

FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULBROOK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Date: Monday 21st May 2018 at 7:30pm

Venue Parish Church of St James the Great

Present: Councillors Mr Walford Ingleby WI (Chairman)
Mr Peter Burns PB
Mr Malcolm Taylor MT
Mr Robert Warner RW
Clerk Mrs Jo Glyde

District Councillor Derek Cotterill DC and 29 electors attended
PCSO D Moulding

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

FPC	Fulbrook Parish Council
MEWRA	Meadow End & Walnut Row Residents Association
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
WODC	West Oxfordshire District Council
AONB	Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty

1. **Apologies:** Mr and Mrs Beveridge, Mr and Mrs Harrington, Mr and Mrs Kay, Mr and Mrs Picking, Mrs Radcliffe. OCC Mr N Field-Johnson
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th April 201**
 - 2.1 WI signed the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th May 2017 as a true representation of the business conducted.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - 3.1 There were two matters arising from the 2017 meeting, speeding through the village and negotiating the new lease on Fulbrook Playpark with Cottsway Housing association.

Speeding through village

FPC has established a Community Speedwatch team who have been monitoring the traffic after training with our local PCSO. Mr R Newport, the volunteer who administers the scheme for the village, gave a short report indicating the problems with speeding in the village, which is attached to these minutes. He (RN) and PCSO Moulding (DM) took questions from the floor.

What letter goes to those who we record as speeding?

DM will send a copy of the letter to RN for distribution amongst the CSW team.

How do we stop the speeding motorbikes?

DM If the bikes are constantly speeding call 999. If they have left the area call 101.

If we realise that a high proportion of speeding is occurring, what other resources can the village hope for the improve the situation?

DM hopes that when there is a year of statistics we may be able to go back to OCC and request more assistance, or even a speed camera. However, resources are limited, and we need CSW to help prove how bad the problem is. Most of West Oxfordshire is now covered by different CSW schemes and this will discourage drivers from speeding.

Would white gates at the entrances to the village slow the traffic?

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DM not sure how effective these are. DM also stated that the administration used for the CSW is very outdated and needs an up-grade.

RN stated that more volunteers were needed to ensure this scheme continued to be affective.

Fulbrook Playpark lease

FPC has been in touch with Cottsway Housing Association (CHA) regarding the lease, which expires in November 2018. It has been agreed to have a new 7-year lease at £50 per year. The documents will be produced by CHA.

Clerk to contact CHA regarding the new lease.

Clerk

4. Financial Statement

- 4.1 The summary financial statement had been distributed before the meeting. The financial statement was proposed by PB and seconded by RW.

5. WODC – Mr Derek Cotterill

- 5.1 Mr Cotterill read out a report which is attached to these minutes.

As the OCC Councillor was not present DC told the meeting about the progress OCC is making regarding the number of HGVs in Burford. There was a proposal to create an exclusion zone through Burford, but this has been challenged by other areas which feel they would have much more HGV traffic in their area i.e. Woodstock. In the meantime, a study which is looking at the changes drivers would make if not travelling through Burford is being examined. However, this seems to be using a model appropriate for cars not HGVs.

PB expressed outrage at the idea that the traffic teams are using the incorrect type of model to monitor traffic

Mrs Bibbings-Burns told DC about the frustrations she has had trying to deal with the planning department at WODC. DC said that Giles Hughes was the Head of Planning, WODC, and requested that she send the clerk a copy of the correspondence, which the clerk will forward to DC. RN also said he had difficulties in the same area.

Mrs Lethbridge asked for more information about the number of Affordable Homes in new developments. DC stated that there should be at least 50 % which should be purchased by Housing Associations and then rented out at 80% of market rent.

Mr Balbes asked why flyaway plastics were no longer collected. DC said there was no market for these products and previously they had been going to incineration. Frustration was also expressed by the floor at residents being asked to separate out different products for recycling, which are then all chucked into a lorry together. This seems to happen in areas where the Ubico (waste contractor) teams have to use smaller vehicles to traverse the lanes.

6. Annual Parish Report

- 6.1 WI presented his report. A copy is attached with these minutes. WI has also had a meeting with Lucy Anderson from SSE to discuss the problems with electricity power cuts experienced by some residents in Fulbrook over the last winter months.

Miss Capon stated that she had experienced 5 power cuts over the winter months, two of which were prolonged. These were also experienced by Taynton village and Taynton were provided with an emergency vehicle which provided hot drinks for residents. In bad weather it is impractical for Fulbrook residents to make a journey to Taynton to use this facility.

