

**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 18th October 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 2022 in line with other local venues. 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**
 - **Road across the Green** – The Councillors agreed to erect posts around the Village Green triangle and provide increased parking spaces near the playground and a passing point on the road across the green. It was also agreed to contact the school at the time of the work to inform the parents of the changes and suggest alternative areas to park.
 - **The Pond Area renovation** – It was agreed for Cllr Davids-Austin would lead on the project supported by the other Cllrs.
 - Both the road across green and the pond area projects are subject to acquiring funding from HS2.
 - c) **Trees** – A letter was drafted in the meeting to the owner of The Old Bakery regarding the fallen tree. This was approved by 6 of the 7 Councillors with one abstention.

- Cllr Fargin updated that he met the Tree Officer from Oxfordshire CC regarding the fallen tree on Rectory Lane and asked him to also review the trees near the church, mentioning the Council’s previous requests to OCC. The Tree Officer then visited the village and reviewed the trees near the church and confirmed that should there be any safety concern from Highways that the Council would be notified. No such notification has been received. The Tree Officer did, however, suggest a review of the beech tree in front of the church. It was agreed to get quotations to check the Beech tree. Cllr McCullagh to source the quotations.
- d) **Vandalism in the Village** – It was confirmed that following enquiries that it could potentially cost thousands of pounds to install lights by the play area. The Cllrs agreed to put the installation on hold
- e) **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.
- f) **Litter in and around the village / Bin / Dog Waste Bin** – The bins have been ordered and will soon be delivered. The Cricket Club will be consulted on the exact location for the new dog bin.
- g) **Broadband service** – Openreach have clarified that only when consumers have signed up for the new fibre service will the final stretch of cabling and the external and internal boxes be fitted in their houses. There is a possibility that cabling will be in place by Christmas or early in the New Year. Openreach will inform us when orders for new service can be placed.
- h) **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 a future 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.