

Fencott & Murcott Parish Council

Minutes of Meetings – 20th May 2019 Fencott & Murcott Village Hall

7pm: Annual Meeting of Parish Council

Present

J Lewis, J Wylie, N Bates, T Brown, K Bott, L Bustin (Parish Clerk)
Rev Steve Hayes, Representative of VHC
Cllr Dan Sames

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Elect Chairman

James Lewis proposed by NB, and seconded by JW

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Approved and signed by Chairman

5. Chair's announcements

6. Finance Report for the year 2018 – 2019

See attached, year end bank reconciliation, budget over view and income/expenses reviewed.

7. Parish Business

The Parish Council wished to thank the WI for their litter picking organisation.

Parish Liaison meeting advised – TB to attend

Cllrs completed Oxon CC survey

Village sign has fallen off one of the white gates at entrance – reported to Cllr Sames. Cllr Sames invited PC to send a list of items he might be able to help with.

Environment Agency Update:

EA process is to apply for government money for projects, such as a group of watercourses in an area. The money is used 'within' that group. Marlake money has been used somewhere within group.

Discussion on how areas are grouped, responsibilities, and whether if the EA has already asked for funding for this area would they get it again. A local operative has said that work does need to be done.

Item to remain on agenda

The Splash

There is a picnic bench at the splash that may need some work or replacement. Some discussion on the use of the Splash by various visitors. Reports of a car parking permanently at the site. Suggestion that a sign could be placed as part of promotion of correct footpath routes, as this is a good place to start walking.

Footpaths

After some discussion the PC resolved to help both land owners and footpath users by encouraging the use of the definitive map, asking if we can get free NFU signs, laminate posters for village use, and possibly using the BOWT poster. There are missing footpath signs which should be reported to Oxon CC.

Planning applications and decisions were reviewed

Buryfield Trust – short update from Steve Hayes, cheques can now be signed.

8. Chair – items not covered by the agenda, discuss whether to be added to next agenda

Decision to add charitable donations and possible application form to July agenda.

Next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 15th July at 7.30 pm

Signed by Chairman _____

8pm: Annual Parish Meeting

1. Welcome

2. County Councillor Dan Sames report

Update on expressway, mentioned 6th June meeting

Local councillors confirmed as David Hughes, Tim Hallchurch and Simon Holland

Discussion on road drainage, (e.g. adjacent the pond) fallen village sign, footpath usage and manhole covers.

Reported 'clean and green' role within Cherwell DC

3. Parish Council reports

Year-end finances agreed

4. Public speaking

Sally Quillan had asked to speak to the PC and community about the good neighbour volunteer driving scheme that Islip Medical Practice were promoting. She discussed a possible Otmoor villages partnership to include F&M, Merton and Oddington. Details to be shared on the community facebook page and via the PC website. Initially a set up group in each village needed which would be one or two people, then volunteers join later on. PC fully approved and encouraged the scheme.

Village Hall Committee Report

Playground repair scheduled for July, date to be advised

Land Registry work underway to register land adjacent village hall.

PC to meet with VHC to discuss matters of mutual interest e.g. insurance

Reported upcoming village hall events

Meeting finished at 8.55 pm

Next Annual Parish Meeting will be in May 2020

Signed by Chairman _____