

Minutes of Fencott and Murcott Parish Council Meeting.

Wednesday 04th September 2024.

Attendees

Tim Brown	(TB)
Lucy MacFarlane	(LMF)
James Lewis	(JL)
Tim Bennett	(TBT)
Nick Wyke	(NW)
Apologies.	
Parish Clerk	

Pre-Meeting:

JL started meeting by discussing TB's record of attendance at previous Parish Council Meetings and whether he could still be a member of the Parish Council due to not attending a meeting for 6 months.

TB feels that his attendance at a meeting on the 25th April in order to discuss flooding constituted attendance at a Parish Council Meeting.

JL explained that the Parish Council had sought advice from the ALC who confirmed that TB's attendance at the meeting on the 25th April did not constitute a Parish Council meeting.

JL confirmed that he will check again with the ALC as to whether the meeting attended by TB constituted a meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and therefore accorded with the Local Government Act 1072 Section 85.

NW considered the Parish Council need confirmation from the ALC as to what is the definition of a Parish Council meeting.

JL agreed to discuss the matter further with the ALC.

Conflict of Interest

LMF declared a conflict of interest on the submitted planning application for a rear extension to the Willows (LPA Ref; 24/02010/F) and would not therefore comment on the application when discussed.

NW conflict of interest on planning matters due to working for Cherwell District Council Planning Team.

Minutes From Last Meeting.

JL signed the minutes from the last meeting.

Tim Bennett.

JL put forward the motion that TBT should be co-opted onto the Parish Council. LMF and NW supported the motion.

Finance.

JL went through recent expenditure. Other Councillors agreed they had reviewed the finance report provided by the Parish Clerk.

All Councillors agreed usual payments to Parish Clerk for work undertaken.

Parish Business.

JL provided summary of ROSPA report on village hall play ground

TB felt that the bearings on the swings needs to be investigated

JL confirmed that he had reviewed the draft lease that would mean the Parish Council would lease land surrounding the village hall off the Village Hall Committee.

Winter Preparation:

JL asked that the quantity of sand in the sand box at Fencott is checked. NW confirmed he would do this.

TB explained a new sand box is required for Murcott and should go next to the bend in the road next to the Old Chapel.

TBT felt that two sand boxes were preferable one in the centre of the village and the other near the Old Chapel. Other Councillors agreed.

TB felt the sand bag shed was unnecessary as the sand bags would still deteriorate and would not then be suitable when required.

LMF felt that better quality sand bags would be a more effective use of Parish Council money. JL agreed and will ask Parish Clerk to investigate options.

Highways Walk and Talk

TBT raised concerns over the existing condition of the verges and how these may deteriorate further in bad weather.

All Councillors agreed to provide a list to Parish Clerk of locations of poor quality road surface and inaccessible PROW in the Parish in advance of the meeting on the 19th September.

Planning

LPA Ref; 24/02010/F. The Willows. Murcott, OX5 2RE. Single Storey Rear Extension.

Councillors (Excluding LMF) confirmed they had no comment on the application. Parish Clerk to prepare response.

LPA Ref; 24/01336/F. Parcel adjacent Bridge House Farm. Construction of a wooden stable block, provision of permeable stone parking area and area for BNG Planting.

Councillors confirmed they had no comment on the application. Parish Clerk to prepare response.

LPA Ref; 24/02327/F. Single-storey side/rear extension (incorporating internal revisions), insertion of rear first floor window and demolition of existing garage.

Councillors confirmed they had no comment on the application. Parish Clerk to prepare response.

LPA Ref;24/02346/Q56. Conversion and partial demolition of barns to provide 9 residential dwellings and associated curtilages.

Councillors raised concerns over the proposed development and whether it accorded with Class Q of the General Permitted Development Order. Parish Clerk to prepare response.

End of Meeting.