**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 16th June 2025 at 7.30pm.**

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

* Apologies were received for Cllrs Gue & Todd.

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

* No requests were declared by Members.

1. **Public participation**

* No questions were raised.

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

* No update to report.

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

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

1. **Finance**

* **To receive the finance report for 2025/26 -**
* **Financial Spreadsheet** – Councillors received the monthly reconciliation.
* **Invoices to pay** - invoices were reviewed and approved by the Parish Council.

1. **Parish Matters**

* **Village Website**
* Cllr Mackenzie updated the Parish Council of the status of the website audit and recommendations
* Cllr Mackenzie to send the question and suggestions for the Parish Council section to the Clerk to review and respond
* Cllr Mackenzie to send the questions and suggestions for the Village Hall section to Cllr Hope, Christine Underwood, Simon and Victoria.
* Cllr Hope to review with Cllr Mackenzie the ‘News’ & ‘Planning’ Section.
* **Email addresses**
* The Clerk has provided the relevant email addresses to Navitas for creation
* Cllrs Hope & Mackenzie to review the current open email addresses and whether these are still required.
* **Tree Survey**
* Cllr Hope has communicated with the village and the Headteacher at the school on the works to be carried out. The school has confirmed their support.
* The Tree T4 will also need to be done on a different date due to the school sports day. Post meeting note – this was done on the same day.
* **Village Pond**
* Cllr Ryder updated the Parish Council, that she is waiting for a response for a cost to carry out a survey on the soak away pond.
* This will then provide the Council with a report outlining what actions the Council can undertake.
* **Parish Council Information Policy**
* Due to the absence of Cllr Todd, this item was moved to the July 2025 meeting.
* **Playground grant**
* Due to the absence of Cllr Todd, this item was moved to the July 2025 meeting.
* **Village Hall car park grant**
* Due to the absence of Cllr Todd, this item was moved to the July 2025 meeting.
* **Gipsy Traveller Site planning application update**
* Due to length of the decision-making process, Cllr Hope requested an update and a reason for the non-determination. Cherwell DC responded that they were waiting on the outcome of two similar appeals which would provide information when carrying out their decision. It was confirmed the appeal at Hampton Poyle was upheld and Planning Permission was granted.
* Cllr Hope confirmed the Parish Council has engaged Stansgate Planning Consultants to compile an objection speech for the Parish Council to present before the Planning Committee, which is likely to be convened on 3 July. Cherwell DC have indicated that following the outcome of the Hampton Poyle appeal they are minded to recommend the application for approval.
* The Parish Council expressed its disappointment at this and confirmed its intention to send representation to the Planning Committee meeting and address them directly.
* Stansgate will advise and provide documents and information that will be required at the Committee meeting including the written report. This will be provided a week before the committee meeting.
* The Parish Council resolved to request the report be drafted by Stansgate to object to the application, strongly disagreeing that the appeal at Hampton Poyle has any relevance to the proposed site in Fringford.
* The Parish Council resolved for Cllr Hope to represent the Parish Council and speak at the Planning Committee meeting.

1. **Planning**

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| No applications received |  |  |  |
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Updates

* Crow Lane: Cllr Davids Austin confirmed that a surveyor arrived on the site to assess the paddock between Hall Farm and the Forge.
* Cllr Hope contacted Cherwell DC via a Freedom of Information request, asking if they had received a pre-application from Abbey Mill Homes for the land.
* Cherwell DC acknowledged the request and confirmed a response would be provided by 21 June 2025.

**Decisions**

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**Appeals**

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1. **Correspondence Received / AOB**

* **None outside those covered during the meeting.**

1. **Items for next Agenda**

* All items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 11th July 2025.

1. **Date of next meeting:**

* The date of the next meeting is 21st July 2025 at 7.45pm.