**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 21st March 2022 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 sent his apologies.
2. **Requests for Dispensations and Declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality –** Cllr Fargin declared an Interest in item 8 (i)
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**.

* Flooding – A resident raised concern over storm drains being blocked causing deep puddles.

1. **Updates from County & District Councillors – Questions were put to Cllr Wood**

* Where is Cherwell with the Local Plan and what impact will it have on Fringford?
* The Local Plan is a long drawn-out process and CDC is not close to the completion. It is likely to promote development where it is most sustainable (primarily Bicester, Banbury). This is also to protect villages from over development. Fringford is likely to be in a similar situation as it is currently. If there is a proposed development in the village then the PC will need to bring this to Cllr Wood if it opposes the plans, and this will then be brought to committee.
* The five-year planning supply (A government rule where every authority must show the current planning applications which have started in line with local plan numbers.) This is currently 3.8 years so there is scope for development within the District. This though does not mean that all development will be approved particularly in rural areas.
* Oxfordshire 2050 Plan - All plans will be subject to the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 which is part of the strategic plan, which Local Plans have to adhere to. This though is still currently in development, though this is unlikely to impact greatly on rural villages like Fringford.
* Planning Reform Agenda – The Government has been introducing a planning reform white paper. This though looks as though it has been placed on hold.
* The Housing need in Oxford has been satiated. However, when the Oxfordshire Plan has been completed this will reassess the need for houses in Oxford and this would be spread in the region rather than specifically in Oxford.
* What is the stage of the Oxford / Cambridge railway line?
* The line from Oxford to MK has been funded. The line from MK to Bedford and then Cambridge has not been funded yet. The stations on this line have been identified as growth areas, of which Bicester is one.

1. **To approve the Minutes** of the last Parish Council Meeting. – The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 January 2022 were unanimously approved.
2. **Finance**
   1. **To receive the monthly bank reconciliation** – The Parish Council reviewed and approved the accounts.
   2. **To consider invoices for payment.** – Invoices were reviewed and approved by Councillors. The Council also signed off the additional signatories for Cllrs Hope & McCullagh.
3. **Parish Matters –** to discuss where necessary
   1. **Village Groups – to receive an update from any of the Village Groups** 
      1. **Village Hall –** The Parish Council resolved to ask the Hall to turn down the request to use the Village Hall for the running event.
   2. **Trees – including by the Church –** The Clerk to contact the Land Agent to ask for a meeting with Cllrs Harris and Ryder. The Clerk to also ask the Land Agent tooutline in an email the plans for the tree works.
   3. **Village Green**
      1. **Road Across the Green –** Cllr Gue confirmed that the quote has been sent to Wayne at Oxfordshire County Council to understand the specifications of what is being planned. Cllr Gue is currently sourcing another quote for comparison. Cllr Gue to ask Dave Rawson for a copy of the application form for the HS2 Road Safety Grant. The posts have been removed from the quote to bring this under the grant limit.
      2. **Application from Funfair –** The Parish Council resolved to agree for the fun fair to be on the Village Green between 24 – 31 July 2022
   4. **HS2 Project / Grant application –** Cllr Fargin updated on the current status on the project. It was suggested replacing the pond area with being the Jubilee Wildlife area. It was also suggested having a Village Sign, asking a residents to do some designs. The post could be sourced locally.
   5. **Broadband service –** Cllr Fargin confirmed that this project has been completed.
   6. **Grass Cutting –** The Parish Council resolved to continue with the Grass Cutting contract with Green Scythe subject to the Councillors reviewing the quote.
   7. **Platinum Jubilee –** Cllr Fargin updated on the events being planned for the jubilee.
   8. **Village Speed Limit –** Following contact with residents and encouragement from Oxfordshire County Council for villages county wide to have 20mph limits the Parish Council resolved to investigate bringing this to the village. Cllrs Hope, Ryder and Gue to lead on the project.
   9. **Footpath at Bancroft** – A resident updated the Parish Council about the circumstances over a tree being brought down in the February storm. The Parish Council resolved to contact Carter Jonas and the Oxford Diocese to confirm that the tree is clearly on Diocese land and that they need to remove the dead tree as soon as possible.
   10. **OALC membership –** The Parish Council resolved to continue with their subscription OALC
4. **Planning Applications/Decisions**

**None**

1. **Correspondence Received** – to note correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda where decisions are not required

**OALC Update**

**OALC – Salary updates**

**Andrew Stickley – Use of the village Hall for running events in the village**

1. **Items for information or next Agenda only** – all items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 18 April 2022
2. **Date of next meeting** – to confirm the date of the next meeting as 25 April 2022 at 7.45pm.

**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. No confidential or legal issues were discussed