

Fencott & Murcott Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 14th January 2016

Fencott & Murcott Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors: J Lewis (chairman); J Wylie; K Bott; D Rawlinson

Number of Parishioners Present: 0

1. Declaration of Interest

None

2. Approval of Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the previous meeting (1st October 2015) were approved and signed by the Chairman

3. Public Questions

The meeting was adjourned to receive comments from the public:

None

The meeting was re-convened

4. Chairman's Announcements

- Chairman circulated the job advert draft for Parish Clerk for review. It was approved for release to Otmoor review and other local parish magazines, local shop notice boards, etc, and it was agreed that this should be undertaken forthwith.

5. Finance

a) Accounts at end of December '15:

Current Account	£9,071.41
Deposit Account	£8,011.24
Total	£17,082.65

b) Payments for approval/Cheques to be signed:

- None

c) Forecast and budgeting:

- The RFO presented a forecast for expenditure during the remainder of the current financial year of £1,270
- The RFO presented a budget for the year 2016/17 showing, without including precept, a planned deficit of £15,165

d) Precept – In consideration of increased expenditure on speed-calming and flood preparation, which gave rise to budget projections of a cash deficit in the coming year of up to £15,000, it was agreed that a precept of £3,000 would be requested

– the same amount as last year. It was resolved that the Chairman should submit the requirement for £3,000 precept to CDC.

- e) Risk assessment – Following minor amendments for the current context of the Parish Council the 2016 Risk Assessment document was deemed fit for purpose and was approved.

6. Parish Business

- a) Planning applications were reviewed:

- It was noted that an application for extension to living accommodation at the Nut Tree pub had been submitted and then withdrawn.

No further action by the parish council was deemed necessary.

- b) Flooding – The recent spell of wet weather has once again raise the prospect of flooding in the local roads and villages. The Parish Council continues to liaise with agencies involved in the maintenance of waterways in our parish ensuring that the community can be represented should any decisions be made by agencies and Otmoor stakeholders in management of waterways.

- It was agreed that the Parish Council would report to Highways that drainage water is leaking up through the broken road surface on the eastern boundary of Fencott.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact other local parish councils to discuss ways of promulgating information on local flooding and road closures, and general communications in the event of sudden or severe flooding.

- c) Traffic calming:

- It was agreed that the Parish Council would mark up a map and write a description of proposed extension to the speed limit areas in our villages for presentation to CDC, following representation on the subject by some parishioners over an extended period, and continued difficulties in getting clear advice from CDC on the matter.

7. Items for urgent consideration not covered by agenda

- It was noted that a number of requests had been made by executors of estates of people who owned plots on Alice's Meadow for advice on who ownership should be transferred to. It was agreed that legal advice on this matter is required with first step being to contact OALC for advice on suitable solicitors for matters of this nature.
- From time to time the subject of a community web site may be beneficial, and it was raised once again in the context of promulgating information relating to flooding and traffic issues. Noting that it has become very much easier and cheaper to set up and maintain a web site, with improved flexibility for updating information, it was agreed that a report on how a parish web site could be set up and utilised.

8. Date of next meeting

Proposed Date of Next meeting – 6th April 2016

Chairman:
