

**Fencott & Murcott Parish Council**

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**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019  
7.30 pm Fencott & Murcott Village Hall**

**Present**

J Lewis, J Wylie, N Bates, T Brown, K Bott, L Bustin (Parish Clerk), 3 x public

**1. Welcome**

**2. Apologies for absence**

Rev Steve Hayes, Cllr Dan Sames

**3. Declarations of interest**

None

**4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting**

Approved and signed by Chairman

Clerk advised that minutes & associated information would in future be available as soon as possible

**5. Public Speaking**

None

**6. Chair's announcements**

**7. Finance Report**

**8. Parish Business**

Parish Liaison meeting update from TB – information circulated

Clerk to check and update asset register/insurance policy to ensure all parcels of land and village furniture are included, as well as checking status of Buryfield Trust. Clerk will produce a map.

Clerk to check status of mission rooms with Steve Hayes, is a church asset.

Village Maintenance

Potholes being reported to Cllr Sames and online

Thames Water/sewage issue (?) adjacent Field House and onto path

Pond next to pub has drainage duct issues, road floods and pond does not fill up

Trees at the pond need some work

Clerk to ask Highways about white lines on the road bends

Clerk to ask Highways about dragons teeth at 30mph, and about moving the white gate between Fencott and Murcott.

Village Hall

After a successful meeting earlier in the month between members of the PC and the Village Hall Committee (VHC), discussion centred on benefits of a shared insurance policy.

The VHC is a standalone charity that owns the building and the land, and charity trustees are responsible for fund raising. It is not suggested that the PC help to cover the running costs of the VHC. Possibility PC could assist with playground upkeep/one off repairs. Clerk advised that a regular payment cannot be promised to VHC, however the PC can make donations to VHC using Section 137 power. Unanimous agreement that PC wishes to help the VHC.

A member of the VHC advised that the kitchen needs significant overhaul.

Clerk offered help with accessing funding, business planning and management.

Bus stops

Birds nesting in both shelters. Cllrs and Clerk to liaise over cleaning them.

Grass Cutting

Not been done as at date of meeting, clerk to prompt CDC

Environment Agency Update

Ditches are dry.

The Splash

The picnic bench needs the old paint stripping and a new fit for purpose preservative applying

Alice's Meadow

Three year tenancy ends 2020, clerk to advertise for tenders. Cllr visits site quarterly to ensure all is satisfactory.

The Pound

PC are responsible for this piece of ground

Footpaths

Cllrs decided on wording for a sign to be created. Clerk to get quotes for plastic and printed options.

Planning

Applications and decisions were reviewed

Expressway

Many local groups providing updates. Clerk to ask Otmoor Review to publish a paragraph to say the PC will update residents when something concrete to consider. Clerk to ask Cllr Sames for contribution to Otmoor Review.

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

None

Next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30 pm

Signed by Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ **DRAFT** \_\_\_\_\_