

Fencott & Murcott Parish Council
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – 11th September 2023
7.30 pm Charlton on Othmoor Community Hall

Present

J Lewis, N Wyke, T Brown, L Bustin (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Gemma Coton

1 x MOP

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

Lucy McFarlane

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

5. Meeting Adjourned:

Opportunity for members of public to propose matters for PC consideration.

Meeting Reconvened:

Report from Cllr Gemma Coton

Draft local plan will be circulated soon for residents to comment on, six week consultation.

Market Square in Bicester has a consultation on pedestrianisation

Cherwell DC are to move to Castle Keys (from Bodicote)

6. Chair's announcements

Deadline end of October to request 20mph speed limit from OCC for free. Clerk advised that Charlton on Othmoor will be 20mph next year, Arncott chose not to go ahead, Blackthorn and Oddington are going ahead, Merton Ambrosden and Islip are already 20mph. Discussion on environmental effects of slower speed, exhaust emissions, stopping distances, no enforcement of the limit to be provided, behaviour changes by road users in a 20mph zone.

The stretch of road between Fencott and Murcott – would that be 20mph. Matter to be added to next meeting's agenda for discussion.

7. Finance & Governance

- Review of finance report and agree invoices to pay per attached schedule.

- Chair to access Unity online banking

8. Parish Business

Planning – New

23/02292/F Change of use from field to menage

Field on street through Murcott – under consultation

Council voted no objection, subject to no commercial use. Full response online.

23/01569/F Proposed extension

Brook Court, Fencott – F&M PC comment submitted – under consultation

Awaiting Decision

23/00485/F Moorlands Farm, Murcott

Demolish ag buildings and erect 3 dwellings – under consultation

Decisions

RSPB Othmoor Farm – permitted subject to special conditions

Rights of Way

Several stiles on parish footpaths are broken and in need of repair. Parish Council do not have responsibility however can report and liaise with Rights of Way Officers. Issues on rights of way can be reported via fix my street – clerk to publish this in the parish. Audit of footpaths in the parish discussed.

Village Hall – Request for ongoing financial support

Review of finance reports. Discussion centred on the outside area of the village hall, can the parish council be responsible for the outside area – grass, carpark, playground, the things that are accessible free of charge - public amenity items. Council to draft letter and send to village hall committee with detailed proposal.

Correspondence

Salt and salt bin requirements for the winter – reply by end of Sept.

Community tree / woodland projects open for application – must benefit people & environment – clerk to investigate possibility of funding for areas in the parish.

Fix My Street Super User – need someone to take the role for direct reporting of road issues – clerk to investigate and find out more, see if residents would like to be involved.

Oxfordshire residents support scheme – short term basic living costs support available – clerk to publish this information in the parish.

Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment grants available £1000 plus – clerk to investigate possibility of a grant for rewilding Alice's Meadow, the Pound etc.

Community Transport Grant – not to be followed up.

Electric vehicle microhubs scheme – not to be followed up.

9. Chair – items not covered by the agenda, to include at next meeting

20mph zone decision

10. Agree date of next meeting

9th October in the Pery Collett Room, Charlton on Otmoor School

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Signed by Chairman _____