

Fencott & Murcott Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 24th September 2018

Fencott & Murcott Village Hall

Present

J Lewis
J Wylie
N Bates
T Brown
K Bott
L Cox (Parish Clerk)
7 Members of the Public

1. Apologies for absence

Doug McClure (village hall)
Cllr Dan Sames

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting, held 23rd July 2018

Approved and signed by Chairman

4. Chair's announcements

The recent announcement regarding Expressway routing was noted, and the commitment not to develop Otmoor.

4. Public questions, comments or representations

Development potential in Murcott:

Two representatives of a property development company presented a consideration that an area of land behind homes in Murcott on the northern side of the road might be suitable as a site for a number of new houses. They may choose to submit a planning application to CDC in which case the Parish Council will be informed in the normal way.

Village Hall:

The Parish Council was asked by the Village Hall Committee to lead a collaborative bid and to assist with fund-matching for funding from Cllr Dan Sames discretionary fund.

5. Finance Report

See attached

6. Parish Business

Buryfields Trust

It was agreed that PC councillors are to be default trustees of the Trust. Revd Steve Hayes reported that the Trust bank account is approximately £6,000, and he can shortly access the accounts and set up new signatories. The Charity Commission can reinstate the Trust once financial returns are made.

The opportunity exists to redefine the scope of the Trust and its giving, and this will be discussed at a forthcoming meeting when a proposal from Revd Hayes has been received.

It was noted that rent is currently £50 for one plot (the larger one) and £650 other plot (which has some storage buildings on it). Consideration will be given to appropriateness of rent sums going forward.

Land Registry

It was agreed that the village pond and play area adjacent the village hall be registered in the name of the PC as a first registration as the land is not presently registered. This will enable appropriate decisions to be made regarding future maintenance, insurance, usage, etc to be made solely by the Parish Council.

Grass cutting grant

It was decided that three grass cutting quotes for areas through villages would be sought in order to finalise whether to pursue the opt-out grant from CDC.

Neighbourhood plan grant

It is necessary to circulate documents and speak to advisors before committing to the planning process.

Ditches and waterways

Environment Agency document was reviewed. No work was carried out in August despite EA commitment. Cllr to write to EA questioning use of public money, commitment, maintenance schedule and self-help team suggestion.

Planning:

- Moorlands Farm planning application
Still awaiting CDC decision

7. Urgent business not on Agenda

Remembrance:

- WW1 Silhouettes – it was decided not to pursue the offer of remembrance silhouette
- The sapling and commemorative plaque on offer will be accepted.

Expressway meeting on 3rd October

It was agreed to match fund £1000 allocated from Cllr Dan Sames fund, F&M PC to apply on behalf of the village hall committee. Add to November agenda

8. Next meeting date

26th November 2018

Chairman

Fencott & Murcott Parish Council

Financial Report – September 2018

1. Cash position:

Current account:	£5976.10
<u>Deposit account:</u>	<u>£8024.65</u>
Total:	£14000.75

The financial spreadsheet is attached and it reconciles with bank statements (available for inspection).

2. Cheques – approval for payment

- Laptop £603.52 Scanner £53.39, total £656.91
- OALC Councillor course 17th September £192.00
- Clerk wages to date £945.50
- Chairman expenses £30

3. VAT Return

The clerk is updating the VAT records and will be submitting a return to HMRC shortly.

4. Employer PAYE

The clerk is working with Tetbury Accounting to ensure the PC is set up as an employer and submitting PAYE returns correctly.