

## FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 7.00 pm

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

**Present:**

Councillors:	Mr W Ingleby WI (Chairman)
	Mr P Burns PB
	Mrs L Newland LN
	Mrs P Picking PP
	Mr R Warner RW
OCC Councillor:	Mr N Field-Johnson NFJ
WODC Councillor	Mr D Cotterill DC

Clerk: Mrs J Glyde (Clerk/RFO)

2 parishioners were also present.

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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	Cotsway Housing Association

#### 1. Public Participation

- 1.1 WI and clerk have received many comments from parishioners regarding the landscaping work at Wagtail Cottage, Westhall Hill. The verges have been greatly eroded and the road seems to be very muddy.  
**WI to write letter to both householder and contractor asking for the verges to be made good and the road swept regularly.** WI/Clerk
- 1.2 Complaints have been received about the works on the land known as the car park of Carpenters Arms. The builder has been blocking the pavement and the site seems quite dangerous. WI has contacted the HSE for advice and been told that until there is an accident nothing can be done. NFJ also said that if the contractor is blocking either the highway or the pavement then OCC can assist. FPC to send photographs of problems to NFJ who will forward this to the relevant department.  
**FPC to forward relevant pictures to NFJ for follow up.** FPC
- 1.3 WI has had complaints from residents of Upper End regarding the road surface.  
**Clerk to send NFJ e-mail regarding road problems in Fulbrook** Clerk

#### 2. Declaration of Interests

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

#### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

- 3.1 WI signed the minutes of the meeting held on Monday January 15th, 2018 as a true representation of the business conducted. Proposed by RW and seconded by PP

Signed

Chairman, Fulbrook Parish Council

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#### 4. Matters arising

- 4.1 Clerk took down temporary road signs and cleaned the 30 mph signs in the village.
- 4.2 Clerk sent letter to Mr M Eldridge regarding parking on the verge near Wayside.
- 4.3 Clerk contacted OCC footpath warden regarding dog fouling issues but has not yet had a response.
- 4.4 FPC agreed to accept the McCrackens grass cutting quotation for the 2018/2019 season. Proposed by RW and seconded by LN
- 4.5 Clerk wrote to Mr S Bishop thanking him for his past help cutting the Playpark grass and stating that in the future a different person would be contracted.
- 4.6 Clerk to attend OALC Data Protection training on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and to report back on any recommended changes to FPC procedures.  
Amenities to hire and collect any monies due for the village marquee.

#### 5. Reports from County/District Councillor

- 5.1 A copy of the report NFJ is attached to these minutes. NFJ stated that Burford Bridge is due for imminent re-surfacing and that new signage has been erected on the A424, Stow Road. To ease problems using the Fix my Street service provided by OCC NFJ to be sent an monthly e-mail to prioritise the road works required in the Fulbrook. NJF has £15,000 to distribute for roadworks or associated problems within his area of OCC.  
**Clerk to send e-mail to NFJ regarding road problems on monthly basis.**
- 5.2 DC reported that he has contacted the waste manager at WODC regarding the missed collections in Meadow Lane, Fulbrook. The problems are on-going and will continue to be monitored. WODC budget agreed with no referendum. Local Plan is close to being adopted and the AONB sites (Cole's Hill, Burford) have been removed from the Plan. The contracts have not been signed for the Shilton Road development, but work may start late 2018 early 2019.

Clerk

#### 6. Financial Statement

- 6.1 The Financial Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 was agreed by all.
- 6.2 Fulbrook War Savings A/C received £11.81 interest in the last year. The total in the A/C is £2517.81.  
FPC agreed to pay OALC subscription £135.06 for the next year.  
**Clerk to pay OALC subscription.**  
The Financial Risk assessment (previously circulated to councillors) was proposed by RW and seconded by PP.

Clerk

#### 7. Planning

- 7.1 17/03827/FUL – Manor Farm, Westhall Hill, conversion and extension of existing barn, Application refused.