WI stated that there was a priority form that residents can complete to ensure that SSE know where there are vulnerable customers who might need assistance. WI stated that the two main problems for power cuts were birds flying into lines and trees falling onto lines. Different technologies are being developed to deal with these problems which should be in place by 2019/20.

WI, as Chairman of FPC, stated that another councillor is required, as at the recent non-contested election there were only 4 candidates. Mrs Tricia Picking has stood down after 24 years of exceptional service on FPC, either as Chairman or councillor. Donations towards a commemorative gift and a tea party are being planned to mark Mrs Picking's service.

FPC

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7. Reports from Support Groups

7.1 Malcolm Taylor MT, Amenities Group

MT presented a short report in which he stated the last village Plant Sale had made £1359.73 for village amenities. There is another village clear up and carol singing planned for later in the year.

Mr and Mrs Newport were thanked for providing the venue for the village Plant Sale.

7.2 Patricia Picking (PP), Burford and District Society

A short and informative report was prepared by PP and presented to the meeting by Mr Peter Burns as Mrs Picking had sent her apologies to the meeting. The report is attached to these minutes

7.3 John Harrington (JH), Fulbrook Meeting Place

A short informative report about the activities in the Fulbrook Meeting Place (FMP) was presented by Mrs Bibbings Burns as Mr Harrington had previously sent his apologies to the meeting. The report is attached to these minutes.

8. AOB

8.1 Mr Balbes told the meeting that the current Landlords, Frankie and Danny, of the Carpenters Arms, the last pub in the village, were planning to end their tenancy at the end of the summer. He asked if it was possible to have the pub declared an Asset of Community Value.

The clerk explained that this had been tried twice by FPC, with no success. The current owners, Hawthorne Leisure were so determined that this would not happen that they had employed a barrister, at great expense to ensure the pub could be sold by them at will. The clerk explained to the meeting that the main reason to create an asset of Community Value is to give the community 6 months grace in which to raise the funds to purchase the asset. It was agreed that this did not seem to be a viable proposition.

9. Date of Next Meeting

9.1 A date will be announced in the Fulbrook Newsletter as soon as it is finalised.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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Chairman's Report 21/05/2018

Overview.

This is a brief overview of village matters for the Parish Annual Meeting taking place on the 21/05/2018. Starting at 7pm in the Fulbrook Meeting Place, with free drinks for a 7.30pm start.

Power Outages.

The two prolonged power cuts sustained in December led me to SSE's meet SSE's Customer Services Manager via a helpful introduction from Barry Jenner of Taynton Parish Council. A copy of my then report to the principal houses who suffer from the issue is attached.

Better Oxfordshire (Formerly One Oxfordshire)

Proposals for a single unitary council for Oxfordshire were submitted to the Secretary of state for Communities and Government in March last year by OCC, Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Council. Originally Oxford City Council, Cherwell, and WODC oppose the proposals. The Government is expected to make a final decision during the course of this year.

Refuse Collection.

Throughout the year to date we have had enormous difficulty with missed collections of one category or another. The shared Head of Environmental and Commercial services at Cotswold DC/WODC stresses that it is important you report collection misses when they occur through the online form "Report a missed bin collection" via WODC's website: www.westoxon.gov.uk, or by phoning customer services on: 01993 861000. This will give them every opportunity to investigate missed collections.

War Memorial

My report confirms the completion of the restoration works on our War memorial in time for the 100th Anniversary of the war. There will be a programme of celebration to follow later in the year. In the meantime, I would like to express the Parish Councils sincere appreciation to Mr Gavin Beveridge for organizing the works and Tricia Picking for overseeing their completion

New Parish Councillors.

We are striving to recruit new parish councillors. Currently we have a vacancy for one councillor and in the forthcoming term there will be one or two more.

Ideally we would like to recruit new councillors as soon as possible in order to give them the opportunity to experience the activities within the Parish. Along with this we also require the services of a Parish Clerk. Any volunteers should make themselves known to the current councillors Bob Warner, Peter Burns, Malcolm Taylor, Walford, Ingleby. Or our Parish Clerk JO Glyde. By phoning 01993 822192/ 01993 823023.

Amenities' Committee

The committee has a new Chairman in the form of Malcolm Taylor whom we are delighted to welcome to the role. With an already successful 2018 plant sale under his belt we wish him well in guiding the volunteers on the committee to further success with village events in the forthcoming season.

