

FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: 12th January 2021
7.00pm

Venue Zoom Video Conference Meeting

Present: Councillors Mr Peter Burns (Chairman) PB
Mr Malcolm Taylor MT
Mr Robert Warner RW
Mr Mike Thompson MTN

Parish Clerk Mrs Sarah Ebeling

Parishioners attending: None

Apologies: WODC Councillor Mr D Cotterill
OCC Councillor Mr N Field-Johnson

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

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| 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 Parishioners Participation

BW discussed problems caused by heavy traffic from Thames Water, they have caused damaged to the lane off Meadow End. BW has been trying to contact them but has so far had no luck with speaking to a person who can help.

BW to keep trying to get hold of the relevant person/department.

2 Declaration of Interests

There have been no changes to Councillors interests, and there were no interests to declare regarding items on the agenda.

3 Minutes of Meeting held on November 17th 2020

Minutes to be signed at the first opportunity, when a face-to-face Council Meeting is Permitted.

4 Matters arising

4.1 Speed initiative:

PB discussed that he has spoken to OCC about them fitting a new post for the new speed camera. The post will be fitted by the bus stop which is opposite the Carpenters Arms. It was also discussed that we will need to find a contractor who would be able to fit the camera to the post.

Clerk spoke about the responses she has received from parishioners regarding the speed controls they would like to see throughout the village. Unfortunately, due to the road running through the village being an A road this brings restrictions and regulations that limit the types of speed controls we are able to pursue.

Clerk to find a contractor for fitting of camera.

Clerk to look further into the speed measures we are able to pursue.

4.2 Salt bin repair update

Clerk has spoken to OALC to ask advice on how we go about paying for the damages to the wall through insurance. They have advised that we need to give the crime number to our insurance company and they will then be able to contact the persons involved insurance company for us.

Clerk to get the crime number, possibly speak to PCSO Darryn Moulding to help.

4.3 River Windrush effluence discharge

MP's across different parties are supporting a parliamentary bid to stop water companies discharging untreated sewage into rivers. The private members bill is to place a duty on water companies to ensure this no longer happens and for water companies to set out plans to reduce their reliance on the use of combined sewer overflows which discharge untreated effluent after heavy rain.

PB to write a letter of support to Robert Courts.

5 Reports from District & County Councillors

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1. Mullions 20/0331/HHD

Noted that this application for a garage again proposes restricting the width of the OCC Right of Way alongside the property. OCC Footpaths Officer has suggested “testing the water” by restricting the width of the ROW to 2 metres in order to see if anyone complains.

The Parish Council could formally complain and, should a farmer require vehicular access to the field at the end of the footpath, local farmers might have an objection. The case officer is Declan Jermy on Declan.jermy@westoxon.gov.uk.

2. Flooding

December 23rd brought heavy rain which flooded Burford Car Park, Island House by the bridge, possibly Ladyham, and placed the Grade 1 listed Burford Church in danger. Breaches in the flood defences, the inability of spillways and sluices to carry the water caused a back up of water upstream of the bridge such that 3 of the four arches were totally submerged. Two pumps were installed in the churchyard to reduce the flood level around the exterior of chancel and prevent entry of flood water into the church through the priest’s door.

The flood water stopped flowing on 6th January but the silt froze solid such that the roadsweeper could not clean the car park. Another attempt will be made on 11th January.





Signed

Chairman, Fulbrook Parish Council
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Date:



3. WODC is still conducting all business via Cisco Webex or Zoom and has legal authority to do so till 7th May 2021.

9 January 2021/DAC

REPORT TO FULBROOK PC – January 2021
OCC REPORT - FROM CLLR NICHOLAS FIELD-JOHNSON

I hope that everybody was able to enjoy a very different Christmas break and wish you a belated Happy New Year. Unfortunately, I need to start my article by saying the COVID pandemic is a fast-moving and quickly spreading situation (as of 5th January) with the regulations changing all the time.

The recent rapid spread is being attributed to a new variant of COVID-19, which is passed on far more easily. Although there is currently no evidence that this variant causes a more severe illness nor that the vaccine will be any less effective, it is 70 per cent more transmissible. This new variant is increasingly becoming the dominant strain across the country.

There is good news regarding the roll out of the vaccination programme which is a major logistical challenge. Oxfordshire County Council is working with the local NHS team and City/District colleagues to manage how the vaccine will be administered to residents across the county. The programme is administered on a medical basis and G.P.s will be notifying patients when to attend.

We are in the process of setting the budget which will go before Full Council 9th February. The additional pressures from COVID has added to the pressures however I'm confident that the proposals will protect front line services along with investment for the future to help protect residents from the longer-term impact of the crisis. The proposals that will go to Cabinet in January include:

- A total of £1m long term funding would be invested in expanding the youth offer in Oxfordshire. A study is due to report in the Spring on the needs of young people and how the wider partnership of the voluntary, community and public services can best provide support. An additional £500,000 of one-off accelerator funding will also be provided to develop sustainable long terms approaches and help tackle the impacts of the pandemic on young people.
- An extra £4m will be added to the adult social care budget for 2021/22. This includes a total of £1.35m for managing risks such as provider sustainability.
- The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a programme spanning both the NHS and local government. It seeks to join up health and care services so that people can manage their own health and wellbeing and live independently in their communities for as long as possible. For 2020/21, the county council agreed with health partners that £1.2m of the improved BCF for Oxfordshire would be used to support activities agreed to deliver better outcomes over the winter period in the county. However, it was one-off funding. The council is proposing to continue the funding for 2021/22, which would be used to support measures to help people be discharged from hospital and enable new ways of working and better outcomes for residents.
- The number of adults of working age with physical disabilities has increased in 2020/21 and there are forecast overspends for both care at home and for residential care. While this is being managed within pooled resources between the NHS and council in 2020/21, it is not anticipated that this can be maintained in the longer run. Pending a review of the needs and activity for these service users, £750,000 has been proposed to support expenditure on assessed care needs from 2021/22.
- The county council has been part of a joint partnership to procure and manage services for single homeless people in Oxfordshire since it was formed in 2017. A further one-off contribution to the partnership of £500,000 was included in the budget, with £250,000 of this allocated for 2020/21 and the same in 2021/22. The council is proposing to continue the council's support for the partnership from 2022/23.

- During the period of the pandemic, more people have chosen to take up drugs and alcohol residential rehabilitation services and this has led to the council proposal to put £50,000 more into existing services.
- An extra £400,000 is proposed for highway maintenance focused on additional resource for vegetation and drainage clearance plus supporting the roll out of a trial currently being undertaken enabling parish councils to implement 20mph schemes in their villages.
- A £300,000 fund to support innovative community-developed projects and activities that improve people's health and wellbeing in Oxfordshire is proposed. A total of £150,000 of this will be new funding and £150,000 will come from existing public health budgets.
- An extra £330,000 will be invested into children's services on increasing early intervention services, increasing the skill base of children's social care workers and special educational needs related services.
- A total of £81,000 would be invested in domestic violence services and £150,000 into apprenticeships.

Please do not hesitate to contact me and keep well and safe.

Cllr Nicholas Field-Johnson

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6 Planning

Mullions planning permission discussed, they are wanting to build a new garage building which will decrease the width of the footpath.

PB to construct a letter to be added to the planning comments by the 17th January 21.

7 Play Park

We have received some positive responses from parishioners with regards to making some improvements to the play park in Meadow End. The general consensus is the need for a few pieces of equipment for the older children to be able to use.

**Clerk to set up meetings with companies who can make us a design and quote.
PB and Clerk to discuss the project further and set out a budget.**

8 Financial Statement

Financial statement for November/December agreed at the meeting.

9 **COVID-19**

No action to be taken for the moment, it was again agreed that people seem more prepared with systems still in place from the first lockdown.

Councillors & Clerk to keep an ear to the ground in case someone is in need so we can help.

10 **Climate Change**

MT to follow up on an email he received from OCC to consider taking action against Climate Change.

MT to update us in the next meeting.

11 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7:00pm.