#### 8. War Memorial

- 8.1 PP explained that there is a loose veneer on the War Memorial. The contractor, Harristone, who completed the work last year has been to examine the War memorial and it can be repaired.  
**PP to contact contractor to ask for a quotation for the repair.**
- 8.2 There was discussion regarding the commemoration of the 1914-1918 War later in the year.  
**MA to look at the literature and suggest ways in which the village could join in the commemoration.**

PP

MA

**9. Amenities**

- 9.1 Mr Malcolm Taylor, MT, stated that dates have been agreed for a village clear up, April 21<sup>st</sup> and the Plant Sale, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at Woodgrove House, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs R Newport.  
RW to complete winter Playpark inspections at the end of March 2018, PP offered to complete April 2018 and WI May 2018.

**10. Community Speedwatch**

Mr Richard Newport RN has kindly volunteered to take over the administration of the Community Speedwatch Team on behalf of FPC. FPC expressed their thanks. There was discussion about the difficulties in gathering the information required. There have been 18 sessions completed with 131 vehicles observed speeding.

**11. Local Election – May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018**

- 11.1 Clerk attended a recent briefing at WODC regarding the May Election. Clerk will receive Candidate's guide and nomination papers in mid March and will distribute them to those councillors who wish to stand again. These must be returned to WODC by hand before 4 pm on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

- 12.1 Next meeting of FPC Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 in the FMP at 7.30 pm  
Annual Parish Meeting Monday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.00 pm

## **REPORT TO FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2018 FROM CLLR NICHOLAS FIELD-JOHNSON**

### **GENERAL OCC REPORT**

#### **OCC BUDGET 2018/19**

OCC agreed its budget at a Full Council meeting on 13 February following a five-hour meeting of all 63 county councillors. Council Tax will rise by 5.99%, the maximum amount allowed without a referendum. Key points include:

- Finances are sound compared to other councils, with difficult decisions having already been taken
- The Council Tax rise will deliver extra money for adults and children's social care
- Proposal to extend £500,000 contribution for homelessness for an extra year in 2019/20 (subject to consultation)
- 10-year programme to improve transport network and release more money for road maintenance
- £15,000 for each of the 63 county councillors to spend on local priorities in their area

#### **GROWTH DEAL**

As detailed in the December and February reports, the Oxfordshire Growth Board\* has reached an outline Housing and Growth Agreement (Growth Deal) with Government. This will see an additional £215m of investment over the next five years to build infrastructure, support the delivery of new homes and boost economic productivity across the county. The Growth Deal has now been agreed by the six councils.

\*The Oxfordshire Growth Board comprises the six councils: Cherwell District Council, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and West Oxfordshire District Council, together with the county's Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP).

#### **OCC STEPS UP POTHOLE WORK AS WINTER HITS THE ROADS**

Repeated cycles of ice, thaws and snow created the worst possible weather conditions for roads over the last few months leading to a rise in reports on Fix My Street from 3,000 pre-Christmas to 7,000 during January. OCC has drafted in more staff to carry out inspections and contractors Skanska are sending out more teams to carry out repairs. An additional Dragon-Patcher is now in action on the road network travelling round on an 'inspect and fix' basis on the rural network. There is also good news in the form of almost £1m in extra funding from the Department for Transport in recognition of damage done to the roads by bad weather. This money will be spent on road patching later this year as that will give longer lasting benefits and better value for money. Defects that make roads hazardous will be dealt with within 24 hours as usual. Remember, if a defect has paint markings around it then it has already been scheduled for repair and does not need a new report.

#### **OXFORDSHIRE'S LIBRARIES ARE THRIVING – NOT JUST SURVIVING**

Libraries Minister Michael Ellis MP attended the official opening of Oxfordshire County Library in February. The newly refitted facility welcomed more than 100 guests including staff, volunteers and community groups who have helped ensure the county's 43 branches have a bright future.

