

## FRITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held at the Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7pm

**Present:** Councillors Polly Foster (Chair), Jonathan Boyce, Sheila Ultsch, Gillian Simmonds, Clerk (Caroline Westall), 5 members of the public and Cllr Mike Kerford-Byrnes (CDC) & Cllr Arash Fatemian (OCC).

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed all. There were no apologies.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Boyce noted that he had an interest in any matters discussed involving the village pond or the enforcement relating to a neighbouring property.

#### 3. Public Participation

CALA Homes: Resident updated the meeting on the current state of the CALA Homes proposed development stating that notification of the section 106 agreement\* had now been received and all details were posted on the planning website ref.19/00616/OUT  
*\* Section 106 (S106) agreements are legal agreements between Local Authorities and developers, these are linked to planning permission and can also be known as planning obligations.*

Cllr Foster clarified that the 28 homes and access was approved in December 2019. The current application 21/02180/REM was for the reserved matters.

Reference was also made to a document from Anglian Water relating to this development (over 12 months ago) and it was suggested by Cllr Kerford-Byrnes that we contact Paul Mann about the flood risk.

A resident raised the issue of potential conversion of land use from agricultural to residential garden within a village location. The issue had previously been reported to the Parish Council via email. The concern was that leylandii trees had now been planted on the land in question, a chicken coop erected, benches placed and the grass frequently and permanently low cut resembling a lawn. Mike Kerford-Byrnes advised that a complaint could be made directly to Cherwell District Council but it was unlikely to be considered as a change of use at this point. Cllr Boyce and Cllr Foster confirmed that they had spoken to the owner informally and requested that the wire netting should be removed from the stiles to allow dogs to pass easily, or the stiles replaced by a more suitable design (e.g. "kissing gates").

Cllr. Foster also informed residents that the Parish Council had put forward this land to the CDC Local Plan Review as a Local Green Space and residents will be able to give their views when the public consultation comes out, expected in the Autumn.

#### 4. Minutes of Meeting held on 10th May 2021

With a small amendment to point 4 (date of last meeting) the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

#### 5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda

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5.1 (5.1 on previous meeting minutes) Sewage Plant, Ground Water and Tankers.

Cllr Foster advised that the Parish Council were continuing to communicate with Anglian water and Cllr Boyce suggested that the communications were made public. This was agreed by all.

5.2 (5.2.3 on previous meeting minutes) Cemetery bench: Cllr Ultsch updated the meeting. The Parish Council received 3 estimates and attended (with potential suppliers) site visits by two of the three. The successful supplier is Iron Forge Design (Brackley) who will provide a circular seat at a cost of £1,500 plus VAT with an estimated delivery date in early September. Parish Council thanked Cllr Ultsch and Cllr Boyce for their work on this.

5.3 (5.2.4 on previous minutes) Cemetery Hedge and Gate: On-going and Cllr Boyce will follow up and report at the next meeting.

5.4 (5.2.5 on previous minutes) Emergency consent forms: work in progress by clerk but noted that this needed to be completed with some urgency.

5.5 (Item 8: Current Financial Matters on previous minutes) - Request for Funding for Volunteer Drivers Scheme. Decision made that the Parish Council would not provide funding for this scheme at this time.

5.6 (item 5.4.2 on previous minutes) damaged verge at Forge Place – no follow up actioned but noted that it appears to be recovering unaided.

5.7 (Item 7 on previous minutes) posts on Raghouse Lane. The subject was discussed again but no progress has been made. Cllr Arash Fatemian has taken an action to investigate further and update the chair.

5.8 (Item 5.4.3 on previous minutes) Forge Place road condition – has been reported but no further update as we are awaiting a call back from highways.

5.9 (item 8 on previous minutes) SID replacement – Cllr Boyce confirmed that delivery is expected by 30<sup>th</sup> July and when installed and tested, the invoice will be paid. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Boyce for his work on this.

## **6. Community Bus**

Cllr Foster reported that a new service had been offered and advertised with a 4 week trial starting Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. This would effectively present competition to the current Lynx bus which appears to be going well for the Bicester route and is popular with residents as it fully facilitates mobility issues. Cllr Foster has spoken to Cllr Ian Corkin and pointed out that Fritwell users are very happy with the Lynx service.

## **7. Local Councillor Reports**

**County Cllr Fatemian:** The chair welcomed Cllr Fatemian and congratulated him on his re-election in May.

Cllr Fatemian commented on the parish success in applying for a grant from the OCC Local Councillor Priority Fund and pointed out that it was still open and another application could be made if the PC felt this was appropriate.

As per point 5.5 Cllr Fatemian agreed that communication with Highways was difficult and that he would follow up the situation with fencing along a section of Raghose Lane.

Cllr Kerford Byrnes noted the Cala development and stated that this consisted of 28 homes of which 10 were classified as affordable homes. He went on to explain the planned change to council funding through the building of new homes in the area. Currently the council receive 100% of the council tax on new homes for 1-4 years. This will be removed which will impact the budget by -£7.5 million in addition to the reduction of -£2.5 million already planned. Overall a -£10 million reduction to a £25 million budget.

Changes to bin collection: Cllr Kerford-Byrnes informed the meeting that the county had signed up to the proposed changes to brown bin collections to receive the £1.5 million early sign up allowance. The scheme will result in additional charges for brown bin collection. The decision to use the services (brown bin collection) is optional by household.

Cllr Kerford-Byrnes noted the proposed logistics hub development at Baynards Green covering 230 acres. Details can be found on the planning website (Ref: 21/02235/SCOP).

Also the Rail Freight Interchange that would be a national decision.

The CDC Local Plan Review is scheduled for autumn consultation.

Cllr Foster stated that the Parish Council were aware and active on all these planning issues and working with MCNP and others.

## **8. Current Financial matters**

Payments since last meeting approved

Transfer of funds for payment of SID (when installed and working) approved.

Accounts approved

## **9. Village Maintenance**

Majority covered in point 5 – Matters arising from last minutes.

Gate Painting: Volunteers needed and all those interested can contact the clerk via email.

## **10. Planning Matters**

Baynards Green - Covered by Cllr Kerford-Byrnes update

Local Plan with consultation due in the autumn – Cllr Boyce to add a link to planning on the Parish Council website to allow comments.

## **11. Correspondence**

Item 12.1 from previous meeting - Report of gate on East Street blocking public footpath. The situation is being monitored but appears to have improved.

## **12. Any Other Business**

Deadline for 3 Parishes: all to submit suggestions to Cllr Foster.

## **13. Date of Next Meetings**

TBC but AGM will be prior to next meeting.