**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 28th April 2025 at 7.45pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Ginny Hope (Chair), Les Harris, Phil Davids-Austin, Hayley Ryder, Max Todd, Robert Gue, Ros MacKenzie

**Also present:** R. Damerell (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

* No apologies were received

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

* Cllr Harris declared an interest in planning application: APP/C3105/W/24/3363162 - Land Adjoining The Cottage, The Green, Fringford

1. **Public participation**
2. **Updates from County & District Councillors**

* No updates received from Cllrs

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

* The minutes of the March 2025 Fringford Parish Council meeting were approved as a true record of the meeting.

1. **Finance**

* **Financial Spreadsheet** – Councillors received the monthly reconciliation.
* **Invoices to pay** - invoices were reviewed and approved by the Parish Council.
* The Council received the Internal Auditor’s report.
* The Council approved and signed the Annual Governance Statement 2024/25
* The Council approved and signed the Accounting Statements in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25

1. **Parish Matters**

* **Update from the Village Hall Committee (VHC)**
* No update to report
* **Butchers Arms – Asset of Community Value and options report regarding possible community pub models**
* No update to report was due but Cllr Hope reported that the pub landlord has given notice to leave in early June. Cllr Mackenzie agreed to email the Beer Festival Committee to check what they are putting in place to plug the gap of the pub being likely to be closed on 14 June.
* **Tree survey**
* Cllr Gue confirmed that the Tree survey has been completed, and the Parish Council is waiting to review the report, which has been sent through.
* Cllr Gue also updated the Council that a resistograph needed to be carried out on one of the trees in the play area.
* **Parish Council Website**
* Cllr MacKenzie updated that she is currently carrying out an audit of the Parish Council section of the website.
* Once the audit is complete it will require a nominated person from each group to maintain their section.
* **Gipsy Traveller Site planning application update**
* The decision deadline has been extended by Cherwell DC to 20 May 2025. The delay has partially been attributed to waiting for the outcome of an appeal relating to another site which may bear relevance to this planning application.

1. **Planning**

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| **Ref No:** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **PC Comments** |
| 25/00439/SCOP | Land at Dymocks Farm Buckingham Road Bicester | Scoping opinion | Object - |
| APP/C3105/W/24/3363162 | Land Adjoining The Cottage, The Green, Fringford | OUTLINE application for construction of 9 detached dwellings, formation of new vehicular  and pedestrian access, associated landscaping, drainage and associated works with All  Matters Reserved except for Access | Insert PC response to Inspectorate when ready |
| 25/00865/F | 26 Wise Crescent, Fringford, Bicester, OX27 8EA | Two storey side extension | Support |
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1. **Correspondence Received / AOB**

* **OALC – Monthly Update**
* **Cherwell Parish Bulletin**
* **Resident – Request for the use of the Village Green for Beer Festival -** The Council approved this request
* **Resident – Request for the use of the Village Green for Open Gardens -** The Council approved this request
* **OALC – Policy update**
* **Cherwell DC – S106 Community Contribution**
* **TTRO – Temporary Road Closure**
* **Moore – Open of Audit window**
* **VE Day –** Cllr Mackenzie spoken to all volunteers and confirmed roles for the event. It has been confirmed that the hall has been booked from 12pm on the 8th May**.**
* **Beer Festival –** Cllr Mackenzie confirmed that preparations are under way but have asked for confirmation from the committee that there will be toilet facilities available.
* **Old Pump –** The Council have received a request to have the village pump ground cleaned up. Cllr Hope to ask Frazer Morgan to quote to scrape and weed kill it. The council to also ask if Frazer would be able to re-point the bricks.

1. **Items for next Agenda**

* All items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 5th May 2025.

1. **Date of next meeting:**

* The date of the next meeting is 12th May 2025 at 7.45pm.