**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,   
held on Monday 15th July 2024 at 7.45pm.**

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

**Also present:** R. Damerell (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

* Apologies were received for Cllr McCullagh.

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**

* **Fringford Friends** – Cllr Hope updated that funding of £416.17 for Fringford Friends was placed with the Parish Council in approximately 2016. It was agreed at the time by the Parish Council to hold a small amount of money on behalf of Fringford Friends. The current Parish Council agreed to separate this money on the financial spreadsheet to identify this for any future payments for Fringford Friends.
* **Q. Why was Fringford Friends not registered as a charity?**
* A representative from Fringford Friends said that as they are linked to AgeUK it never seemed necessary to register as a charity as it was also a very small scheme.

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

* No update received

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.

1. **Parish Matters**

* **Village Plan 2024 and residents survey**
* Cllr Hope updated that results have been received from the survey and these have been collated and written up in a report. The Parish Council has requested the original data from Research Oxford to provide context when reviewing the report.
* The Parish Council will look at the priorities that have come through from the survey and review whether these are realistic for the village to be able to achieve.
* The Parish Council will help to facilitate events happening but won’t be organising or running events but will help with access to funding. The purpose of the survey was to establish what residents wanted in the village, but that it would require residents to volunteer to be able to make these events / projects possible.
* **Butchers Arms – Asset of Community Value and options report regarding possible community pub models**
* Cllr Hope confirmed that the sub-group is looking at current options to bring to the September Parish Council meeting for review.
* **HS2 Grant Applications for improvements to The Green**
* Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has made it clear that the project is an OCC Highways scheme and designed after consultation with the PC including the safety concerns raised by a resident and continual damage and erosion of the Green.
* OCC has made it clear that the Parish Council is not permitted to liaise with the contractor directly but only through OCC. The contractual relationship is between OCC (Commissioner) and Greenfords (Contractor).
* Some of the posts will be set slightly further into the Green to allow reversing space for the school buses.
* Road across the Green – all potholes to be repaired and the overall width of the road to a standard width of 4.7m, which is the statutory highways width.
* Another set of posts will be set slightly further back to allow vehicles to be able to pass each other and access for emergency vehicles due to the significant number of cars during peak times.
* The current start date is likely to be either 22nd or 29th July.

1. **Planning**

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| **Ref No:** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **PC Comments** |
| [24/01613/F](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/24/01613/F) | Land Adj To Wise Crescent Opposite The Laurels Fringford | Variation of Condition 2 (plans) and 8 (stone sample panel) of 22/03741/F & APP/C3105/W/23/3324251 - We wish to vary the noted conditions to relate to amended plans and elevations which allow for alterations to house types, including an amended site plan to change the layout of the shared pedestrian path leading to Main Street. | Object – See Appendix A |
| [24/01614/DISC](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/24/01614/DISC) | Land Adj To Wise Crescent Opposite The Laurels Fringford | Discharge of Condition 5 (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation) of 22/03741/F (APP/C3105/W/23/3324251) | no comments |

**Decisions**

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| **Ref No:** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **Decision** |
| 23/03572 | Land to the rear of Bakery Cottage Main Street Fringford | Certificate of Lawfulness for existing development for use of the application site as residential garden. | Approved |

**Appeals**

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| **Ref No:** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **CDC Decision / Comments** | **Parish Council Comments** |
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* Cllr MacKenzie to attend the Puy du Fou consultation event on 18 July about a proposed event site on land close to the M40 and Bucknell. Post meeting note - the Parish Council submitted the comments as attached Appendix B.

1. **Correspondence Received / AOB**

* **Dog Waste Bin –** The new dog waste bin for the Jubilee Way bridal path has been approved and ordered at a cost of £367.57 and hopefully installed by the next meeting.
* **History Group –** Cllr Gue to obtain a quote for the digitising the historical records.
* **Portrait of King Charles –** If the Village Hall Committee agree, Cllr Harris and John Reader to hang the portrait of His Majesty King Charles in the Village Hall.
* **Speed Signs –** Cllr Hope to arrange for the speed signs in the village to be reduced to reflect the new 20mph speed limit in the village.
* **Website** – Cllr Mackenzie) to contact Navitas design about reviewing and updating the village website.

1. **Items for next Agenda**

All items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 6th September 2024. It was decided that due to Cllrs on holiday that there would be no August meeting this year.

1. **Date of next meeting:**

* The date of the next meeting is 16th September 2024 at 7.45pm.

**Appendix A - Land AdjacentTo Wise Crescent Opposite The Laurels Fringford**

The Parish Council objects to the proposed variations specifically in relation to the  
realignment of the shared pedestrian access off and onto the development for the following reasons:  
  
1) Loss of visual amenity. With the new proposed location of the pedestrian access now being at 90 degrees towards an existing property, Sunnyside House, there will be significant loss of visual amenity from the living/dining room of that property. Currently, the visual outlook at ground level from the property is onto grassed verge and 4m high hedgerow.

2) Loss of privacy in the 2 main downstairs living spaces of Sunnyside House, as pedestrians leaving the site will be walking directly towards and looking into the property at ground level.

3) Detrimental impact on the rural in character nature of the street scene. The relocation of the pedestrian access will result in the removal of an already existing and mature 4m high hedgerow.

4) The removal of an established hedgerow will result in the unnecessary loss of bird, small mammal and insect habitat. An existing gap in the hedgerow exists where the original pedestrian access was approved.

5) The already approved location of the pedestrian access at the corner junction does not detrimentally impact any properties and safety measures should be in place to ensure this corner location is safe for pedestrians. This should be the priority not reducing the amount of highways works.

**Appendix B – Puy du Fou consultation comments**.

**Puy du Fou Consultation - 18th July 2024. Bicester.**

**Planning.**

Puy du Fou has a purchase option on the land. The landowner will be paid a retainer until planning is granted. If they do not get planning, they can walk away. If they do get planning, they are committed to buy the land.

The planning application will not be submitted until June 2025.

The focus for this year is to do the due diligence. All the land / environmental surveys are taking place now. If they are granted planning permission, they expect to have to re submit a detailed plan. They expect this to take 12 months to complete. Therefore, the build will not start until 2026 and is expected to take 3 years. Opening 2029. On Site Accommodation The site will open with one hotel. There is space for a second on the plan. Each room can sleep up to four people 2a & 2c. The example I was given is a double / twin room and a set of bunk beds behind a curtain. There was a meeting with local business owners & hoteliers in the morning before the public consolation to share the need for further accommodation.

**Access**

Car access will be from the M40 via Baynards Green. There are no plans for a spur road directly from the M40. Many of the public who were present on the day stressed their concerns about the traffic issues that already exist at Baynards Green. Bus access, there will be a regular bus service that will run from both stations. The buses will operate as a normal bus service with stops along the way for anyone to use.

These are all the display boards that were on show on the day. They are pictures from the existing 2 sites in France and Spain. It is not like any theme park I’ve seen before. Very educational. Not a rollercoaster in sight. It appealed to me as a visitor. It was extremely well done with costumes, props and 4 different videos playing. Our Vision shows the access and a plan of the site.

A map of land with text and a sign

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