# **MINUTES**

**OF THE MEETING OF FENCOTT & MURCOTT PARISH COUNCIL**

**7.30pm 8th January 2025 Fencott and Murcott Village Hall**

**Councillors Present:** James Lewis (Chair), Lucy Macfarlane, Tim Bennett

**In Attendance:** Lynne Bustin (Parish Clerk), one member of the public

**1. Welcome**

**2. Apologies**

Nick Wyke – apologies accepted

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Nick Wyke

**4. Governance**

Parish Councillor Vacancy

**5. Minutes of previous meeting and any matters arising**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th November 2024 approved and signed.

Parishioner has offered to purchase a defibrillator for the bus stop in Fencott. Parish Council discussed different typed available, preference for a wall mounted unit not in a locked cabinet, inside the bus stop. Clerk to obtain cost comparison for paediatric and non-paediatric.

Recommendation for Parish Council to have email addresses for councillors, clerk to investigate options within current package and compare costs.

**6. Meeting Adjourned:**

Opportunity for members of public to propose matters for PC consideration. (Max 5 minutes per topic)

**Meeting Re-convened:**

**7. Finance**

Review Finance report, ratify invoices paid and review invoices received

Review Parish Council budget

Precept request approved £11000 for the 2025 – 2026 financial year

 Noted that Clerk is investigating grants for purchasing a big screen for the village hall

**8. Parish Business**

Alices Meadow – interest from Lewis Carroll society. Parish Council discussed costs associated with managing the meadow. Agreed that parish should be consulted on their views of how the meadow should be managed, cost implications, access and so on. Clerk to implement a survey, online and paper based. Items to consider include noticeboard, hedge laying, tree cutting and management, vehicle gate, pedestrian gate, environmental considerations, tree planting.

Flooding - Highways signage and flooding plans ongoing in conjunction with OCC. The location of road closure signs important, local businesses should be informed. Need to have a standing order for the height/spread of flood water, risk to property, number of requests, number of councillor votes to prompt signs being displayed.

Parish Council agreed to purchase two signs with the wording “Village Flooded No Access” at an estimate of £85 each. Also investigate costs of orange road barriers and stands.

Clerk to investigate risk assessment for sign displays / insurance considerations.

Noted that the parish is not on the gritting route – clerk to investigate.

**9. Planning**

**New**

 **Awaiting Decision**

**Decisions**

24/02346/Q56 Moorlands Farm, Murcott: Conversion and partial demolition of barns to provide 9 residential dwellings and associated curtilages REFUSED

24/02767/TEL New Park Farmhouse work to telecom mast NO OBJECTIONS

24/02864/TEL Newgate Road, Fencott work to telecom mast NO OBJECTIONS

24/02728/LB Village Farm, Blackbull Lane: Listed Building remove window and create door PERMITTED

**10. Items not covered on agenda to be carried forwards to next meeting March 5th 2025**

**Meeting Closed at 8.45pm**

**Minutes Signed ………………………………………………………………………………**