

FRITWELL PARISH COUNCIL (FPC)
Minutes of Meeting held at the Village Hall on 15th August 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Jonathan Boyce – Chair (JB), Marc Beeney- Vice Chair (MB), Simon Kimber (SK), Polly Foster (PF), Ray Hood (RH) and Kelley Hood – Clerk (KH)

Please note: The Parish Council Log can be located on the Parish Council Website and details all actions and status.

1) Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies received from District Cllr Reeves, Parish Cllr Green, Parish Cllr D Kimber

2) Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 Cllr Boyce noted that he had an interest in any matters discussed involving the village pond or the enforcement relating to a neighbouring property.
- 2.2 Cllr Foster has an interest in any matters discussed involving Lagan Homes as a neighbour of their property.

3) Public Participation

- 3.1 Rev. Helen Barnes and Jane White raised the matter of the Churchyard maintenance transfer to FPC. It was agreed to transfer responsibility to Cherwell District Council. In addition, FPC would investigate what other Parishes do with their Churchyard maintenance.
- 3.2 Resident raised concerns over the preservation of road surfaces due to Cala traffic and requested to understand the plan for maintaining good quality road surfaces.

4) Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 15th June 2023

- 4.1 All Councillors agreed to accept the draft minutes as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting held on 15th June 2023. Proposed by JB, seconded by MB and agreed by all. The minutes were signed by JB.

5) Matters arising from the Minutes (not covered by the agenda) - (refer Parish Council log)

6) Local Councillors Reports

- 6.1 Cllr Reeves sent a report prior to the meeting which have been added to the Parish Council website under the Parish Council Meeting documents for 15th August 2023. Awaiting report from Cllr Fatemian

7) Financial Matters

- 7.1 Current Financial Report and spending since last meeting were agreed by all.

8) Local Green Space

8.1 Cllr Foster presented the draft application to the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan (MCNP) Review for the additional field used by Fritwell Playing Fields to be a Local Green Space, known as Covert Field. Drafted by PF, proposed by JB, seconded by MB and approved by all. The application has been submitted and will be included in the MCNP Draft Review when it is published for public consultation. Clerk to send letters of thanks to the contributing organisations.

8.2 A draft application for significant Views and Vistas was also presented, proposed PF, seconded MB, agreed by all. This has been submitted to the MCNP Review and is currently being assessed for inclusion.

9) Speed Watch

- 9.1 JB shared that there will be a speed watch initiative carried out by volunteers. 6 people have come forward of the 8 required and will undertake training and then turn in tracking speeding vehicles.
- 9.2 Ideas are welcomed from both the public and Cllrs on suggested traffic calming measures in the village. Submit to clerk via email clerkfritwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

10) Community Participation

- 10.1 JB shared that he has initiated a conversation with the local Primary School headmaster about plans for variety of activities to encourage the younger generations to be involved in shaping the village according to what they would like to see. This will be further investigated from the new term in September. Meantime, JB requested that the public also submit ideas on how to involve the younger population. Please send to clerkfritwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

11) Cala Pledge

11.1 Cala have a “Community Pledge” that is part of their Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance approach. They aim to deliver at least five **commitments** to the local community for each of our developments. Suggestions raised as below but residents are requested to submit their ideas to clerkfritwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

1. Improve the Southfield Lane footpath – **Agreed.**
2. Installation of the Zip Wire for the Playing Fields – **Requires further investigation.**
3. Advice to Playing Fields on best utilising S106 monies for the Playing Field (Cala contemplating). **Requires further investigation.**
4. Gully cleaning
5. Road Clearing (including kerb weed clearing)

Cllr Arash Fatemian arrived 20:30 and gave a brief update on his report. Report to be shared on website.

12) Village Maintenance

- 12.1 Following walkabout by JB, DK & RH, a list was produced of potential ideas for improvements (added to website) Request to add Garden of Remembrance in effort to ease space issues in the lawn cemetery – Added. Residents encouraged to submit any further ideas to clerkfritwellparishcouncil@gmail.com. Once ideas fully collated, Cllrs will meet to vote on priority items and present at next meeting.
- 12.2 Raghose Lane – Reported to OCC, they cannot act as the land is unadopted, therefore it is unfortunate that no further action can be taken.

13) Planning Matters:

Review recent and current applications and report on other planning issues.

- 13.1 Goose Farm planning application denied by CDC planning despite support from FPC.
- 13.2 Cherwell District Council request for road names for the Cala development (currently called Stable Gardens). Ormond Manor Road & Elms Close (if spur road) else, Ormond Manor Close was suggested.
- 13.3 CALA (23/00071/OBL) multiple issues with drainage - Letter sent to CDC planning Department outlining FPC concerns.
- 13.4 Inkerman House planning application for Tennis court – Cllrs will consider an additional response once more detailed information is provided with the application.
- 13.5 21 Fewcott Road (23/02080/F) – Further review to take place between Cllrs but initial feedback from Parish Council and residents suggested a positive response to the proposal – RG to discuss with Cllrs.
- 13.6 An update has been provided by the Chairman of COLD (Committee on Logistics Developments) on OXSRFI and Warehouse Projects posted to Website.

14) Correspondence

- 14.1 Complaints of grass cuttings impinging on cemetery memorials – this has been addressed with the contractor.
- 14.2 Complaints of adjoining paddock weeds coming through fence and looking unsightly – JB will speak to paddock owners to gain permission/access for maintenance to be carried out.

15. Any other Business

1. Thanks to Mike and Eva Wheeler for taking over caring for the Defibrillator.
2. Agree “Listen Only” Zoom Call participation (Pilot) for next meeting.
3. Pond wall collapse – awaiting response from OCC. Resident prepared to fund repair if no response forthcoming.
4. Website improvements – not discussed, Holdover for future Zoom discussion to be subsequently discussed at a future public Parish Council meeting.

16. Dates of next meetings:

10th October | 12th December

9:05 pm Meeting Closed