

Fencott & Murcott Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 24th November 2016 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 6th October 2016 were approved and signed by the chairman.

4. Public questions, comments or representations

None

5. Chairman's announcements

- The chairman welcomed Nicole Bates as a new councillor.
- The suggestion of a path connecting Murcott and Fencott on the roadside verge to enable walkers to easily avoid walking on the road has been raised. This should be discussed further at the next meeting.

6. Finance

- The RFO presented the financial spreadsheet and bank statements which showed reconciliation of the books.

7. Parish business

- Fencott Bus Shelter – One quotation for rebuild has been received. Two more are required by our insurers, which are expected shortly from builders responding to our project posting on mybuilder.com. When three quotes are received they will be submitted to our insurers.
- Traffic Speed Calming – Following the recent speed survey at three points on the road through our parish, speed data has been made available to us for analysis. Discussion with Highways relating to the presented data confirmed that the police

ignore exceptionally fast road users as their behaviour is deemed unlikely to be affected by a change in speed limits. Instead they focus on the 85th percentile behaviour (i.e. 85% of road users drive at or below a certain speed). Results from our surveys show that the 85th percentile speed is well within the current posted national speed limit. An initial discussion with OCC Highways suggests that the monitored good road behaviour and excellent road safety record on these roads makes it unlikely that they or the police would sanction a significant reduction in speed limit. Further discussions with Highways to establish our options moving forward and the cost of taking them.

- Murcott Public Phone Box – A notification via CDC Planning shows that BT want to remove the public phone box in Murcott as its usage does not merit its existence. No objections have been received to its removal and therefore it was agreed that a response to Planning should be made offering no objections to its removal.

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:

17th January at 7.30pm

Chairman :