**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7.45pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: John Fargin, 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** – Apologies were received for Cllr Davids-Austin.
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 raised a query about the trees on the west side of Church End.** Cllr Fargin confirmed that the Parish Council has contacted the believed landowner over the trees, and provided the tree report. The Parish Council can move forward again once the ownership is established.
* **The resident asked if the owner does not accept liability for the trees what would be done? -** Cllr Fargin confirmed that the Parish Council would seek suitable legal advice.
* **Why has the Beech tree been included in the report. –** Cllr Fargin confirmed that this had been included after communication from the Tree Officer at Oxfordshire County Council who had advised that the Beech tree would need some work not though that it was unsafe..

1. **To approve the Minutes** of the last Parish Council Meeting. – The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th November 2021 were unanimously approved.
2. **Finance**
   1. To approve the 2022/23 precept – The Parish Council agreed to increase the precept by 7% in line with inflation to £14,197.
   2. To approve the 2022/23 Budget – The Parish Council reviewed and agreed to adopt the 2022/23 budget
   3. To receive the monthly bank reconciliation – The Parish Council reviewed and approved the monthly reconciliation.
   4. To consider invoices for payment – The invoices for the previous month were approved and signed.
3. **Parish Matters –** No matters were raised
4. **Date of next meeting** – to confirm the date of the next meeting as 21st February 2021 at 7.45pm.