

Fencott & Murcott Parish Council
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – 25th January 2022
7.30 pm Fencott and Murcott Village Hall

Present

J Lewis, T Brown, L McFarlane, N Wyke, L Bustin (Parish Clerk), Cllr Calum Miller and 1 MOP

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

None

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. None.

Report from Cllr Calum Miller CDC/OCC

Three OCC consultations at the moment – Local travel, transport and connectivity especially the rural aspect; SENDCO which is a county responsibility, with demand greater than finance; Libraries and Heritage which is a non statutory provision so gets squeezed, libraries have a great role as community hubs.

The possibility of 20MPH zones across the county was discussed, this has been budgeted for by OCC. Parishes would need to opt into this.

Community speedwatch is still in operation, parish would have to invest in equipment, be trained and work with police.

The environmental ambition of the parish was discussed, some one off capital funding related to climate action.

6. Chair's announcements

The Mission Room: currently this is a £1000 annual cost to the Diocese. Proposal for a consultation in the community to see what could happen with it for example an art gallery. PC would like to work with PCC. Possible opportunities for renovation, the PC could raise funds.

7. Finance & Governance

Review of finance report and ratified invoices paid:

Contribution to COOPC for new burial ground maintenance £343.80

Village Hall booking £20

Russell Lambert grass cutting 2021 £969

Precept discussed and agreed for 2022-2023 at £4500

PC to approach the village hall committee about grass cutting costs

PC to clarify the 30% donation to the Charlton new cemetery grass cutting costs

8. Parish Business

Rights of way query from OCC discussed, is there a loss of public amenity. Keeping footpaths open, is OCC remit. PC to publicise potential reroute.

Planning

Certificate of Lawfulness for dwelling at Little Marlake Nurseries under consultation: No Comment

Alices Meadow

Suggestion to use site for training for hedgerow maintenance/laying

PC to put a management plan together to include the possible cost of works. Field maintenance, flower seeds, path cutting, bins, seating, orchard trees, gate and pedestrian gates. Consider working with RSPB, educational aspects, history of the site very important, archaeology, wildlife, habitat, biodiversity.

Correspondence

Community first membership to consider

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

Ask VHC what plans are for Jubilee

Next meeting date March 14th in the village hall

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Signed by Chairman _____