

FRITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the Meeting on Monday November 26th 2018

Before the main agenda Cala homes presented a draft proposal for 38 homes off Fewcott Road followed by residents' questions and comments.

Details of this part of the meeting are reported in a separate note.

The proposed layout and schedule of dwellings are on the parish council website.

1. **Present:** Chair Polly Foster, Councillors Ultsch, Barlow, Rooth, Stillgoe and the Clerk. Apologies from Councillor Reeves
Cllr Mike Kerford-Byrnes (CDC) and Cllr. Arash Fatemian (OCC) attended for part of the meeting.
There were 10 members of the public present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Councillors Rooth and Foster declared an interest for an item under point 11.
3. **Public Participation** – there were no issues raised.
4. **Cllr. Kerford-Byrnes** – reported that the split with South Northants is progressing and the joining up of some activities with Oxford City Council is going ahead steadily and savings can be made by sharing some business activities such as legal. It is likely that the council tax will remain unchanged for a further year but in 2020/21 it is likely to rise but only very slightly. Extra income will be raised from projects such as the Castle Quay development in Banbury. The Parish Council asked if he knew what the hold-up is with the sale of the properties on Covert Farm and Cllr Kerford Byrnes said he would investigate. **ACTION Cllr. Kerford-Byrnes**
5. **Cllr Fatemian** – Had nothing further to report and agreed with Cllr Kerford-Byrnes that savings can be made by joining up activities of CDC and OCC. He was asked if the “Dragon Patcher” will be returning to fill holes that were missed last time and replied that he would raise it with Highways. **ACTION Cllr. Fatemian.**
6. **Minutes of 17th September 2018** – there were no corrections. These were agreed as a correct record.
7. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.**
 - We need to keep a watching eye on the Oxford-Cambridge expressway. The route eventually chosen around Oxford might impact on our area.
 - The pond gate is now finished and a padlock will be fitted for safety. **ACTION Clerk to get padlock and also to chase up the promised plan of where all the pipes are for maintenance purposes.**
 - Cemetery regulations and pricing to go onto the January agenda **ACTION Cllr. Barlow and Clerk**
8. **Community Transport** - to agree the expenditure on the Comet bus service. Cllr Foster explained how the new permanent service was agreed on and Cllr Fatemian agreed to use some of his funding to cover the cost of this service for Fritwell for which everyone was very grateful. **ACTION Cllr Fatemian to send paperwork to apply through OCC Councillor Locality Funding.**
9. **Village Maintenance Contract** – to agree next year's arrangement. Cllr Rooth explained that the current arrangements have been terminated but there has been no acknowledgement from the contractor. He has sent no further invoices however. Going forward we will review the way the tender is organised and the various tasks may be separated out. **ACTION Cllr Rooth to draft and circulate for comment and amendment before the January meeting.**
10. **Financial Matters**
 - Financial Report – Cllr Barlow reviewed the spending in the last quarter which has been less than income – the main expenditure has been on dog bins and the clerk.

- Village Projects – Spending on the cemetery improvements and the village noticeboard(s) was agreed in principle. The other projects on the list will be kept under consideration.
- Budget for 2019/20 – The draft budget was outlined by Cllr Barlow and he explained that the spending needs to be decreased slightly as we do not yet know whether there will be any income from the New Homes Bonus scheme. Some funds for election expenses will be added and training for new councillors. Village maintenance spending to increase slightly to allow for re-tendering. It was agreed that the budget can be finalised by email and approved in the January meeting. **ACTION Cllr. Barlow and Clerk**
- The Forget-me-Nots sent in an application for funding which the clerk has not seen. **ACTION Helen Metcalfe to re-send** and this will be considered urgently once received.

11. Planning Matters – last two months applications and approvals

• Menage for exercising horses
Lodge Farm 71 East Street Fritwell Bicester OX27 7QF
Ref. No: 18/01966/F Received: Tue 13 Nov 2018 Validated: Tue 20 Nov 2018 Status: Pending Consideration
• T1 x Ash- Reduce back heavy lateral branches extending over clients property by up to 3m, including major deadwood.
New Home Farm 76 North Street Fritwell Bicester OX27 7QR
Ref. No: 18/00334/TCA Received: Mon 12 Nov 2018 Validated: Mon 12 Nov 2018 Status: Pending Consideration
• T1 x Lime - Reduce by 3.0m and reshape. T2 x Sycamore - Reduce by 2.5m and reshape.
Gardeners Cottage 34 North Street Fritwell Bicester OX27 7QR
Ref. No: 18/00321/TCA Received: Fri 26 Oct 2018 Validated: Fri 26 Oct 2018 Status: Pending Consideration
• G1 x 2 nos Apple, 2 x no Pear, 1 x unidentified species - Prune as are growing into the canopy of Pear tree.
Holywell 7 The Lane Fritwell Bicester OX27 7QW
Ref. No: 18/00302/TCA Received: Mon 15 Oct 2018 Validated: Mon 15 Oct 2018 Status: Application Permitted
• Discharge of Condition 5 (stone sample) of 17/01954/F
The George And Dragon 15 East Street Fritwell Bicester OX27 7PX
Ref. No: 18/00400/DISC Received: Fri 05 Oct 2018 Validated: Mon 22 Oct 2018 Status: Pending Consideration

- Cllr Ultsch briefed the public about the issue with the Dar's field at the bottom of Forge Place. Mr and Mrs Dar approached the Council again regarding development on this land. Cllr Ultsch responded to them explaining that the land is not designated for development and the council would seek the views of the village again if an application was submitted. There has been no acknowledgement of Cllr Ultsch's correspondence (sent via the Clerk).
- MCNP – the report from the inspector has been delayed but it is still hoped that there will be a referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan in the Spring.

- 12. Winter Weather Planning** – the Clerk has received quotes from Turney's for pedestrian gritters. **ACTION Clerk to forward the quotes to the rest of the council and Mike Dockrey.** The Council will buy 50 bags salt and Cllr Barlow and Mike Dockrey kindly agreed to store 25 bags each. **ACTION Clerk to update the Winter Weather section of the emergency plan and send round for approval.**

13. Correspondence

Mr and Mrs Dunn reported that the bus turning area and parking outside the school is still difficult around 9am and 3pm causing dangerous situations and blocking driveways in this part of East Street.

The Parish Council has received communication about dates relating to the Parish Council elections on Thursday 2nd May 2019. The final date for people to enter or withdraw their candidacy is 4th April. The clerk will receive further instructions in February and will meantime prepare something for the Three Parishes Magazine encouraging candidates. **ACTION Clerk**

14. Any Other Business

There was none.

The meeting was closed at 9.20pm

Dates of future meetings (all in the Village Hall at 7.30pm):

- Monday January 14th 2019
- Monday 18th March 2019
- Monday 13th May 2019 (AGM&APM)