

FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday 06th January 2020 7.30 pm

Venue Parish Church of St James the Great

Present: Councillors: Mr W Ingleby WI (Chairman) WI
Mr P Burns PB
Mr R Warner RW
Mr M Taylor MT

Clerk: Mrs K Kekwick (Clerk/RFO)

4 Parishioners were present: Richard Newport RN
Stanley Kekwick SK
Tricia Picking TP
Lucy Staveley LS

Apologies from: WODC Councillor Mr D Cotterill DC
OCC Councillor Mr N Field-Johnson NFJ
Councillor Mr M Thompson

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

Signed

Chairman, Fulbrook Parish Council

Date:

1. Public Participation

- 1.1** TP requested that her thanks to the Parish Council for all that they do throughout the year, and for arranging to place a new roadside salt bin in Westhall Hill be minuted. WI confirmed that now the final position of the bin was settled it would be filled with salt and sand.
- 1.2** TP raised the question as to progress with Speedwatch. Please see item 4.4 below.
- 1.3** LS brought an update regarding the Tree Challenge. Please see item 4.6 below.

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. Minutes of Meeting held 18th November 2019

WI signed the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th November 2019 as a true representation of the business conducted.

4. Matters Arising

- 4.1** Playpark: Monthly checks continue, RW provided a report on the condition of the equipment, which confirmed that everything is in good order. A watching brief will continue as before. **RW & WI**
- 4.2** Follow up discussed for the storage space at Seven Lands Farm. WI said that no suitably sized metal container could be found at an affordable price. WI and RW discussed using a prefabricated wooden shed. It was agreed that a shed, probably 8' x 6', would be suitable and affordable. RW will check that the shed will be able to be moved by forklift truck (will need strengthening underneath). Budget agreed at £1000 overall. Shed will contain 2 metal filing cabinets, Speedwatch equipment and marquee. **RW & WI**
- 4.3** Following on with pedestrian issues on Burford Bridge, WI to forward proposed building plans to Clerk, who in turn will send to NF-J for further action after HGV restrictions in place over Burford bridge. **WI & Clerk**
- 4.4** Speedwatch: TP asked regarding progress on this. WI is liaising with Darryn Moulding (local PCSO) as to what options could be available to push this forward. One option may be to purchase a more sophisticated camera and allied equipment but that comes at a greater cost. The Council needs written confirmation before committing to what could be a substantial expenditure in order to ensure that any motorists caught speeding are followed up on by TVP. **WI**
- 4.5** Follow up regarding wall on south side of A361 near the War Memorial: Bob Tivey (owner of the wall) has written stating that it is in good condition. The overhanging hedge remains a problem however, and it might be worth trying to obtain permission from BT for it to be cut back during future village

clean-ups. It is the Highways responsibility to enforce repairs if the wall is deemed dangerous so clerk to obtain a report direct from them.

Clerk

4.6 2020 Tree Challenge: LS supplied an update on the aim of planting 2020 trees during 2019. Alan Berry has offered 2000 hedgerow trees with the option of a further 2000 at a later date. Will need volunteers to help over weekends, with a big push on the weekend of the 25th of January. Burford School is planting heritage trees and there have been suggestions to plant trees on the Recreation Ground. LS asked if the Council would support planting trees at the top of Beech Grove. WI proposed that 2 beech trees be planted either side of the bench by Beech Grove Farm. Budget for planting 4 half-standard trees including stakes and associated: £200. Proposed by MT and seconded by PB.

WI & LS

4.7 Fulbrook News has received the £400 and a sent a letter of thanks to the Council. Review again in a years' time.

Clerk

4.8 Gigaclear: Announced a delay caused by wayleave issues. Work to now start in May.

5. Report from County Councillor

See attached report from **NF-J**.

6. Report from District Councillor

See attached report from **DC**.

7. Financial Statement

Financial statement for November-December agreed at the meeting.

8. Planning

Erection of two storey side and rear extensions. (Part retrospective)

Fox Tail Cottage Shipton Road Fulbrook Burford Oxfordshire OX18 4BU
Ref. No: 19/03040/HHD | Validated: Thu 31 Oct 2019 | Status: **Approved**

9. Amenities

9.1 Need to promote specific needs that relate to the Community so that additional help can be more focused. Extra people will be able to support particular items rather than just a general request for help. Ideas for schemes along the lines of the plant sale where there is one=off participation would be welcome.

10. Climate Change

MT presented a draft note on the Global Climate Emergency. It was agreed that Climate Action is necessary, and evidence of the support of Fulbrook Parish Council was demonstrated by the action being taken on the 2020 Burford Tree Challenge. However, it was recognised that further actions were needed. In support of this, the Council agreed:

1. Proposal to the Fulbrook Forum to include the topic of Climate Change to be followed up by PB and, if agreed, to be presented by MT and PB.
2. Fulbrook Parish Council to endorse a Climate Change discussion article for inclusion in the next Fulbrook News, MT to agree document with all Councillors prior to publication.
3. Climate Change (and perhaps environment) to be a permanent item on the Fulbrook Parish Council meeting Agenda. This will enable climate actions (large and small) to be minuted and acknowledged.