Mr Ellis toured the library and spoke with staff and volunteers about its transformation and wider network of Oxfordshire branches. He said: *"This is a wonderful example of a library that is an integral part of the community. We want to see libraries thrive - not just survive - and this is an example of a library that is clearly thriving. This is a classic example of how to do it and protect our libraries, and they are still greatly valued by many people."*

## **CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) REVIEW IN OXFORDSHIRE**

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) visited Oxfordshire in November 2017 to carry out one of 20 targeted reviews taking place in England. The CQC report, published on Monday 12 February says: *"People were treated with kindness when they moved between health and social care services. Frontline staff were dedicated and provided person centred care, going the extra mile for people they cared for."* Across all areas of health and social care, an above-average proportion of services achieve a 'good' or 'outstanding' CQC rating in Oxfordshire, compared to the national average. However, there remain significant challenges to join up services across organisations in Oxfordshire. The final report has provided areas of action for senior managers in the NHS, social care and other bodies to act upon to make the whole health and care system work better. All of the CQC's recommendations for actions have been agreed by the five organisations involved which are:

- Oxfordshire County Council (local authority)
- Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust (OHFT)
- Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG)
- Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (OUHFT)
- South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS)

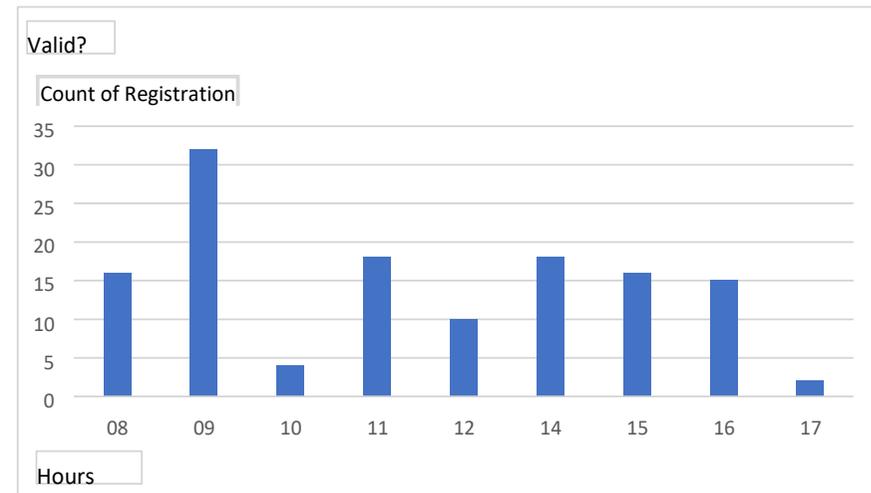
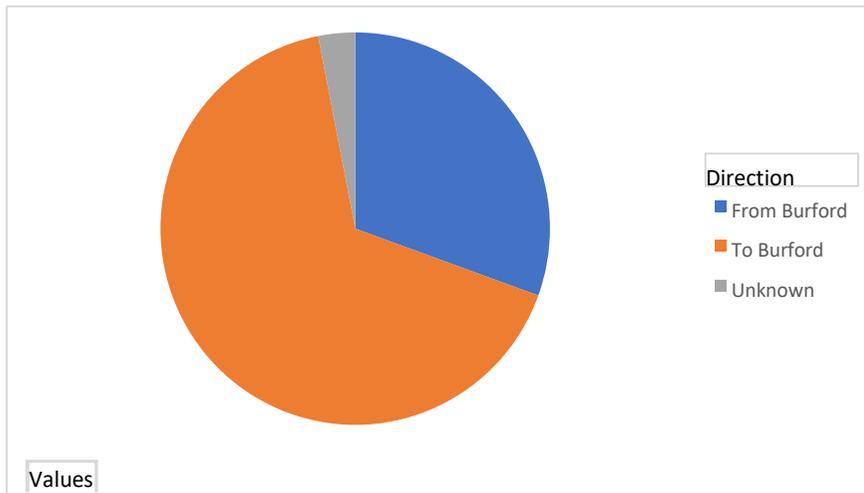
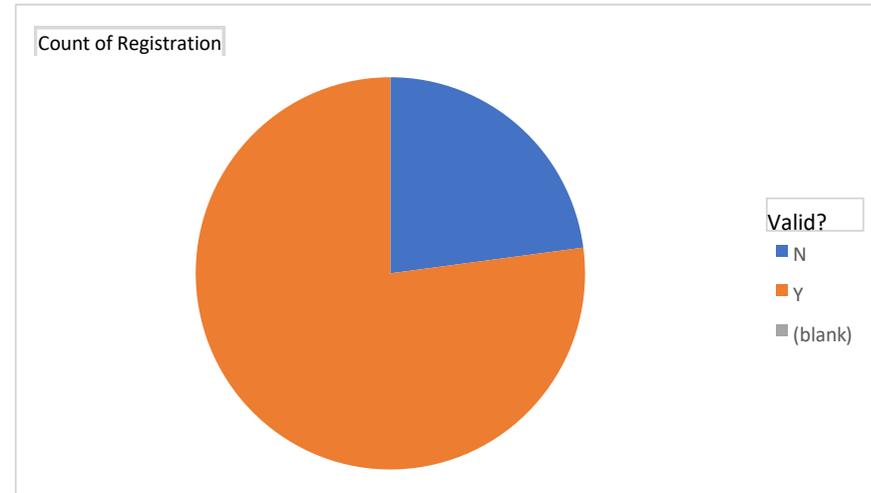
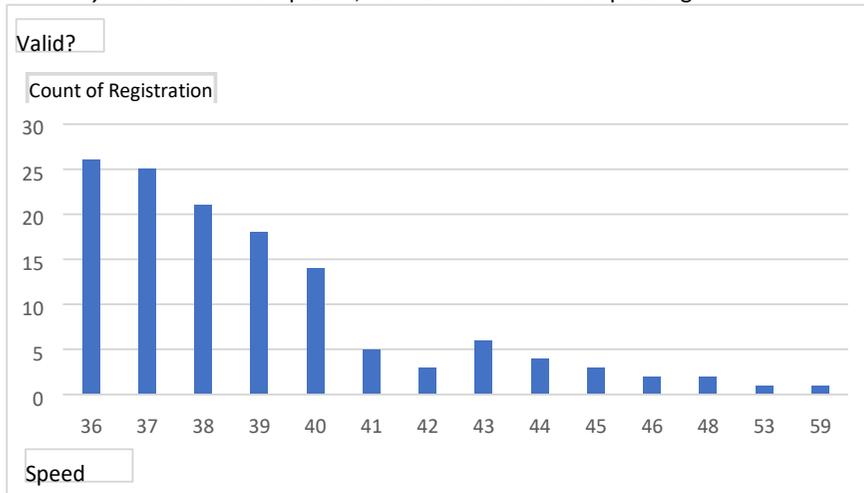
CQC inspectors found the problems of recruiting care staff in Oxfordshire were holding back improvement. Incompatible computer systems also hampered integration of services. The inspectors did find that Oxfordshire had made progress in tackling 'delayed transfers of care'. Health and social care leaders from the five organisations involved in the inspection have already met with the CQC to develop an action plan. The key points of the action plan are:

- Making services more local by using a 'place-based' approach to design and delivery of care
- Improving information available to people who fund their own care so they can get the support they need more quickly
- Investing more in recruitment and retention of care staff so more care packages can be delivered, particularly for older people.

### FULBROOK COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

5 March 2018

Summary - 18 sessions completed; 131 vehicles observed speeding



Signed

Chairman, Fulbrook Parish Council

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