Retiring Councillors

With some sadness I have to report the retirement from the Parish Council of Tricia Picking. After an enormous amount of service (24 years approx.) Tricia has decided to take a back seat and observe rather than action the best interests for the village. The Council intends to hold an afternoon tea and cakes making a small presentation at a date in the near future. In the meantime, we would like to wish Tricia and Tony well for the future.

Sign off

I would like to express my sincere thanks to those who have volunteered with Council matters throughout the past year. Also a great deal of thanks to Jo Glyde who has managed the Parish Clerks affairs at all times providing a service to the village which has been exceptional Thank you all.

J.H.W.Ingleby: Chairman Fulbrook Parish Council.

Signed

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Annual Town and Parish Meetings.

Municipal Year 2017/18.

District Councillor Report.

1. The 2018 election has seen the Conservatives lose seats but retain an overall majority. My comments below will probably indicate why, at local level, the controlling party has suffered an erosion of its majority.

Personally, I have been returned to the District Council with a sizeable majority. I would like to express my thanks to all those who have shown confidence in me and voted accordingly.

Last year, 2017/18, I was chairman of the District's Environment Committee and Vice Chairman of Uplands Planning. I also had a seat on the Finance and Management Committee. My future for 2018/19 will be decided during May ready for Annual Council on 16th May 2018.

2. Environment has proved a difficult remit this last year. A new contractor for Household Rubbish and Recycling was selected and the new contract commenced in October. It was a disaster and it quickly became evident that the contractor, Ubico, had underestimated the task ahead of them. Being a Local Authority owned company they were the cheapest tenderer and, consequently, had to be accepted. Thankfully they have now sorted themselves out and everything is operating efficiently.

3. Planning has been a major headache for the past seven years as WODC tried to get a Local Plan in place to succeed the 2006 -2011 version. Housing numbers were escalated dramatically by the government during the process; increased from 9,000 in the District to 15,000. The NPPF as written by David Cameron's government provided a green light for speculative developers which the District planning committees could not stop. Finally, examination of the plan is going well and AONB sites have been excluded. We confidently expect the plan to be adopted in the very near future.

4. Finance and the required monetary savings imposed upon Districts have led to the formation of Publica. The savings are real and considerable but the staffs are spread thinly. WODC no longer has staff as they have all been transferred to Publica.

5. Locally, we still fight to control speed through Burford and Fulbrook, HGV traffic and get more car parking space. The Shilton Road project will probably see spades in the ground in 2019.

Derek Cotterill

7 May 2018

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Burford and District Society Report for Annual Parish meeting 21st May 2018

I regret that due to a prior engagement I am unable to attend the Annual Fulbrook Parish meeting.

Tricia Picking represents Fulbrook on the Burford and District Society Committee.

The Society is open to everyone in Fulbrook and the annual subscription is £10. Five talks are held mainly in the Methodist Church on a Tuesday evening and are centered on local topics or local speakers. An outing this year has been arranged to visit ABLINGTON MANOR. A 'light lunch' meeting in October, will be held in Bradwell Village Hall, the talk is on the history of the settlement of Carterton and the early days of RAF Brize Norton.

Burford and District Society committee promotes the protection of the town and local villages and Fulbrook has benefitted from funds and support in the past.

Contact Tricia for more information about the Society. She is prepared to continue to represent Fulbrook for the next year.

Fulbrook Meeting Place Report for 2017

The regular events of weekly Fitness Group and monthly Lunch Club and Coffee Mornings along with coffee after the weekly Sunday 9.30am service continue to go well with attendance numbers holding at a good level.

We only held 2 events, both in July, in 2017 – the Great St James Tea Party at Waterloo Farm, courtesy of Martin and Deborah Knight, and a Saints Day Supper. These events plus rental and use of the FMP raised just over £4300 which went towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.

Plans are in hand for 2018 and 2 events are already being organised. Firstly a Wine Tasting Evening, Old World versus New, on Saturday 21st April, with funds raised to be split between a donation to the Children's Society and the church. Secondly we have Open Gardens in Fulbrook on Sunday 10th June, along with light lunches and afternoon teas at the FMP, and money raised will be divided between a donation to Turn2Us, a charity for families in financial hardship, and the church.

Many thanks go to everyone who contributed towards the fundraising events and to the support of those attending. We now look forward to a successful 2018.

John Harrington
March 2018

Signed

Chair of Fulbrook Parish Council

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