MT /PB

Date of next meeting

Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7:30pm

REPORT TO FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL - January 2020

From: CLLR NICHOLAS FIELD-JOHNSON

Burford HGV Trial is now set for April/May.

The funds have now been raised and the signage is soon to be ordered. This is a great result for Burford ensuring less congestion and less pollution in Burford. I want to thank Burford Town Council for their support and all those who have contributed to make this happen – it is a great and historic result !

Graphene road trial in Oxfordshire – fewer potholes ??

Having argued for a better road surface over the last few years - at last OCC are replacing old fashioned tarmac with a new better substance.

The County Council is testing a new substance that could help keep more roads pothole free for the first time in Britain on a road in Oxfordshire. A joint trial is being held by Oxfordshire County Council and its contractors, Skanska, to lay and test a fully recyclable, graphene-enhanced asphalt on a 750m stretch of busy main road in Curbridge, near Witney.

Graphene is a specially developed ingredient that is added to otherwise ordinary surfacing material and has the potential to extend the life of roads and guard against potholes and other problems.

One lane has been resurfaced using conventional materials - effectively acting as the control measure - while the opposite 'trial' lane was resurfaced using the asphalt enhanced by the innovative additive developed by Italian company Iterchimica. Engineers will monitor how the new surface performs and it will take up to two years to get a full picture of how well it compares to the conventional materials.

Gritters gear up for winter weather

Oxfordshire's team of over 60 staff are on standby throughout the winter to turn out at all hours to make sure that the priority roads around Oxfordshire are salted and kept as safe as possible during freezing and sometimes treacherous weather.

In Oxfordshire the county council grits all A-roads, B-roads and some C-roads. This amounts to 1200 miles per gritting run which is the equivalent of travelling from London to Iceland.

There has been no change to the winter maintenance budget in recent years. The money we spend relates directly to the conditions on Oxfordshire's roads in any given year. Last year we spent more than £1.8m gritting Oxfordshire's roads.

Winter plan advice for vulnerable residents

Oxfordshire County Council is taking a collaborative approach with NHS partners to encourage local residents to have a personal winter plan, so they are prepared when they start to feel unwell with a cough, cold or flu. Advice to residents or friends and family of vulnerable people includes:

- Having a free NHS flu vaccination if you are eligible
- Getting help early before your condition worsens
- Getting repeat prescriptions in plenty of time before bank holidays
- Seeking advice from your local pharmacist and having a well-stocked medicine cabinet
- Stocking up on winter food supplies
- Getting your boiler serviced and keeping your home heated to 18C
- Having a list of emergency phone numbers handy by your phone

You can read the Public Health England leaflet 'Keep Warm Keep Well' which provides advice on staying well.

County councillors back climate action plan to join 'green revolution' in Oxfordshire

Councillors have approved plans for Oxfordshire County Council to meet its ambitious target of reducing its own carbon footprint to net zero by 2030. 'Climate Action for a Thriving Oxfordshire' explains how the council will reduce its own carbon emissions and supporting the environmental ambitions of others, including schools.

The county council already funds support for 65 community action groups at the forefront of community-led climate change action. The council sees the continued success of these action groups in tackling environmental issues such as waste, transport, food production and local energy generation as vital to reducing emissions in the county.

The council has started planning for major changes to improve energy efficiency and reduce travel-related carbon emissions, with a cross-party group of councillors already working on proposals for change.

The county council has already reduced its carbon emissions by nearly 50% since 2008 and has a target of making its own estate carbon neutral by 2030.

Oxfordshire reaches top ten in most productive council survey

Oxfordshire has been recognised by the annual IMPOWER Index survey as being a top ten council for 2019. The survey acknowledges the improvement to productivity over the past year, taking Oxfordshire County Council from 49th place in the index to a top ten council.

The full report highlights how the council has improved its performance across seven types of services for our residents. One of the key areas recognised was services for older people where were ranked as the fifth best performer in the county in that category.

The council also achieved a higher position on scores on children's social care; all age disability; health and social care interface; housing and homelessness. waste and recycling; and – new for 2019 – children with high needs.

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WODC Councillor Report for Burford Town Council, Fulbrook Parish Council and Taynton Parish Meeting.

From: CLLR DEREK COTTERILL

1. Apologies as I am fleeing the country on an important twinning mission, it's the book launch of "Burford and Its Soul" in Potenza Picena. The exciting culmination of 6 months' work by three Italians, mainly by Enzo Romagnoli, to record the life and times of Burford. I have only seen electronic proofs but the book looks impressive containing many of the great and the good, the notable and the notorious of Burford in their environs. The entire project is currently costing me an arm and a leg as nothing associated with it is subsidised by the tax payer contrary to any common belief which might exist.
2. Publica has a new Managing Director. David Neudegg, former WODC Chief Executive who set up Publica, retired at the end of the year. Jan Britton has succeeded him as the Managing Director and I have yet to meet him. There will probably be a press release or information in the next Witney Gazette.
3. Burford Town Council has achieved its target for HGV fund raising and the Mayor is ready to continue to the next stage of the project.

Signed

Chairman, Fulbrook Parish Council

Date:

