

FRITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at the Village Hall on 12th September 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Polly Foster (Chair), Gillian Simmonds, Marc Beeney, Jonathan Boyce, Cllr Arash Fatemian (OCC), Clerk (Sharlene Williams) and 8 members of the public

1) Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed all and started the meeting with a two-minute silence in honour of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Apologies from Cllr Sheila Ultsch and Cllr Eddie Reeves (CDC)

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

Residents brought to the attention of the councillors that there are three broken styles near Goose Farm and Heath Farm. One resident said he would check his style (as his style is one noted as broken). But he commented that he does hope it is not damaged from improper use by residents. Another resident will talk with residents at Heath Farm about theirs.

7.15pm Cllr Arash Fatemian arrived.

4) Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 11th July 2022

All Councillors agreed to accept the draft minutes as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting held on 11th July. Proposed by Cllr Simmonds, seconded by Cllr Beeney and agreed by all. The minutes will be signed by Cllr Foster.

5) Matters arising from the Minutes (not covered by the agenda)

5.1 Fence between the 2 blind bends near the beginning of Raghouse Lane still an issue of concern for the village. Cllr Fatemian has no update and is still awaiting a response.

5.2 Cllr Boyce confirmed he is now a 'Super User' on Fix My Street. He urged residents to contact him via phone or email if they are aware of any potholes.

5.3 Cllr Ultsch had an update from Anglian Water (read out by Cllr Foster).

After surveying along North Street and down East Street, there is some evidence of clean water infiltration on North Street. This has been passed onto our partners to be fixed. The repair work shouldn't be disruptive, as this is quite simple to fix, and I will update you on how the work goes. Obviously, we haven't had very much rainfall at all in recent months. This makes checking for rainwater infiltration difficult at the moment- although luckily it also means it shouldn't be an issue currently- but the team will keep an eye on this, and I'll update you on this work too. (30th August 2022).

5.4 Cllr Foster reminded councillors to look into relevant training courses – go to OALC website.

5.5 Kings Head- Cllr Beeney said the enforcement team at the District Council are still looking into the enforcement and carrying out a Public Interest Survey.

5.6 A resident had asked the Clerk to look into a tree application for 68 East Street and see whether the Parish Council were informed of it. The Clerk looked into this, and the Parish Council were not sent anything relating to this matter.

5.7. In the last Parish Council Meeting, residents were asked to submit their details to the Clerk if they wished to be added to the Parish Council mailing list. They would then be sent a GDPR form to complete. The Clerk confirmed this had been completed for all residents that had requested to be added.

6) Local Councillors Reports

Cllr Fatemian (OCC) had his report shared on the projector screen for all councillors and residents to read.

6.1 S106 funding- Funding will not be given to Fritwell Primary School. The funding is for where additional capacity is needed and Fritwell has spare capacity, therefore the funding will not be granted. The money cannot be used for staffing costs. A resident asked if a developer could make a voluntary contribution to the school. Cllr Fatemian said that they could but would also need to pay the S106 money in addition. There was a discussion about Fritwell Primary School and the large classroom sizes and the fact it needs more funding for staffing such as teaching assistants.

6.2 Central Oxford Travel- There was a discussion about there soon being no cars allowed in central Oxford.

7) Financial Matters

7.1 Cllr Simmonds explained where spending had been made and that a VAT claim had been submitted.

7.2 Cllr Boyce asked for approval of a second brown bin for the cemetery. Cllr Foster said this would be looked at when it came to budgeting for next year.

7.3 Payments, receipts and transactions from the last PC meeting were approved - proposed by Cllr Simmonds and seconded by Cllr Foster, agreed by all.

7.4 Cllr Foster will send a list of stationary to the Clerk for purchase on the Clerk debit card.

7.5 Cllr Simmonds said she will be doing a quarterly review of the finances at the end of September.

7.6 Cllr Foster suggested that the Parish Council purchase two notice boards to be put in the village. Cllr Fatemian asked Cllr Foster to put this to him by the end of September. Councillors will look at the costings.

7.7 Cllr Simmonds to contact Gail Barnhill (Village Hall Committee) about the 25p discrepancy on the last invoice sent to the Parish Council for hall hire.

8) Planning Matters

Cllr Foster talked through the planning spreadsheet and explained the status of applications.

8.1 Planning application 22/02046/F- Inkerman House, Somerton Road.

Cllr Foster asked if there were any comments that councillors would like to put into the planning portal regarding this retrospective planning application. Councillors all said 'no' although it was noted that this is the fourth retrospective application relating to this property.

8.2 Planning application 22/02620/REM- 69 North Street

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8.4 Planning application 22/01952/SO & 22/01807/OUT- Land adjoining and at 81 North Street

Cllr Foster said that approval is needed for retrospective comments submitted by the Parish Council for this application. Proposed by Cllr Foster, seconded by Cllr Simmonds, agreed by all.

8.5 Cllr Foster reported back that she had attended a pre-planning meeting with the architect to do with the new Village Hall. She thought it a good idea for Cass Miller-Jones (Chair of Village Hall Committee) to come along to the next Parish Council Meeting and give an update. A resident confirmed that an update will be going out to all residents.

Action- ask Cass Miller-Jones if she would like to attend the next Parish Council Meeting to give an update to residents.

9) Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan Review

Cllr Foster explained the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be reviewed every 5 years and that the Parish Council needs to let Cherwell know of any changes well in advance of the deadline.

(8.15pm Cllr Fatemian left the meeting).

Cllr Foster continued in saying that what they are looking for at this stage is initial thoughts and ideas on policies i.e., change, slimdown, bulk up, remove or add. Some ideas and thoughts that came up as being important were;

- Climate change
- Energy efficiency and helping the elderly
- Transport for villagers

Policy PD1: Development at Category A Villages

- Could put in 'providing sustainable transport'

A resident asked if we could challenge being a category A village? There was a discussion around this topic and that it could be discussed along with the Cherwell Local Plan.

A resident asked about local greenspaces and what we had in the village. Cllr Foster explained where the local greenspace is in the village. There was a discussion around whether the Parish Council could add any more land, and where this potentially would be.

Cllr Foster explained that once the Neighbourhood Plan was drafted, there would be further consultation with the residents. Cllr Boyce said it would be good to have a dedicated meeting for residents to be consulted and Cllr Foster said this would happen once a draft was in place.

Cllr Boyce suggested a young resident come along to the meeting and give their ideas, rather than having just those of the older population.

Cllr Boyce to take action to add the councillors email addresses to the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan Review section of the Parish Council website. Clerk to send links to residents via mailing list.

Cllr Foster asked residents to send through ideas now for the Neighbourhood Plan, so that the planner could focus on them.

10) Winter Preparations

Item moved to the November Parish Council meeting.

11) Cemetery

Item moved to the November Parish Council meeting

12) Village Maintenance

No updates.

13) Correspondence

No updates

14) Any other business

Thanks were given to the Clerk, who will be leaving at the end of September 2022.

Date of next meeting- 14th November

Meeting closed 9.10pm