

FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING**Date:** 11th May 2023

7.00pm

Venue The Parish Church of St James**Present:** Councillors Dr Peter Burns (Chairman) PB
Mr Robert Warner RW
Dr Filipa Hinton FH
Mr Malcolm Taylor MT

Parish Clerk Mrs Sarah Ebeling

Parishioners attending:

Apologies: OCC Councillor Mr N Field-Johnson
WODC Councillor Hugo Ashton

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

FPC	Fulbrook Parish Council
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
POF	Parishioners Open Forum
WODC	West Oxfordshire District Council
OALC	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
CHA	Cottsway Housing Association
TVP	Thames Valley Police

1 Public Participation

No public participation

2 Declaration of Interests

Nothing new to declare.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd March 2023

Minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman.

4 Fulbrook Parish Council Vacancy

4.1 Resignation of chair

Peter Burns has made the decision to step down as Chair of Fulbrook Parish Council however he will be staying on as a councillor.

4.2 Appointment of new chair

Malcolm Taylor put himself forward to become Chairman of the parish council, which was agreed by all councillors.

5 Matters arising

5.1) 20MPH speed limit

We have received comments from parishioners who agree and disagree with adding a 20mph speed limit through Fulbrook and below are some of the advantages and disadvantages that were brought up:

Advantages

- Safer for children and older adults who might not be as quick crossing the road to be lot safer through the village
- It takes a car travelling at 20mph about 40 feet (12 metres) to stop, whereas a car travelling 30mph takes about 75 feet (23 metres) to stop.
- Many drivers coming though the village currently do not obey the 30mph and are often driving 40mph or faster (evidence from previous speed watch events and data from vehicle activated speed reminder) so if this can reduce the speed even slightly there will still be a huge safety benefit.
- 20mph zones can also limit pollution. When vehicles move more smoothly, with fewer accelerations and Decelerations, it reduces particulate emissions from tyre to brake wear. Even zero emission vehicles still cause significant air pollution this way.

Disadvantages

- Imposing a 20 mph limit may not stop the few driver who drive through the village at high speed.
- Thames Valley Police have made it clear that they will not enforce 20 mph speed limits across the county.
- Drivers tend to ignore the 20 mph limits in Witney and other places (though this can be disputed through observed opinion)
- Driving at 20 may lead to inattentiveness.

- The cost implication for the parish council is at present an unknown factor

6 Reports from County and District Councillors

No reports

7 Amenities

The plant sale looks likely to be a very successful event and discussion need to be had on what the parish can use the money for to give back to everyone in the village.

Possible ideas include:

- Movie night
- Play Park.
- Speeding through Fulbrook
- Benches around the village
- Housing needs survey
- War memorial maintenance

Councillors to think about how they would like to use the money and to discuss at the next meeting.

8 Fundraising

Councillors to keep an eye open on fundraising routes and opportunities

9 Planning

Nothing new to report

10 Speed Watch

The Parish Council is always discussing the possibility of bringing back speed watch. However, last time that the villagers used the handheld speed camera and collected data to give to the police it didn't get the support back from them. It is therefore assessing how effective it is compared to the time taken to collect and analyse the data and if people would be interested in volunteering their time for it. However, since the parish has gained a speed camera which now collects the data for us which can be downloaded and analysed without the need for people to use the handheld speed camera.

11 Play Park

It was discussed that a new proposal of costs for the project need to be drawn up again as the old plans, which were delayed and disrupted because of covid, are 2 years old and therefore the prices will have increased. A new budget then needs to be produced so discussions and research can begin on how much funding the project will need to be able to complete the whole upgrade.

Clerk to email Richard at Sovereign Play and ask for a revised plan and pricing

12 Financial Statement

12.1) Financial Statement for March agreed at the meeting.

12.2) The Fulbrook News has received a large private anonymous donation and therefore currently do not require a donation from the parish council.

12.3) Annual Audit

The Audit forms for 2022/23 have been received from Moore UK with a submission deadline of 30th June. This is currently being prepared and Clerk to ask John Yeatman to carry out the internal audit again this year. The period for the exercise of Public Rights is scheduled for the 5th June to 14th July.

13 Climate Change

Nothing new to report

14 Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 13th July 2023.