

Fencott & Murcott Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 17th January 2017 Fencott and Murcott Village Hall

Present:

J Lewis

J Wylie

K Bott

D Rawlinson

N Bates

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of the previous meeting held on 24th November 2016 were approved and signed by the chairman.

4. Public questions, comments or representations

None

5. Chairman's announcements

- Alice's Meadow Rental – the traditional cycle of three-yearly rental period will be restarted. The Parish Council should give consideration to how to best publicise the asset in order to yield maximum return. The present renter will be informed that the end of cycle is approaching, and asked to deal with hedge cutting prior to the end of the rental term on 31st March. A new information sheet will be written and publicised via noticeboards, web site and other means. A full inspection will be carried out as per insurance requirements prior to a new renter taking up the field. The legal brief for opinion on the Parish Council's response to plot owners, and estates of plot owners wishing to donate their plots to the Parish Council will be completed and submitted to NALC who have agreed that their legal team will provide opinion free of charge.

6. Finance

- It was agreed that a precept of £3,000 (same as previous) for the forthcoming year would be requested from CDC.
- Budgeting for next financial year:

- A quotation will be sought from our regular contractor for cleaning and if necessary painting the 'speed calming' gates (4 pairs of gates).

7. Parish business

- Fencott Bus Shelter – Following receipt of quotations, and acceptance by the insurers of the lowest quotation, it was agreed that the contract would be placed with PJ Hawes, the lowest bidder. The contractor will be informed, and requested to commence work as soon as possible.
- Traffic Speed Calming – Following analysis of the recent speed survey at three points on the road through our parish, and on the advice of Oxfordshire Highways after their discussion with the Police, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not proceed with a costly application process that stands almost no chance of being implemented. It was suggested that alternatives are sought, such as light-up signs showing speed of approaching traffic. It was also noted that a footpath alongside the road between the villages is not a viable proposition on the advice of Oxford Highways.

8. Urgent business not on agenda

- Murcott pond drainage – It was noted that the issue of poor drainage from the road into the pond has been reported to OCC Highways, and a request made for this to be backed up by communication from the Parish Council.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Meeting of Parish Council:

23rd March at 7.30pm

Chairman :