

Fencott & Murcott Parish Council
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – 9th January 2023
7.30 pm Charlton on Otmoor Community Hall

Present

J Lewis, L Macfarlane, N Wyke, L Bustin (Parish Clerk)
4 x members of public
Cllr Gemma Coton

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

Tim Brown
Cllr Miller

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Approved: Amendment made per member of public's request about Pigeonhouse Lane and rights of way.

5. Meeting Adjourned:

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

- Request for 30mph limit to be extended to include the bends in the road near Little Owls. Clerk to speak to highways.
- 20mph zone potential discussed again.

Meeting Reconvened:

Report from Councillor Gemma Coton

District Council update: Local plan review is now up for consultation – there will be an online option with a link to the draft plan and the draft consultation for residents to comment on.

Botley Solar Farm proposal also has a portal for comments.

There are plans for a zoom/teams meeting for local councils to attend with planners to discuss how planning decisions are made.

6. Chair's announcements

None

7. Finance & Governance

- Review of finance report and agree invoices to pay.
- Insurance policy review discussed, agreed to include the bookshelf and plastic boxes of the mini library within the policy.

- Review request from village hall for funding:

The parish council requested a full breakdown in costs and income from the village hall, as well as a copy of the existing insurance schedule.

Suggestions for expanded advertising made, it was noted that the Otmoor Review and very local advertising points currently used.

The parish council agreed to support the village hall, and this agreement will be reviewed annually. The parish council currently pay for the grass to be cut, although the land is registered in the name of the village hall. Some discussion over possible licence arrangement where the responsibility of the grass and playground would move to the parish council.

- The precept was agreed at £6500 for the financial year 2023 – 2024.

8. Parish Business

Alices Meadow

Local environment officer has offered to assist with a rewilding plan.

Cllr Coton to investigate possible grant or funding options available for the field.

Parish council voted to follow a rewilding plan for the field, with a management plan to be drawn up. Clerk to contact local contractor to cut the hedges before the end of February. Information sign to be sourced with the history and management of the site. Councillors mentioned people they knew who might be able to help with a rewilding plan, creating a wildflower meadow, or possible access to grants.

Dog Bins

Clerk to investigate the cost of buying two dog bins and the cost of emptying them. To be placed at the Splash and at the bridleway at the edge of the village where the bollards have been installed.

Correspondence

None that has not already been discussed.

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

10. Agree date of next meeting

Provisional 20th February dependant on room availability.

The meeting ended at pm

Signed by Chairman _____