# **MINUTES**

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

**7.30pm 6th November 2024 Fencott and Murcott Village Hall**

**Councillors Present:** James Lewis (Chair, Nick Wyke, Tim Bennett

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

**1. Welcome**

**2. Apologies**

Lucy Macfarlane – 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 4th September 2024 approved and signed.

**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

- Agreed to purchase new salt bin for Murcott Bus Stop £300 plus VAT

- Review pricing of alternate sandbags

**8. Parish Business**

Flooding Update - Flood warden opportunity, Clerk to circulate details to parish. Agreed to continue using sandbags provided by OCC and not purchase any. Clerk to arrange removal of decayed bags from Village Hall. Parish Council to invest in temporary road signage for flooding events that deem the roads impassable/unsafe. Emphasis to be placed on road closure, driving slowly past homes/protection of homes, access only, dangerous. Noted that signs need to be placed in a timely manner but also removed when appropriate. Need to have agreed policy on when the signs are in use. Ensure both villages in Parish are covered.

Clerk will keep Charlton on Otmoor parish informed about this plan, as the access to the parish is via theirs.

Clerk to speak to Highways about placement of a salt bin at Chapel Cottage corner. Would a gritter visit be more appropriate/use of grass verge.

Village Hall Update – Clerk to circulate updated lease for all councillors to review.

Rights of Way – Pigeonhouse Lane consultation should be completed, Clerk to chase update. New Gate Road right of way is not accessible, Clerk to notify county council. Stile adjacent to Alices Meadw has disintegrated, there is a badger sett here – Clerk to notify county council. Track past the Moorlands Farm equine centre is overgrown, clerk to notify county council.

Highways Walk and Talk Overview – option for Dragons Teeth road markings at entry and exit to the village, add to next agenda for discussion. Culverts blocked at Old Chapel, adjacent Tim Bennett house, Splash fence – Clerk to report to Highways for clearance. Black Bull Lane grass verges to be included in Highways maintenance schedules. Clerk to circulate full list of notes to councillors.

**9. Planning**

Local Plan currently in six week consultation period. Anticipate no changes to the green belt, parish likely to remain small infill villages.

**New**

24/02767/TEL New Park Farmhouse work to telecom mast – Parish Council no comment

24/02864/TEL Newgate Road, Fencott work to telecom mast - Parish Council no comment

24/02728/LB Village Farm, Blackbull Lane: Listed Building remove window and create door – Parish Council no comment

 **Awaiting Decision**

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

**Decisions**

24/02010/F The Willows, Murcott OX5 2RE – Single Storey Rear Extension PERMITTED

24/01336/F Parcel adjacent Bridge House Farm

Construction of a wooden stable block, provision of permeable stone parking area, and area for BNG planting PERMITTED

**10. Items not covered on agenda to be carried forwards to next meeting January 8th 2025**

* Funding for a big screen for the village hall to use for media presentations, Parish Council meetings etc
* Parish councillor emails
* Investigate costs for document storage such as One Drive, ask Navitas