**FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**A meeting held at Fulbrook Meeting Place on Monday 18th November 2024, 7.00pm**

**Parish Councillors present:** Cllr Malcolm Allsop, Cllr Richard Marsh, Cllr Pat Barbour, Cllr Chris Rowntree

**Clerk:** Sara Hall

**Present**: Hugo Ashton

**Also present (public attendees):** Neil Barbour, Caroline Edwards, Oliver and Robyn Sharpley, Bob Tivey, Claire Milner, Robin Campbell and Elaine Allsop.

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** No apologies received.
2. **Register of Interest Forms and Declaration of Interest:** Noted.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Cllr Allsop approved and signed the final minutes of the Parish Council meeting of14th October 2024.
4. **Public Speaking and Reports.**
   1. Report from West Oxfordshire District Councilor. Hugo Ashton gave an update on the timetable for Local Plan, changes to the services to be provided by WODC, government policy towards devolution and current plans for A40. He reported no progress regarding Burford Bridge and confirmed a possible call for electric chargers in 2025.
   2. **Public Speaking:** Robin Campbell reported that the wall near the Carpenters Arms is in a state of collapse and asked Hugo Ashton about recycling of toner printer cartridges. Hugo Ashton confirmed communications were in the pipeline for recycling fly away plastics. Oliver Sharpley spoke about the rejection of his recent planning application. His family has lived in Fulbrook for 75 years, he had deep roots in the area and he and his family would like to downsize to remain in the village. He did not understand the lengthy rejection of his application.
5. **Matters Arising**
   1. Village Tidy Up: Cllr Allsop reported a very successful village tidy up on 2nd November and thanked everyone who attended. Cllr Allsop confirmed a churchyard tidy up on Saturday 23rd November at 10 am.
   2. Plant Sale: Cllr Allsop has invited Charlie Maynard to the 2025 plant sale and, together with volunteers, is planning extra stalls and activities.
   3. Update on 20 mph speed limit: Clerk confirmed that local businesses had been contacted asking for compliance with the new speed limit but she had received no responses. Cllr Rowntree reported a growing concern that cars are overtaking other cars driving within the speed limit which is dangerous. This issue of enforcement was discussed, and Cllr Barbour pointed out that OCC could generate income from greater enforcement. **Action**: Council to write to OCC regarding enforcement and write to Burford Town Council with thanks for support regarding Burford Bridge.
   4. Electronic Speed Signs: Cllr Rowntree has ordered a re-charging station for the speed sign next to Carpenter’s Arms but the second sign has stopped working and is configured to 30 mph which cannot be reduced. Cllr Rowntree is waiting for costings.
   5. Discussion of pillbox at last Council meeting: **Action**: Clerk to investigate ownership of pillbox at Burford Bridge.
   6. Servicing of Defibrillator at Carpenters Arms: **Action**: Cllr Barbour to investigate.
6. **Financial Matters**
   1. Cllr Allsop confirmed that Council’s budget will be prepared and discussed at next meeting. **Action**: Cllr Marsh to prepare draft budget.
   2. Cllrs agreed a special resolution in relation to the TSB bank mandate.
   3. Cllr Marsh noted bank balance £14,217.55 as of 1st October 2024.
7. **Website Update.** Discussions with NetWise continue. Cllr Rowntree has provided photographs for website and domain name of fulbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk is agreed.
8. **Village play park update.**

Cllr Barbour is awaiting confirmation of funding from Burford Festival Trustees. **Action:** Clerk to check procurement regulations regarding number of quotes required for works.

1. **Planning Update.** 
   1. Planning application regarding erection of replacement dwelling at High Meadow Westhall Hill: Cllr Marsh reported that while the new plans were improved the new building is sited nearer to the road compared to the existing bungalow and is still a substantial size. **Action**: Clerk to lodge the Council’s objection to revised plans.
2. **Correspondence.**
   1. Clerk noted that she had received correspondence from residents in relation to 20 mph speed limit.
3. **Future Council Meetings.** Next meeting to be at 7pm Fulbrook Meeting Place **Monday 16th December 2024.**
4. **Agenda and items for next meeting.** None.

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Approved and signed by Chairman:

Date: