

## FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 7.30 pm

**Venue** Parish Church of St James the Great

**Present:**

	Councillors:	Mr W Ingleby WI (Chairman)
		Mr P Burns PB
		Mr M Taylor MT
		Mr R Warner RW
	Clerk:	Mrs K Kekwick (Clerk/RFO)
		4 Parishioners were present

**Apologies:**

	OCC Councillor	Mr N Field-Johnson NF-J
	WODC Councillor	Mr D Cotterill DC

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For convenience the following abbreviations may be used in some instances in these minutes.

FPC	Fulbrook Parish Council
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
WODC	West Oxfordshire District Council
OALC	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
CFO	Communities First Oxfordshire (formerly ORCC, Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council)
CHA	Cottsway Housing Association
TVP	Thames Valley Police

## **1. Public Participation**

**1.1 Climate Emergencies:** MT suggested FPC shows solidarity with the national consensus on climate change. Raise public awareness - promote cycling, save paper for example. Will submit an action plan at the next meeting. PB offered assistance.

**MT**

**1.2 Dog fouling:** Clerk has given a sign to be put up at site of fouling.

**1.3 Vandalism:** Signs have been pulled up and plants stolen. Letter to be sent to PCSO Darren Moulding requesting a number of early morning visits to Fulbrook. RN reported the offences but never received any response from the PCSO.

**CLERK**

**1.4 Memorial bench request:** FPC has been asked by Vanessa Learoyd-Elliott for permission to place a memorial bench on Beech Grove, near Beech Grove Farm. This to commemorate Peggy Hayward, last person from the Fulbrook family to be buried here. Agreed to ask permission of the owners of the land, in this instance the Highways Agency/WODC. Family to send grid reference to Clerk.

**CLERK**

**1.5 RW** has confirmed that the FPC noticeboard that was wobbly has now been repaired.

## **2. Declaration of Interests**

There have been no changes to Councillor's interests, and there were no interests to declare regarding items on the agenda.

## **3. Vacancy on Parish Council**

MJ Thompson inducted as new fulltime Councillor.

## **4. Minutes of Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

WI signed the minutes of the meeting held on Monday May 20th, 2019 as a true representation of the business conducted.

## **5. Matters Arising**

**5.1** WI has carried out weekly checks of the Playpark in April, May and June. Agreed that inspection would be moved to a monthly visit as from July. WI will carry out July and August, RW will take over from September.

**5.2** Storage space at Seven Lands Farm: letter received from Tim Pearce for storing FPC property. Rate of £1 per annum for the space has been offered so as to house a movable container no more than 10 feet x 8 feet. RW proposed motion to accept and this was seconded by PB. Motion agreed. In the interim the 2 filing cabinets to be temporarily housed in Kekwick office in Milton. Clerk to arrange for document to be signed by two councillors and returned to Tim Pearce.

**CLERK**

**5.3** JG had checked with the insurance company and Clerk confirmed that the marquee is covered in the insurance schedule.

**5.4** Clerk to submit planning application comments to WODC.

## **6. Reports from County and District Councillors**

Written reports submitted to FPC, these to be placed on the website.

**CLERK**

## **7. Financial Statement**

Financial statement agreed at the meeting. MT and Clerk to carry out a bank reconciliation check.

**CLERK**

## **8. Footpath Warden**

Jane Allan (JA) is the Footpath Warden, this via the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens/AONB. They will report on any issues, carry out small maintenance jobs such as hedge laying and tree planting. Westhall Hill footpath mentioned, that is cut twice a year by McKrakens. This footpath is used regularly by Fulbrook residents.

There has been a request to relocate a footpath in Westhall Hill: visit by WI and JA to inspect and report back.

**WI**

## **9. Planning**

FPC has received two planning applications for consideration:

**9.1** Gable Cottage, Dolphin Lane: 19/01760/HDD - Concern expressed regarding logistics of job due to size of the new proposed building work and the confined surrounds of the property. Will cause significant congestion in the area.

**9.2** Star Cottage, Meadow Lane: Ref. No: 19/01715/HHD – Erection of oak-framed studio

**Clerk to submit comments to WODC when received from Councillors**

**CLERK**

## **10. Highways – speeding**

TVP have not adopted the National Scheme and this means there is no official support for any FPC Speedwatch scheme. This results in a safety issue for people running the scheme.

TVP have offered to lend the appropriate equipment, but will not follow up with prosecutions or letters for any offenders caught. There is also the time involved in borrowing and returning the equipment. It makes this option impractical.

The conclusion is that Speedwatch is to remain on hold until circumstances change.

## **11. Amenities**

**11.1** Village clean-up to take place the weekend before Armistice Day, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

**11.2** Carol singing 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Request to consider perhaps using the marquee somewhere in the village in order to offer mulled wine etc. and make the signing more of an event. Perhaps near the War Memorial on the Carpenters Arms carpark?

