**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 19th December 2022 at 7.45pm.**

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

**Also present:** R. Damerell (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

* Apologies were received for Cllr Hope.

1. **Requests for Dispensations and Declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality**

* No Declarations were received.

1. **Public participation**

* A member of the public was invited to discuss planning application: [22/03502/F](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/03502/F)**,** Richmond House Rectory Lane. The Council resolved that following consultation with affected neighbours, who were appreciative of the amendments, to have no objection to the application.
* A member of the public expressed concern over planning application 22/03741/F, Land Adjacent to Wise Crescent. The resident asked if the Council would be looking to object to the application.
* The Council to contact Cherwell District Council to enquire why the notice of the application has been received late again and to why the letter, dated 13th May 2022 expressing that the application would cause more harm than benefit to the village.
* The Parish Council unanimously resolved to oppose the application.

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| [22/03502/F](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/03502/F) | Richmond House Rectory Lane Fringford Bicester OX27 8DX | Demolition and replacement of existing conservatory, glazed corridor and side extension with a new side and rear extension. Including garage conversion and internal remodelling. (resubmission of 22/01838/F) | No Objection |
| 22/03741/F | Land Adjacent to Wise Crescent opposite, The Laurels, together with Car Ports | Erection of 6 one and a half and two storey dwellings with the construction of new access and footpath, together with carports, parking, landscaping and all enabling works | Object |

1. **Updates from County & District Councillors –** No update has been received
2. **To approve the Minutes** **of the last Parish Council Meeting**. – The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Finance**
4. **To receive and discuss the draft Budget**

* The Parish Council Resolved to adopt the proposed budget and set the precept at £14,976 at an increase of 7.5% on the 2022/23 precept.

1. **To receive the monthly bank reconciliation.**

* The Bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved by the Council.

1. **To consider invoices for payment.**
   * + All invoices were reviewed, approved, and signed by the Parish Council.
2. **Parish Matters**
3. **HS2 Grant Applications**

* Cllr McCullagh has contacted the land owner but has not received any response.
* It was agreed for the minutes of Parish Council Meetings from June 2022 – December 2022 to the landowner to demonstrate that at no time has the Parish Council requested the whole woodland Tree Preservation Order.

1. **20 is Plenty proposal in the village**

* Cllr Ryder confirmed that there had been no update from Oxfordshire County Council in regards to the ’20 is Plenty’ application.

1. **Acorn Biodigester**

* Cllr Harris to contact Evenly Parish Councillors regarding the Biodigester. The Council agreed to move this item to the next meeting once further information had been received

1. **Village Hall update (including car park resurfacing)**

* Cllr Gue updated that the driveway has been completed and the intention is to now complete the whole car park. The committee has made a request to the Parish Council asking if the Council would fund 50% of the cost of the car park, which would be approximately £3,000.

1. **Planning**
2. **Correspondence Received / AOB**

* Cllr Ryder stated that a number of residents have raised concerns about cars parking on the pavement on Church Close.

1. **Items for next Agenda:** All items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 9th January 2023
2. **Date of next meeting –** to confirm the date of the next meeting as 16th January 2023 at 7.45pm.