

## FINMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2015 in Finmere Village Hall

Present:- Councillors, Mike Kerford-Byrnes (MKB) (Chairman), Katherine Grimston (KG) (Vice Chairman), Kevin Ochel (KO), Mike Kirby (MK), Amanda Hodgkins (AH) and Steve Trice (ST)

In attendance:- Sharron Chalcraft (Parish Clerk and RFO) and one member of the public

1. Apologies:- There were no apologies

### 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2015 were approved with corrections.

### 3. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

This was postponed as the County Councillor was unable to attend.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.01 **Obtaining a defibrillator** KG and MKB have been liaising with Alan Gibbons, resident, who now runs the pub. His building firm were carrying out work on the school over the summer break and it had been hoped that the defibrillator could be fitted at the same time. Unfortunately he was unable to obtain a qualified electrician to carry out the work. It is felt best to ask the school who they normally use and get that person out as soon as possible to fit the casing and defibrillator. KG is to run with this. SC has asked Dick Tracey, SWA, about registering the ownership of the machine but has had no reply as yet. c/f
- 4.02 **Village Notice Boards** The work on the village hall car park has now finished and a quote is being obtained for the fitting of metal posts as a base, the wait for the work to be carried out is likely to be 8-12 weeks. c/f
- 4.03 **VAS Signs** MKB has now located the base at the Cross Tree site. The charger he managed to obtain is the wrong one and he is now sourcing the correct model. c/f
- 4.04 **List of assets (the pond)** c/f
- 4.05 **Traffic speed in Mere Road** MKB has now met with Peter Egawhary, OCC, and was surprised at how visible the signs were. The will need to be cleaned as part of the next spring clean or at an earlier date if councillors feel it necessary to organise a working party. Peter Egawhary has agreed to get the OCC Highways lineage crew to repaint the markings on the road as these are worn. c/f
- 4.06 **Additional Parish Councillor** c/f

- 4.07 **Paving slabs on Chinalls Close PC land/H&S Compliance** The slabs are still in situ at the moment, hopefully Phillip Rushforth, resident, can start the ball rolling. c/f
- 4.08 **Drain Covers** SC has again been in touch with Kathryn Gash, OCC Highways, and the matter of the damaged drain cover on the path up to the Church has been passed to Katie Walther, OCC Environment and Economy. ST and SC are to chase this matter up. c/f
- 4.09 **Public Protection and Development letter** c/f
- 4.10 **Parish Precept Review** MKB has had discussions with Martin Henry, OCC, and the situation is now resolved. SC is to contact Phil Hood of Arrow Accounting, Internal Auditor and refer him to Martin Henry for confirmation.
- 4.11 **Responsibility for Mere Lane** SC has circulated her letter to residents and to Tingewick PC.
- 4.12 **ROAR Meeting** SC has still heard nothing, it is possible the committee has been dissolved. This item is to be dropped.
- 4.13 **Parish Liaison meeting-Cherwell Local Plan** It is now some 6 weeks since the plan was adopted and the deadline for any judicial review has passed so the plan is now secure. At a recent enquiry at Kirtlington a challenge was mounted to the CDC 5 year provision of housing figure but the discussions upheld CDC. A recently approved care home on the edge of Kidlington will also count towards this number. MKB has requested details of the multiplier used to determine the amount of housing this will provide. In Bodicote an application for 95 houses is presently going through with a recommendation for approval from CDC which should pass this week. MKB points out that any development up to the 750 threshold would be difficult to oppose but that even when the threshold has been reached subsequent developments are still considered on their merits.
- 4.14 **Flooding in Valley Road** KG declares an interest as this investigation was prompted by a connected planning application. SC has again checked with OCC and is still waiting confirmation from Gordon Kelman, OCC, but now has a job number for reference. So far nobody is able to find any references to flooding/pumping vehicles dispatched on Mere Road/Valley Road for some years. c/f
- 4.15 **15/00552/OUT – Land West of Chinalls Close Adj to Banbury Road** The application has been withdrawn.
- 4.16 **Welcome Pack** SC has circulated the final copy but asks if this should be a monthly or quarterly item as the agenda is quite full. It is felt best to review it monthly, proposed KO, seconded AH, carried unanimously.
- 4.17 **Internal Audit** The invoice has been paid.
- 4.18 **Playing Field Inspection Report** The invoice has been paid. SC has informed the Grimwades that they can circulate the report to the VH&PF Committee.
- 4.19 **Road Repairs** SC has reported the potholes online.
- 4.20 **The Red Lion** The pub has now reopened with new management.

## 5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for July and August was presented.

It was reported that there was £2,298.33 in the Treasurer Account and £5,297.53 in the Business Money Manager Account.

The following had been paid out:

£740.00 to John Donaldson (running costs – grass cutting)

£569.50 to Sharron Chalcraft (general admin – for Clerk and RFO duties, internet costs)

£174.84 to Arrow Accounting (general admin – internal audit)

£112.32 to John Hicks (running costs – playing fields)

The new bill has now arrived from e.on for the correct revised amount (£11.52) and has been paid today so will appear on next month's financial report.

## 6. S19/S137

There were no requests for S19/S137 this month.

## 7. URGENT BUSINESS

**Poppy Wreath** An email was received from the British Legion regarding poppy wreath orders. This was circulated and the PC chose to order the normal circular wreath. SC has submitted the order. There was a suggestion of a static display table in the Church selling poppies. The concern was raised that this might interfere with the work of the local poppy seller who makes an amazing effort to visit everyone in the village. As the organiser for wreaths for Finmere, Hugo Brown, is unable to liaise with the local poppy seller, as door to door sales are administered differently, he felt it best not to pursue the matter.