**11.3** Cheque for £200 received from MT for sale of box hedging which was sold via RN.

**11.4** Request by MT for new members on the Amenities Committee.

## **12. Date of next meeting**

September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at 7:30pm

## **REPORT TO FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2019**

**From Derek Cotterill District Councillor**

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCR)**

The District has been investigating and intending to install charging points for the past three years but the goal posts have been moving with regard to the type of connection to the car and the charging rate. Many earlier were ones were slow and unattractive for car parks such as Woolgate. Fast Charge is now becoming a better option, how fast is not yet defined but probably at 38kW power handling, and work is in progress to get quotes to fit them into Woolgate as the first option.

### **HGVs on Burford High Street and the A361.**

County has agreed to an 18-month trial, Burford is to start fund raising to pay some of the signage and policing costs and surveys have determined present levels of HGV traffic on surrounding roads in a 30 mile radius. The cost of signage is £60,000 and another £40,000 is required for policing and prosecutions. More information will be given in The Bridge.

### **Expansion of Guildenford Car Park in Burford.**

This is proving most difficult. Even the temporary extension of the present temporary permission to open the field behind the car park is being refused by County Council. They say that the roads are unsuitable for the volume of traffic. They don't say what we should do with the traffic that is already there and they omit to consult with King John whose medieval town plan was used to layout Burford. What would be his attitude to accommodating increased car traffic?

## REPORT TO FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2019

FROM CLLR NICHOLAS FIELD-JOHNSON

### GENERAL OCC REPORT

## Major progress on improving Oxfordshire's roads

Repairs and improvements on Oxfordshire's roads continue with more than 34,000 potholes repaired over the last year, a 45 per cent increase on the previous year - and there's more major repairs to come over the summer.

The county council recently announced an extra £13m for road maintenance for this financial year on top of its existing £18.5m programme of work – this follows last year's additional £12m boost.

The strategy is paying off with 34,159 potholes repaired compared to 23,486 the year before.

This year's additional money will be spent across Oxfordshire's towns and villages on resurfacing, drainage, bridge repairs and footways.

Last year's extra cash saw more than [37 extra miles of road being resurfaced](#) through a range of methods which also included surface dressing and micro-asphalting – both of which make road surfaces waterproof and extend their life.

## Pilot project could restrict traffic outside Oxfordshire schools in a bid to reduce air pollution

The county council is considering the possibility of launching a 'School Streets' pilot project. The project aims to reclaim roads outside schools from traffic at the start and end of each day, reducing air pollution outside the school gates and making it easier for children to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

Following a successful Oxfordshire Schools Clean Air Network seminar at County Hall on Clean Air Day, six Oxfordshire schools have already expressed interest in joining the pilot.

## NHS announces Oxfordshire will be part of new joined-up health and care system

Oxfordshire is to be part of a new 'integrated care systems' created by the NHS in England to improve health and social care services. The new joined up care system also covers Buckinghamshire and Berkshire West.

The NHS and local authorities in the three areas aim to deliver a person-centred vision for health and care services, making sure services are planned and delivered as locally as possible. Health and care organisations will work collectively to bring better health outcomes for people and ensure effort is not duplicated or resources wasted.

Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Leader of Oxfordshire County Council said:

Signed

Chairman, Fulbrook Parish Council

Date:

“The move to integrated care across the country gives us the opportunity to really make a difference for our residents and communities. Locally, I’m convinced that working together in partnership with the NHS we will deliver huge benefits to the health and care system and will improve the health and wellbeing of Oxfordshire’s residents.”

## Moving forward with housing infrastructure funding bids

Oxfordshire County Council is now concluding contract negotiations in the next few months to formally secure infrastructure funding relating to four strategic transport projects in the Didcot Garden Town area. This relates to our successful Housing Infrastructure Funding (HIF) [£218 million bid](#) announced in the Spring Statement.

The county council is also working with Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government and Highways England to complete the clarification stage of its £102m HIF bid projects associated with the A40 between Witney and Oxford, known as the [A40 smart corridor](#). Consultants acting on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council have submitted a planning application for a proposed park and ride site, located on the A40 north-west of Eynsham and the first components of the scheme, which aims to:

- Support jobs and housing growth and economic vitality;
- Reduce transport emissions and meet our obligations to Government;
- Protect, and where possible enhance Oxfordshire’s environment and improve quality of life
- Improve public health, air quality, safety and individual wellbeing.

We are hopeful of hearing the outcome of the bid in the next few months. If we are successful in this second HIF bid, it will mean we’ll have secured £535 million of infrastructure funding for Oxfordshire since signing the Growth Deal in just over a year.

## Major investment in improving Oxford’s Botley Road

Oxfordshire County Council is planning to spend £9.1m on measures on Botley Road in Oxford that will include bus, cycle and pedestrian improvements. The plans include bus priority measures and major cycle improvements to create a safer and continuous route along the corridor. This includes changes to several junctions along the route, notably restricting access to some side roads, where there have been collisions with cyclists, and additional cycle lanes.

Also proposed is a more consistent and improved footpath, including additional crossings, which will benefit pedestrians. Surface repairs and improvements will be carried out to enhance the condition and ride quality of the road to benefit of all users.

Public consultation on the proposals has recently been completed. Construction is currently scheduled to start from spring 2020 with some advanced works from January 2020.