**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 17th June 2024 at 7.45pm.**

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

**Also present:** R. Damerell (Clerk) and 3 members of the public. Cllr Barry Wood attended for the public participation part of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence**

* Apologies were received for Cllr McCullagh. Cllr Hope confirmed that Cllr McCullagh has requested to have a short break from his role on the Parish Council.

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

* No Requests for dispensation or declarations of Interest were received from Councillors.

1. **Public participation**

* **Option of a dog waste bin close to the entrance the Jubilee Way bridal path** – Cllr Hope to follow up with the landowner and price up an additional bin.

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

* Cllr Hope updated the Council that Grace Conway-Murray is the new District Cllr for Fringford and the Heyfords Ward. The other councillors are Barry Wood and Nigel Simpson.
* Cllr Hope congratulated Cllr Barry Wood on completing 20 years as Leader of Cherwell District Council following his stepping down as Leader.
* Cllr Wood confirmed that he has recently been appointed as the Chair of the Planning Committee for Cherwell District Council.

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** – Councillors received the monthly Reconciliation.
* **Invoices to pay** - invoices were reviewed and approved by the Parish Council.
* **To receive an update on the changing of banks from Co-op to Lloyds** – The Clerk updated that both Cllrs Hope and McCullagh have been added to the mandate and online banking access and correct level of authorisation has been completed.
* The Clerk and Cllr Hope to review the best options for the Parish Council to open a savings account to acquire interest on the Council’s funds.

1. **Parish Matters**

* **Village Plan 2024 and residents survey**
* Cllr Hope updated that the outcome of the survey with the feedback from residents has been received from Research Oxford.
* Cllr Ryder expressed that the detail would require further scrutiny from the Council and that some data is not currently displayed in a manner that would readily be understood by residents.
* **Butchers Arms – Asset of Community Value and options report regarding possible community pub models**
* Cllr Hope updated that a subgroup of six volunteers has had an inaugural meeting to decide the areas of focus for each member. The Group is aiming to bring a report of their workings for the September Parish Council meeting.
* **HS2 Grant Applications for improvements to The Green**
* The Project is due to commence on Monday 22 July 2024. Cllrs Hope, Harris and Gue met with OCC Highways and the contractor Greenfords to discuss the project and the details of how this would be implemented. Cllr Hope reiterated that the bulk of the work would take place during school holidays.
* Communication will be required for the village regarding the disruption and traffic management which will be implemented during the work.
* OCC Highways have confirmed that they will repair and fill in the potholes on the road and on the verges bordering the Village Green. The road across the middle of the Green will be made a consistent width and to allow parking on one side during peak times whilst allowing passing vehicles. The PC will place signage to this effect.
* The Play Area will remain open and it was confirmed that safety fencing will be placed around the area, in order to make the play area safe for operation for the duration of the works.
* The Council agreed in principle to contribute additional funding to the project. The exact amount to be confirmed.

1. **Planning**

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| [24/01354/NMA](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/24/01354/NMA) | Richmond House Rectory Lane Fringford Bicester OX27 8DX | Minor amendments, including omission of zinc cladding, rooflight positions adjusted, gable extension adjusted, louvre omitted, garage conversion omitted, new windows amended designs (proposed as non-material amendment to 22/03502/F) | No Comment Required – For information only |
| [24/01477/DISC](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/24/01477/DISC) | Land Northeast Of Fringford Study Centre Adjoining Rectory Lane Fringford | Discharge of Condition 3 (Written Scheme of Investigation) of 22/00998/F | No Comment Required – For information only |

**Decisions**

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**Appeals**

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1. **Correspondence Received / AOB**

* **Leaning Electricity Cable poles at Hall Farm** - Following concerns raised by a resident about electricity power cuts in the village, which were subsequently escalated by Victoria Prentis MP, and then followed up by Cllr Hope, Scottish and Southern Electric (SSE) visited the site and have concluded that the leaning posts will be changed.SSE did state that the panning to do this can take time and for the installation to take place as they are high voltage cables. The Parish Council will keep residents informed.
* **Man Hole** cover– Cllr Hope updated about a man hole cover for the water hydrant is missing on the corner of the Green and is covered by traffic cones. This was subsequently reported to CDC who stated that this was a matter for Anglian Water. After communication with Anglian water, an incorrect technician was sent to the site. Further investigation from Cllr Hope suggested that the responsible authority is Thames Water who have stated that they will investigate the site within ten days, which have subsequently expired. Cllr Hope to follow up with Thames Water.
* **Bird Boxes** – Cllr Hope updated that she had received bird boxes from children at Fringfordschool and will arrange for these to be put up in trees by the pond.. The Council expressed its thanks to Frazer Morgan for the planting of the bluebells donated by the Baroness. Frazer has also strimmed around the memorial tree and will strim under the benches.

1. **Items for next Agenda**

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

1. **Date of next meeting:**

* The date of the next meeting is 15th July 2024 at 7.45pm.