

**Fencott & Murcott Parish Council**  
**DRAFT Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**7.30 pm Charlton on Othmoor Community Hall**

**Present**

J Lewis, N Wyke, T Brown, L Mcfarlane, L Bustin (Parish Clerk)  
8 x MOP

**1. Welcome**

**2. Apologies for absence**

Nick Wyke

**3. Declarations of interest**

CLlr had been contacted by applicant about planning application [23/02292/F](#).

**4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting**

**5. Meeting Adjourned:**

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

Litter in hedgerows

Speed limit signs in hedges are becoming obscured

Visibility sign also needs clearing around

Black Bull Lane sign needs clearing

Thanks to be noted from MOP to Robert Bustin for installing two dog bins in the parish.

**Meeting Reconvened:**

**6. Chair's announcements**

Vacancy on Parish Council

18<sup>th</sup> October Flood forum meeting at Piddington Village Hall,

**7. Finance & Governance**

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

**8. Parish Business**

**20 Mile per Hour Zone**

Councillors voted to apply to join the 20mph zone scheme being offered by Oxfordshire County Council. CLlr Brown wished to have it noted that he was not happy with this decision.

Discussion with MOPs included: could the parish look into VAS devices such as the happy/sad faces, can police do spot speed checks, farm traffic is fast, the parish has barely any pavements.

**Pond adjacent The Nut Tree**

Notice from the owners of the Nut Tree that they are investigating possible ownership of the pond adjacent to the property. The pond deeds are in the name of Cherwell District Council, CDC have approved the registering of interest in claiming the land, but advised that the Parish Council should be consulted. Discussion with Councillors and MOPs.

Nut Tree Owners currently maintain the pond and installed a fence to prevent accidents. However due to a large tree being removed nearby, the influx of light has affected the vegetation and now it requires a high level of maintenance and management. Questions included: would the pond be listed if it is included within the curtilage of an existing listed building; could there be a protective covenant for public access/protection of the amenity value; should tree preservation orders be considered on other large trees in the parish;

There is an opportunity to comment online on the request.

Parish Council resolved to work with the Nut Tree Owners, clerk to provide historical information and help.

**Planning**

**Awaiting Decision**

[23/02292/F](#) Change of use from field to manage

Field on street through Murcott – under consultation/reapplication

Council voted no objection, subject to no commercial use. Full response online. No addition to comments after amendment submitted to CDC.

### **Decisions**

23/00485/F Moorlands Farm, Murcott

Demolish ag buildings and erect 3 dwellings – refused

23/01569/F Proposed extension

Brook Court, Fencott – permitted

### **Village Hall – Request for ongoing financial support**

Parish Council has proposed, and village hall has accepted, that the PC will take on the legal and financial responsibility for the outside area of the Fencott and Murcott village hall. Clerk is to instruct solicitor to draft a lease between the Parish Council and Fencott and Murcott Village Hall Charity for review by all parties, with discussions anticipated to finalise detail. Use of carpark by hall hirers raised.

### **Correspondence**

Electrical Safety – clerk to advertise new fund to residents, safety in the home/electrical products

Town and Parish Council charter summit invitation

Bus Infrastructure officer at OCC

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

Next meeting will include discussion of the budget for next year, and setting the parish precept.

### **10. Agree date of next meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> November in the Percy Collett Room, Charlton on Otmoor School

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

**Signed by Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_