

**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,
held on Monday 21st November 2022 at 7.45pm.**

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

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

62) Apologies for absence

- No apologies were received.

63) Requests for Dispensations and Declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality

- No Declarations were received.

64) Public participation

- a) A resident stated that the beacon can be altered for the Coronation if required.
- b) The Council resolved to hold the Newcomers event in the village on Sunday 22 January 2023 in the Village Hall between 2:00 – 4:00. It was agreed to ask Julie Wright if she could provide refreshments. It was agreed for Cllr Mackenzie to draft a flyer for the first week of January and Cllrs to drop these in every house in the village.
- c) It was resolved to invite members of the village groups to the event to introduce these to new villagers. It was also agreed to create an information sheet of contact details etc of these groups and useful contacts.

65) Updates from County & District Councillors – an email was received from Cllr Corkin regarding the Rural England Prosperity Fund for potential small business and farm diversification projects. It was agreed to send this to local farmers and the cricket club.

66) To approve the Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting. – The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

67) Finance

a) To receive the monthly bank reconciliation.

- The Bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved by Councillors following the meeting.
- Council to consult with the residents over any projects which may require funding and to be included in budget planning for 2023

b) To consider invoices for payment.

- All invoices were reviewed, approved, and signed by the Parish Council.

68) Parish Matters

a) HS2 Grant Applications

- Cllr McCullagh updated that the Council is currently waiting for a new proposal from the landowner before any progress can be made to restart the project.
- It was agreed to put out an update on the situation that the Parish Council has been negotiating with the landowner but have not been able to make any progress so far. This to be included in the next Village Voice.

- Cllr Gue reported back from the Village Hall that a quote for approximately £7,000 had been received for resurfacing the potholes on the entrance to the Village Hall.
- The Parish Council approved the request from the Village Hall to take on the maintenance and management of the defibrillator.

b) Trees

- **Tree Survey** – Cllr McCullagh to liaise with the company and engage the tree survey.
- **Christmas tree** – The Cllrs agreed for to have the Christmas tree again this year on the Green

c) 20 is Plenty proposal in the village

- The Parish Council to approach the school to send a letter to parents regarding '20 is Plenty' asking for any feedback whether support or opposition. Any feedback to be sent to the clerk's email address. Cllr Ryder agreed to write a piece for The Village Voice.
- The Council also agreed for a Councillor(s) to attend the coffee mornings to gauge feedback on '20 is Plenty' and any other village matters.

d) Website

- The Council has updated the website and Cllrs are asked to review any methods to make the website more relevant to Parishioners.

e) Mailing List

- The Clerk has refreshed the Mailing list following communication to residents and will add the addresses on the list provided by Cllr Hope

f) Bins

- The Council requested all residents of the Parish to take care when placing wheelie bins out for collection as this can present possible hazards for pedestrians having to walk on the road.

g) Winter Fayre Feedback from residents

- Bring back Bingo** – A resident asked about the possibility of bringing back Bingo to the Village Hall. It was agreed for this to be passed on to the Village Hall Committee
- Quarry rocks around the village green** – A resident asked about putting half tonne Quarry rocks on the Green to prevent parking. The Parish Council resolved that a project is already under way to solve the parking on the Village Green and are still hopeful it will proceed.
- School** – The school is 50 years old in 2023. The School are planning to organise an event in May / June of next year and would like other organisations to be part of this. The Parish Council resolved to make a donation to the event once the official notification has been received.
- Street Lights** – The Parish Council received a request from a resident regarding erecting street lights in the Village to help walking through the village at night. The Council resolved against this request on a number of grounds as it may

provide confusion for drivers over the speed limit in the village once the 20mph limit is implemented. The Council was also mindful that the cost of maintaining, and electricity for the lights will be met by the Parish Council not County Council Highways.

- h) **Cllr Training** – Cllrs Mackenzie and Gue updated on their respective training courses. Both agreed to send through the slides for each course to all councillors.

70) AOB

- A) The Parish Council resolved to agree to the request from the Fun Fair to use the Village Green between the 23rd July to the 30th July 2023.

