice and the roles and responsibilities of Parish Council members and Clerk's.

- Cllr Fargin updated that he has contacted the Tree Officer at Oxfordshire CC.
- It was agreed to check the Beech tree by the church to establish if there is any immediate safety concern. It was also agreed that the Council would establish the owner of the tree and would forward any and all costs to the owner. Cllr McCullagh to source the quote.
- Oxfordshire Highways Tree Officer has visited the village and inspected the trees near the church and confirmed that should there be any concern from Highways then the Council would be notified. No such notification has been received.
- It was agreed for the clerk to contact OALC for advice on the Parish Council's responsibilities in regards to trees in the village.

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Invoices for payment November 2021

Cheque no:	Payee and reason	Budget	Minute Ref	Amount
400528	Helen Fargin – Village Hall License			212.40
400529	Oxford Oak Tree Surgery			216.00
400530	R Damerell – Clerk Salary			240.00
400531	Information Commissioning			40.00

Total


£668.40

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