

## Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council on 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30 pm		
	<u>Present</u> Cllr Ford, Cllr Robbins, Cllr Jones, Cllr Howe, Cllr Walsh, Cllr Tridgell Members of the Public: Cllr N Leverton, Lucille Jones, Mary Cover	<u>Action</u>
31/23	Apologies for Absence: 31.1 Cllr S Coul	
32/23	Declaration of Personal, Prejudicial and Pecuniary Interest 32.1 None	
33/23	To Accept Minutes of Last Meetings 33.1 Minutes for Council meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> July have been circulated to Councillors. All agreed – they were accepted and signed. 33.2 No matters arising 33.3 Correspondence list accepted by Council	
34/23	Open Forum 34.1 County Councillor – Most of August off so not much progress. Some roads now being closed off now no access to Oxford City unless you come in via Botley Road unless you live there or have a pass. Zero emission zone being extended to bridge by railway station and St Giles. Only full electric cars are allowed not hybrid without a £10 charge. Commercial vehicles are allowed. Major works on railway station starting soon which will block the road so no access will be available. Impact has started on city centre 2 large shops have closed in Westgate - £30k spent on car park by County Hall to test air quality. If air quality not improved £150million of new buses will not be funded. WODC consulted about High Street but went ahead, OCC now doing the same comments against but just going ahead. Cllr Ford suggested that consultation is out now and will be made by OCC regardless. Documents are very weighted with the way with questions are worded with only a 4 week window. There are cracks appearing in the alliance with Labour. If this collapses the Conservatives will take over. 34.2 District Councillor – no report 34.3 Filkins Relief in Need – Lucille Jones – Chair of charity – covers Filkins and Broughton Poggs. Mary Cover is one of the trustees elected by the Council as well as Margaret Hambidge. March meeting it was agreed charity would make further effort to find villagers in need. Difficult to know who needs help. Charity relies on other ways of finding people. Now going to make links with other organisations and liaise with Parish Council. 1991 was amalgamation of 2 coal charities – regulated by Charity Commission. CCLA appointed to manage the assets approx. £17k this comes from land sold a long time ago. Money invested and interest disbursed as much as we can. We do not have a lot of money currently £450 and disbursements are to help with a one of need. Cottessway have been contacted but confidentiality is difficult. Also spoken to CAB to help people in trouble. Cottessway have been asked for more help recently, they have been given details for their clients to contact the Charity. We have been invited to a zoom meeting by CAB about helping residents and supporting communities. It is a meeting for Town and Parish Councils, but we have had no correspondence. Any Trustee can be approached if someone needs help. Do the Charity raise more money or rely on the interest – no we do not. Bequests can be given. At Shaping Futures meeting one item was concerning what is being done in the district. Leaflet given to Lucille Jones. We have tried to link with other Charities but they do not act together and terms of reference are very different for each Charity. Leaflet in the Newsletter may raise more awareness. Could cover all three Charities in the village.	

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35/23	<p>Planning &amp; Cemetery</p> <p>35.1.1 21/02827/PDC The Haven – awaiting response</p> <p>35.1.2 21/03318/HHD St Peter’s House – awaiting decision</p> <p>35.1.3 22/00821/FUL The Old Bull – awaiting decision</p> <p>35.1.4 22/01557/LBC &amp; 22/01556/HHD Old Rectory – awaiting decision</p> <p>35.1.5 22/01977/FUL &amp; 22/02314/LBC Filkins Methodist Chapel – awaiting decision.</p> <p>Change of use and planning application</p> <p>35.1.6 22/02164/FUL Old Rectory Land at Broughton Poggs – awaiting decision. Field is in conservation area and abuts the A361 asked to replace 3 barns and erect one. The door is 4m tall and 3m wide. There are 3 single story stables and wants to erect a steel frame building 6m to eaves which is supposed to be for machine storage. It is 350% bigger than sheds there and 500% bigger in volume. It is a farm/industrial building. There is also a roadway to the gate. The field is mentioned in the flood report and the brook follows it’s old path through the field. It says it does not flood but it does. It also breaches at the top corner of the road where the culvert comes under the A361. If road is on new building it will split the field into two and water will build up to the north and west. Objections will be sent to WODC and Clerk will also ask Cllr Coul to call in to committee. To replace like for like a single storey wooden building would be more acceptable. The land is also listed as amenity land not agricultural. What is this extra space need for especially with the height – view will be spoilt across the fields as well as next door. What could this lead to. It is a pity they did not approach the Parish Council before the application was submitted.</p>	
36/23	<p>Village Matters</p> <p>36.1 CLP - No update. Teresa Irwin-Singer is aware that the village want some progress. There is not much progress that has been made in the 3 years, 2 with covid, Richard Martin has expressed an interest and wants to be involved. If movement isn’t progressed we may need to change the way this is set up. It is a standing committee of the Parish Council and we may need to step in. If compared to the way the playground moved forward it can be achieved. Can we write to Chair and ask if they can have a meeting within the next 6 weeks and ask if this achievable. We need to have some liaison with the committee as we have to accept the plan. Does the CLP still have weight with WODC – not in planning but it does have to be accepted by them. With a Neighbourhood plan you have to be very careful with what is stated in it and the cost is very large. Therefore the CLP is a mission statement for the Parish. Maybe we look into a strategic plan for the village which the Parish Council are involved in if the CLP does not work.</p> <p>36.2 Taylors Close –Chair has been chasing but no feedback – we need lease in place to replace fencing in field. Was meant to have been actioned in April. Other Parish Councils have their playing fields and grass cut under S108 so they are cut by the Council instead of us. Maybe only on ground that is owned by OCC. We pay for the grass cutting out of the precept Cllr Leverton will ask if there are any grants towards this expense.</p> <p>36.3 Bus Shelter Notice Board – some tiles need to be rolled to press onto back board which will be done by Cllr Robbins. Iron work has been painted on bench. Cllr Ford will manage what is put on the board.</p> <p>36.4 Clerk has contacted SSE and power has been cut off as it was left live. We need to re-apply for our own supply for the defibrillator which Clerk will contact SSE for a quote. Clerk will also look into grants for defibrillators. If anyone is interested in helping then please contact Cllr Jones. We do need to order the glass to change the Perspex sheets. Door will be taken off to paint.</p> <p>36.5 Hardcastles Field gate – Quotes received but the wooden gate comes within budget. Metal gates are not readily available to be fitted. Posts will be relocated inside the wall and Groundsman has cleared the foliage. All Councillors agreed to quote for £984 from Kudos fencing. Groundsman has done an amazing job clearing the path in Broughton Poggs and the Bus shelter and they look really good.</p>	

