

FINMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 1st September 2009 in Finmere Village Hall

Present :- Councillors, Mike Kerford-Byrnes (Chairman) (MKB), Katherine Grimston (Vice-Chairman) (KG), Barbara Cunningham(BC) and Kevin Ochell (KO)

In attendance :- Ian Macpherson (Treasurer) (IM) and one member of the public

1. Apologies:- Apologies were received from Cllr's. Roger Fiander and Adrian Wood and Sharron Chalcraft (Parish Clerk)

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 7th July and the extraordinary meeting of 18th August were circulated and approved.

3. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Carried forward as Cllr Fulljames was unable to be present.

4. MUSIC IN SCHOOLS

Carried forward

5. MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of 7th July

1. **Report from HPA** No records from HPA
2. **Moss on Roadway** c/f
3. **Footpath Subsidence** c/f
4. **Grasscutting** BC said that moving the boundary behind Mere Court could be a dangerous precedent. At present it was difficult to cut behind the 2 tree stumps. Belmont cut by occupiers.
The strip on the other side of the road is approx. 6 feet wide after that were a lot of branches and a ditch so it was difficult to cut beyond that. Opposite the Yew Tree Garage it is approx. 3 feet wide and higher from the road.
Donaldson cuts as well as possible.
Stable Close footpath cut by Donaldson, but some complaints from occupiers of Stable Close about the bund, some are happy whilst others have requested more maintenance.
BC commented that there was some fly-tipping in the village – for example dumping of cut grass in the layby by the old village hall.
The suggestion was raised that in the next newsletter it should be noted that there is a possible fine of £ 1000 for fly-tipping.

5. **Speed Monitor** 6 local parishes are now interested in this. Arncott and Bucknell are those now included.
6. **Public Transport** c/f as RF away
7. **Village Notice Boards** c/f as RF away.
8. **Quarry** MKB to ask Ben Wragg about height of tip.
9. **Drainage Works in Fulwell Road** MKB explained that the Council had said the road past Hill Leys was too narrow to allow cars to enter and exit the village whilst the Fulwell Road was dug up. MKB to contact OCC to ascertain the details of what work had been done by the drainage people and what should be expected by the time the work had been finished.
10. **Freedom of Information** No progress. c/f
11. **Finmere Parish Council Website** RF minuted to do it but unable to do so at the moment
12. **Emergency Planning** KG had visited and spoken to the Red Lion landlord who kindly said that it would be possible to use his pub as a reception centre for villagers at that end of the village.
13. **Development Control Planning Matters Meeting at Hethe** Need to check whether AW was able to attend.
14. **Speed sign** It has now been replaced
15. **Swine Flu Pandemic** Leaflets from Oxfordshire PCT have been distributed to all houses in the village
16. **Mixbury Trust** Reported from Hugh Smith that as of July 2009 solicitors have been instructed in the matter of selling the playing field to Finmere PC.

MKB to contact Mr Richard Goodladd of OCC for a recommendation of a good solicitor for Finmere.

BC commented that the play area and woodland to be leased back. BC said that many trees around the play area have been planted in memory of people, therefore should TPO's be placed?

It was noted that in April 2011 the Village Hall will be 25 years old

17. **New Incumbent** Sharron Chalcraft, Parish clerk, has sent a welcoming letter to Christobel Hargraves on her institution as Rector for the Shelswell Parishes.

Minutes of 18th August – Extraordinary General Meeting

1. KO had found out about a planning constraint that had been placed on a land fill site in Surrey. Surrey County Council had supported the local residents, Thameswaste were the operators of the site.
2. MKB has an appointment with James Irvine and hopefully Craig Blackwell on Monday 7th September

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

It was reported that there was £995.62 in the Treasurer Account, £5,001.83 in the Business Money Manager Account and £25,000.00 in the Deposit Bond.

The following had been paid out:

£545.00 to John Donaldson (grass cutting)

£155.90 to Sharron Chalcraft (administration)

It was reported that £20.00 had been paid to SC for internet provision

The Lap top is to be written off in 3 years at £150.00 each year

A High Interest Deposit Bond was voted to be taken out for 3 months maturing on 23/12/09

The external annual audit and report were totally favourable

5. S19/137

Possible future expenditure

- i) Speed indicator sign - approx £400
- ii) Speed detection device - approx £350
- iii) Books to schools - £50

6. FINMERE LANDFILL SITE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE UPDATES

Parish Council comments sent to OCC on planning applications at Finmere Quarry. MKB to discuss and explain Parish Council submission at his meeting at the OCC on 7/9/09

7. FINMERE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

This item was carried forward

8. COMMUNITY PLANNING AND LOCAL TRANSPORT CONSULTATIONS

This item was carried forward

9. PROPOSED INCINERATOR AT CALVERT

KG to speak to any villagers interested in attending meeting at Buckingham on 10/9/09

10. VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS

This item was carried forward

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Membership of Oxfordshire Playing Field Association renewal - £32.00

Cherwell DC – Seniors Forum for Parish Councillors at Bodicote House On 28/9/09

Oxfordshire Countryside info to be put in newsletter – MKB

Cllr Catherine Fulljames informed the PC about meeting on 7/9/09 at 2pm at OCC about preferred supplier for county incinerator between Ardley and Sutton Courtney Powers for Parish Council amendment bill- letter to be sent to MP Tony Baldry about early day Motion

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

09/00783/F - 1-5 Kings Lodge - Garage Block to separate dwelling – Granted with conditions

09/01001/F - Foxley Fields Bungalow - to pull down and rebuild nearer road - BC and KG had a site visit on Friday 28 August 2009. They saw the quarry people in their office at the weighbridge, then visited position of proposed bungalow, then visited present occupied bungalow where the son and father of the occupant were informed ,by BC and KG, of the reason for the visit.

MKB to inform Environment Agency of Parish council concerns.

09/01096/F - Foxley , Banbury Road – house extension to replace double carport – no objections

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Playing field works BC informed PC of ragwort on northern boundary of playing fields. Also that branches of trees need to be pruned at Play area

Village repair works KG suggested replacing daffodil bulbs in Cross Green grass after the drainage workmen had dug up most of the ground there - possibly using S137 funds. Also a suggestion that the PC might be able to support the repair of the 17th century village clock, it being a historical part of village life

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is set as Tuesday October 6th 2009 in the village hall at 7.30 pm

CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED

The Playing Field Summer 2009

Oxfordshire Highways Annual Report 2008/9

Saltex leaflet/Pass events leaflet
Neighbourhood Police team sheet
Countryside Service Annual Report 2009
Letter from Thames Valley Police about NAG
Policing pledge leaflet
Fieldwork September 2009
EU Services Directive Conference leaflet
Rural Affordable Housing Improvement plan letter