**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,
held on Monday 15st September 2025 at 7.45pm.**

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

**Also present:** R. Damerell (Clerk) and 2 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 requests or interests were declared by Members.
1. **Public participation**
* No questions were raised.
1. **Updates from County & District Councillors**
* No update to report form County & District Councillors
1. **To approve the Minutes** **of the last Parish Council Meeting**.
* The minutes of the July 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.
1. **Parish Matters**
* **Village Website**
* Cllr Mackenzie confirmed that she had received feedback from Cllr Hope and is currently working through this and checking for any gaps.
* Once the work on the website is complete then each organisation will be able to make amendments as changes occur.
* The Council to decide on a process on how to edit the changes, whether each group can login and make the change or contact a central person like the clerk to make the amendments.
* It was also agreed to have an at least an annual review with each group of the content to ensure it remains as up to date as possible and maintains a rolling review of the website as a whole.
* **Email addresses**
* The Clerk to chase Navitas for a date to meet regarding the creation of the new .gov email addresses
* The Clerk to send through the details of the .gov email workshop following the session.
* **Village Pond**
* The Council resolved to ask Frazer Morgan to submit a quote to clear and tidy the whole site
* **Playground grant**
* Cllr Todd updated the Council that he had met with the inspector and that no serious faults had been identified.
* The only minor area on the equipment was to strengthen the wooden supports on the climbing frame as these are beginning to decay.
* The matting though is rotting and coming apart and will need to be replaced.
* Cllr Todd shared that to replace the matting like for like would cost approximately £20,000, but if the Council were to upgrade the matting to a more durable and easier to maintain matting this would cost approximately £30,000.
* Cllr Todd has enquired with the National Lottery who provided grants of up to £20,000 and to FCC which does not have an upper limit for grants.
* For both grants the Council would need to demonstrate its engagement with the Community for the works. Cllr Todd has had approximately eight responses to the WhatsApp message to Fringford residents and users of the park. These can be shared with Cllrs at the October meeting.
* The Council authorised Cllr Todd to seek funding from the National Lottery and the FCC Communities Fund
* **Village Hall car park grant**
* Cllr Todd to focus on the Village Hall grants once the grants for the repairs to the Play Area have been submitted.
* **Gypsy Traveller Site planning approval update**
* Cllr Harris also confirmed that has been in consultation with the Council over the gipsy caravan site approcal.
* Cllr Hope has enquired what the process is regarding the monitoring of breaches by the applicant contravening the terms of the planning permission.
* It was confirmed that the Parish Council would need to monitor for any breaches and then inform The Planning Enforcement Team with evidence of the Breaches. The enforcement team would then carry out an investigation into the breaches.
* The Neighbouring landowner has also contacted Cherwell District Council voicing his displeasure of how the application was handled at the Planning Committee. He confirmed he received a generic response from Cherwell District Council.
* **Remembrance Wreath**
* The council resolved to order the same wreath as was ordered in 2024. The Clerk to arrange for this to be delivered to the church as normal.
1. **Planning**

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| [25/02197/DISC](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/25/02197/DISC) | Rose Cottage Rectory Lane Fringford Bicester OX27 8DX | Discharge of Condition 5 (render) of 25/00979/F | For information only |
| [25/02232/OUT](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/25/02232/OUT) | Land North And East Of Manor Farm Bainton Road Bucknell | Outline application with all matters reserved for tourism development Including outdoor and indoor theatres, restaurants, hotels, conference facilities, offices, warehousing and storage, security control centre, medical centre, animal facilities (including stables, aviary, animal sheds), laundry facility and workshops, and supporting infrastructure including waste management centre, wastewater treatment facility, energy centre and sub-stations, photovoltaic (pv) solar panels, water storage tanks and pumps, lakes and water management systems, structural landscaping, internal footpaths, internal vehicular routes, active travel routes, parking and access (outline masterplan). | Refused |

**Decisions**

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**Appeals**

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1. **Correspondence Received / AOB**
* The Council resolved to ask Richard Wise to carry out one last cut of the verges
* The Council also resolved to ask Frazer Morgan to remove the chippings left behind by the works on the trees.
* It was agreed to have the annual switching on of the Christmas lights on Friday 28th November
* Cllr MacKenzie confirmed that she has contacted The Stratton Audley Barn about the new Christmas trees but they are not taking orders until October.
1. **Items for next Agenda**
* All items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 20th October 2025.
1. **Date of next meeting:**
* The date of the next meeting is 10th October 2025 at 7.45pm.