**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.45pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Ginny Hope (Chair), Les Harris, Phil Davids-Austin, Hayley Ryder, David McCullagh, Robert Gue

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

* No apologies were received.

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

* No Interests were declared.

1. **Public participation**

* A resident asked about the variable speed monitor on Fringford Road and when this would be assessed for faults. Cllr Hope confirmed that two engineers are scheduled to visit the site on the 19th March and will meet with Cllr Davids-Austin.
* The resident asked if this would rectify the situation.
* Cllr Hope responded that the engineers will be resetting the sensitivity of the radar. This will be the first step and this will be reviewed after the engineers have visited the site.
* Cllr McCullagh gave feedback from his conversation with the Abbey Mill Homes (the developers who were granted at Appeal, the planning permission for 6 dwellings on the land at Wise Crescent) to ask if there are any funding contributions that they could make to the village. Mr Northey of Abbey Mill Homes stated that they have not purchased the land, they were instructed by the landowner to apply for the planning permission. The landowner will now determine who they will sell the land to, to then carry out the development. This may take some time. In the meantime, the Parish Council understands that the land for development will be fenced off.
* **Village Gates** – Cllr McCullagh confirmed that £800 has been allocated from The Fringford Relief Fund towards the village gates. The Parish Council resolved to review the project in the summer when the current Village projects are completed and review what funds are available. In the meantime, Cllr McCullagh will look at the options and costings.
* **Wall by the school** – A resident pointed out that there is a second crack in the wall. The contractor has been informed and will return to assess and repair the cracks. Unfortunately, the very wet weather has been hampering this.
* **Dog waste bins** – A resident asked why there is no dog bin on the Jubilee way/bridal way and whether one of the bins could be moved from the cricket pitch. Cllr Hope confirmed that the Parish Council will investigate the possibility of an additional dog waste bin.

1. **Updates from County & District Councillors**

* No update provided.

1. **To approve the Minutes** **of the last Parish Council Meeting**.

* The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

1. **Finance**

* **Financial Spreadsheet** – The Councillors received the monthly Reconciliation.
* **Invoices to pay** - The Invoices were reviewed and approved by the Parish Council.
* **To consider the proposal to changing banks** – Cllr McCullagh proposed for the Parish Council to change banks from the Co-op Bank Lloyds Bank, this was seconded by Cllr Harris and unanimously approved.

1. **Parish Matters**

* **Village Plan 2024 and residents survey**
* Cllr Hope confirmed that 78 surveys had been completed online so far and that the closing date for survey submissions is 28 March 2024. Notices were published in the Voice, Village WhatsApp Group, email group and website. Cllr Hope also confirmed that residents were also informed that should any resident want a paper copy to contact her directly.
* It was agreed for the meeting to feedback the results of the survey to residents will be 11 July 2024.
* **Village Gates**
* As per the Public participation section.
* **Use of ‘.gov’ email addresses**
* The Council agreed to not create ‘.gov’ email addresses for Parish Council business. The Council however did agree that no use of personal data would be used in email exchanges but only in Parish Council meetings where this would be minuted. This process will also be added into the annual risk assessment.
* **20mph Oxfordshire County Council consultation**
  + Cllr Hope to feedback to the consultation to Oxfordshire County Council for reducing the speed limit to 20mph in Fringford – Crow Lane appeared to have been missed off the consultation document so Cllr Hope will flag this omission to OCC.
* **Variable Speed Monitor – Fringford Road**
* As per the Public Participation
* **Butchers Arms – Asset of Community Value**
* Cllr Hope received a draft options report from resident Geoff Vernon to look at various models of how Community Pubs operate. Cllr Hope to share with Parish Councillors for a discussion at the April meeting. It is hoped the outcome of whether The Butcher Arms has been listed by Cherwell DC as an Asset of Community Value will have been received by the April 2024 meeting. Councillors are asked to read the options report in advance of the next meeting.
* **HS2 Grant Applications for improvements to The Green**
* **Village Sign** – The new draft design is to be sent out to the sub-committee in the next week. It has been suggested by the owner of The Green that the updated design should include references to the farming history of the village.
* **Car Parking** – Cllr McCullagh to finalise the specification for the Contractor and the cost with Oxfordshire County Council.
* **Roof –** The roofing works for the Village Hall and the Bus Shelter have been completed and paid for. The funding for 50% of the cost has also been received from Cherwell District Council.

1. **Planning**

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| [24/00437/CLUP](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/24/00437/CLUP) | 3 Crosslands Fringford OX27 8DF | Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Development for loft conversion with dormer extension and rooflights to side roof slopes | No Comments required for CLUP |
| [24/00625/CLUP](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/24/00625/CLUP) | Fringford Cottage Main Street Fringford OX27 8DP | Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Development for the erection of a single storey replacement workshop structure | No Comments required for CLUP |

**Decisions**

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**Appeals**

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1. **Correspondence Received / AOB**

* Councillors to review the Executive Forward Plan from Cherwell District Council to check if there are any relevant items relating to Fringford.

1. **Items for next Agenda**

* All items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 5th April 2024.

1. **Date of next meeting:**

* The date of the next meeting as 15th April 2024 at 7.45pm.