	<p>36.6 Open Gardens- The are using Hardcastles field for parking and it will be roped off as last year. Cllr Robbins is helping with the parking so will be on hand if any problems. David Heslam is checking the ground and roping off areas.</p> <p>36.7 Playground – meeting was cancelled, and one has not been arranged. Clerk will chase a meeting as we need to secure WODC funding. ECT monies have not been received yet. Cllr Jones met with new agent, and he is waiting for the final figure from Playground Committee. Phase 2 meeting was happening, but we do not know what this phase looks like. Hill is now prefabricated and covered in AstroTurf but the base the equipment sits on was being queried. The playground is working very well and has been a success, it would be good to have an opening.</p>	
37/23	<p>Finance</p> <p>37.1 Payments for August were resolved and approved. List was signed by Cllr Ford &amp; Tridgell. Payments will be authorised after the meeting. Payments are for administration, wages, PAYE and SSE. The expenses for the Village Centre were all payments for the swimming pool.</p> <p>37.2 Account balances to end of August Parish Council £7589.62 Current, £30232.50 deposit. Village Centre £39045.26 current, £1383.29 COIF</p> <p>37.3 Rent review has been chased by Clerk.</p> <p>37.4 At Chairman’s Q&amp;A session OALC are pushing for fraud prevention. The Internal Fraud Policy has been introduced so that a councillor, other than the Finance committee, look through the accounts every 6 months. Chair presented the document and outlined what was expected. We have strong checks in place with the Finance Committee and we seem to be doubling up. This will be reviewed at the Finance committee meeting.</p>	
38/23	<p>Shaping the Future of West Oxfordshire</p> <p>38.1 Cllr Ford attended and reported the current planning consultation from OCC is very prescriptive – consultation for residents will take place verbally in March but this will have been decided by then. There were about 60 people representing parishes attending from West Oxfordshire and 20 cabinet members. Six areas were covered. Land supply was mentioned WODC had identified locations for required number of houses to build 10k between now and 2031. Now been challenged that some land identified is never intended to be built on. Government has challenged this and they now have to review each application in the next 6 weeks to identify if this is a true number. Then there will be more locations to be looked if there is not enough land. This means that Carterton West may well come back to the fore. Government strategic plan should be to 2050 but 2030 plan will need to be re looked at. All villages have issues with planning applications and are being told they need to take some of the houses. The proportion of houses they expect is “modest” but they do not specify what this is. We are already filling most criteria as we have mixed housing. We may need to take the lead with a more strategic plan in place. There is a new hub in Chipping Norton as people working from home wanted more of a social experience however, no one is using it. With Witney there was a thought that some empty shops should be converted to housing. Businesses will be charged £500 per car parking space for their staff including hospitals and schools – this will be implemented in the Spring.</p>	
39/23	<p>Civility &amp; Respect Pledge</p> <p>39.1 Pledge was read by Cllr Ford. It was agreed and signed. 80% of Town and Parish Councils have difficulty recruiting Councillors as they open themselves up to abuse by residents.</p>	
40/23	<p>Chairman Q&amp;A</p> <p>40.1 The meeting was taken with the difficulty of residents and Councillors disrespect. Also issue with travellers in Burford – they are moving them on but we should be vigilant. Internal audits are under scrutiny – it may be than in the future that this is not acceptable and anyone used should be on the register for Internal Auditors.</p>	

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41/23	<p>Your Voice Counts</p> <p>41.1 The consultation is impossible to complete it makes it so difficult, but residents are asked to complete if possible. The questions are very weighted. It has come to the fore that consultations are not noted and decisions are made regardless of the residents opinions.</p>	
42/23	<p>Next Meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall committee room. Meetings will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month except for August when no meeting will be held.</p>	