Items for next Agenda: All items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 12th December 2022

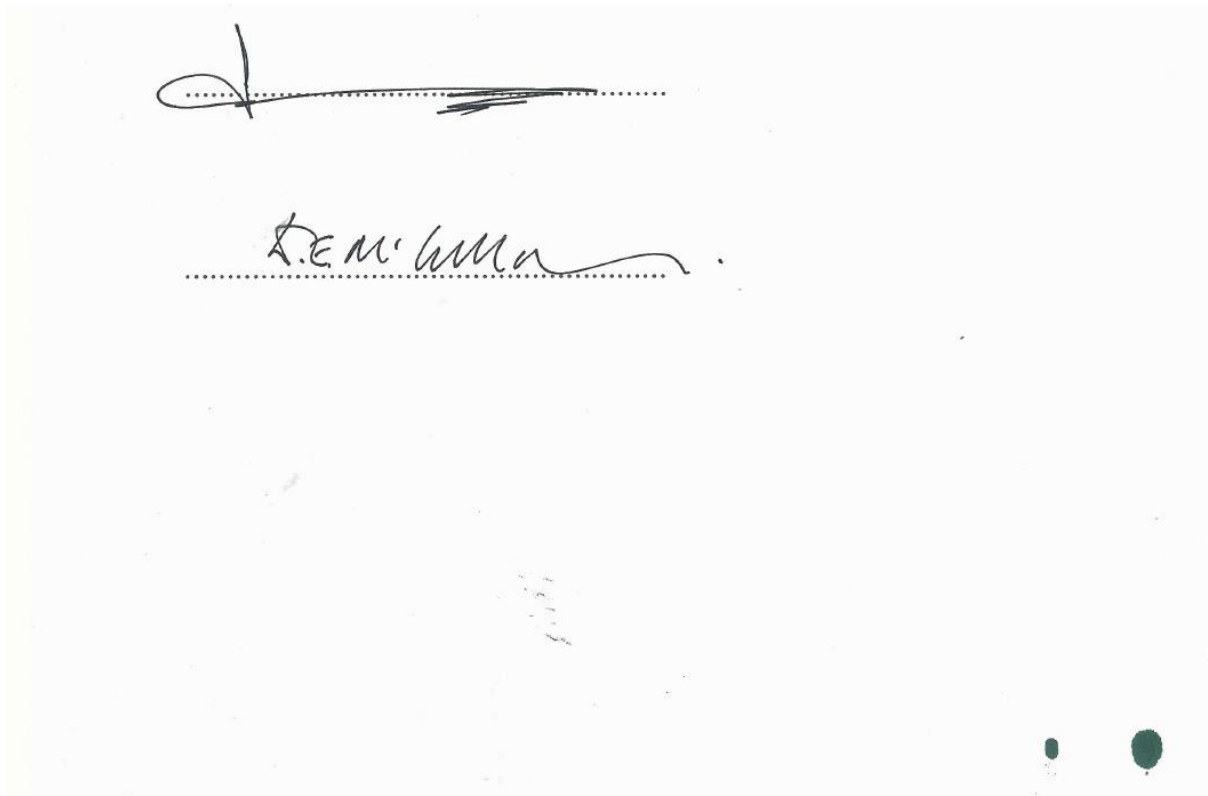
- 71) **Date of next meeting** – The date of the next meeting is 19th December 2022 at 7.45pm.

**Fringford Parish Council
Invoices for payment November 2022**

Cheque no:	Payee and reason	Budget	Minute Ref	Amount
	Bobs Damerell -Clerk Salary			£211.40 ✓✓
	HMRC PAYE			£52.80 ✓✓
	Green Scythe – Grass Cutting (Oct)			£451.20 ✓✓
	Ginny Hope - Flowers			£17.50 ✓
	Green Scythe – Grass Cutting (Nov)			£225.60 ✓✓
	Stratton Audley Barn – Christmas Tree			£136.80 ✓✓
	Cherwell DC – Emotying Dog Bins			£583.44 ✓✓
	OALC – Planning Training			£66.00 ✓✓
	OALC – Councillor Training			£66.00 ✓✓
	Royal British Legion - Wreath			£40.00 ✓✓

Total *ROBERT DAMERELL.* £1,830.74

Authorised by: *BARBARA PA - INCREASE* 116.00 ✓



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