**Shoe Bin** An unsolicited shoe collection bin arrived beside the village hall this month and Phillip Rushforth, VH&PF Committee, contacted MKB to ask if the PC could confirm in writing that they would like it removed. SC wrote to Charlotte Smith, CDC, requesting it's removal and it is now gone.

## 8. QUARRY LIAISON MEETING

No quarry liaison meeting has taken place since the last PC meeting.

## 9. FINMERE LANDFILL SITE UPDATE

The work is continuing to be carried out satisfactorily. David Perriam, OCC, is keeping the PC informed. Cell's 4, 5 and 8 are capped, the OCC Enforcement Officer is to check these.

MKB has reported the presence of ragwort, finding some with stalks bigger than his finger and with a vast amount sprouting at the far end of the site. There has also been some present on Simon Bowman's land. Opes have caused this by their failure to cut and they will clear this area as well. Mr Bowman, resident, has handpicked the two fields closest to the road. As ragwort control is a planning condition on Opes land OCC have become involved also and MKB reports that OCC are getting angry for once.

The next stage of the work is to cap the unseen side of the mound. This will take 12-15 months and then the topsoil and grass can be added. There is a Quarry Liaison meeting this month.

#### 10. PLAYING FIELD PROGRESS

There is no further progress to report.

#### 11. PLAYING FIELD CONDITION

MK has walked the field this month and reports the condition satisfactory. The football season has now started.

#### 12. WINTER PREPAREDNESS-SALT BINS

KG has checked with Johnny Brookes and no further salt is required this year.

#### 13. OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE CONSULTATION

The link for information on this consultation has been circulated by SC in an email. Any comments can be made individually online before September 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be interesting to see if the Viridor site at Ardley is to close.

#### 14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/00348/F – Barn 2 Warren Farm, Banbury Rd - erection of two-storey extensions to side and rear of dwelling – permission subject to conditions

15/00552/OUT – Land west of Chinalls Close Adj to Banbury Road - residential development together with access and associated infrastructure and public open space – application withdrawn

Planning application – Opes, Finmere Quarry for the retrospective planning permission for minor changes in orientation to a limited part of and an extension to the footprint of the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) building the subject of planning permission reference 10/00361/CM, changes to the surface water management system, the provision of boundary fencing and non-material amendments to the consented MRF building including the addition of doors, roof lights, signage, generators and air management equipment, external stairs, amendments to the offices and

internal layout of the building and the variation of planning permission reference 10/00361/CM to remove Condition C24 (landscaping mitigation measures) and Condition C29 (relating to landfill – permission granted

Details Pursuant to Condition No.10 (details of plant, buildings or structures for control or monitoring of landfill gas or leachate) of planning permission 13/00973/CM (MW.0079/13) at Finmere Quarry, Banbury Road, Finmere, Buckinghamshire, MK18 4AJ - approved

Details Pursuant to Condition 22 (details of final levels of land and waterbody) of Planning Permission 13/00973/CM (MW.0079/13) at Finmere Quarry, Banbury Road, Finmere, Buckinghamshire, MK18 4AJ - approved

15/00593/F – 3 Warren Farm Cottages – erection of two storey side/front extension – permission subject to conditions

## 15. CORRESPONDENCE

### **Correspondence for meeting –**

Victoria Prentis, the new MP for Finmere, has sent a laminated info sheet for the noticeboard. Ms Prentis now has an office at Upper Heyford. – SC has posted

The Cherwell Local Plan – copy of the plan and adoption notice – to be held on file

Household Waste recycling Centres Strategy letter – there is a consultation over plans to reduce the number of local recycling centres. A poster has been put up by SC. It is felt that the PC should register it's concern over the possible increase in fly tipping which will result and express it's dismay at the plans. Proposed MKB, seconded KG, carried unanimously. - SC is to submit the comments on behalf of the PC.

Letter from SC to Charlotte Smith, CDC – see urgent business

OCC meeting on public services letter – KG is to try and attend

Parish Liaison meeting consultation letter, asking for topics for workshops or agenda. It is felt that perhaps transport could be raised as an issue. Proposed MKB, seconded MK, carried unanimously. SC is to reply.

15/00828/F – 15 Town Close - Erection of detached single garage to front of dwelling – permission refused – this arrived too late to be on the agenda and will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

### **Emails printed –**

Conversation with OCC Highways over drain covers – see Section 4.08 above

Conversation with OCC about speed near school – see Section 4.05 above

Winter preparedness information – see Section 12.0 above

Resilience fund brochure – information about a fund for emergency equipment – taken by KG

News of Carol Service date – Barbara Cunningham, PCC, has emailed to confirm that the date for the Carol Service and Christmas Draw will be Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of December, the PC will hold the ‘Lighting of the Tree’ event on the same night. Last year Val Bennett, villager, expressed concern that a villager should always be asked to turn on the lights. MKB proposes that the PC ask her to turn them on this year, seconded by MK, carried unanimously. MKB is to make the request.

Advanced notification of Footway resurfacing in Chinalls Close – This is to be forwarded to MKB and Phillip Rushforth, resident of Chinalls Close.

**Emails forwarded –**

Reply to conditions 10 and 22 and their approval notices – for information

Poppy appeal request – see Section 7.0 above

Shoe bin request – see Section 7.0 above

Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste information links – for perusal by councillors

Thames Water pump hunt – to be taken by MKB

Clean Slates music festival invite – councillors can attend if they wish

Resilience fund brochure – see emails printed above

Usual reports

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was raised.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of September.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

MK apologises for the next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED**

Age UK Community Information Network info

Broxap catalogue Autumn/Winter 2015 /Rampchild leaflet