



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 8pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023  
The Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Fairford Leys**

**Present:** Cllrs Cole (Chairman), Walland, Poland-Goodyer, Andrew, Blandford, Hritcan, Baughan & Harvey  
K Gray Clerk to the Council)

No members of the public present

**1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive and accept apologies for absence notified to the Chairman or Clerk

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies from Cllr Wadlow (illness) and Cllr James (prior commitment).

**2. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest

To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

- No declarations made and no dispensations requested.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting**

To accept and sign the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 4/5/23 as a true record.

RESOLVED: To receive, accept and sign the minutes of Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 as a true record.

**4. Clerk's Report**

To receive a report from the Clerk on matters dealt with and taking forward.

The clerk reported on the following matters:

- Coldharbour News editorial role needed to be considered
- Fair in the Square actions required by the Clerk are all complete including road closure and other legal notices.
- Main park flooring has been damaged again after recent repairs.
- Community Centre column damaged and quotes being sort for repair.
- Band stand steps are being damaged due to vehicles, bikes, skateboarding damage.

Cllr Hritcan asked the clerk if a tree can be replaced outside the China Brasserie. The clerk has added this to the works list at a suitable time for planting trees.

*Chairman to suspend Standing Orders to allow questions from the public & any reports*

**5. Questions from the Public & Reports**

- **Cllr Andrew**  
Arrangements for the photography competition are in place.
- **Cllr Poland-Goodyer & Cllr James (Bucks Councillors).**  
Aside from confidential casework, work has been progressing on

**Arcott Way/Keen Close** – Still awaiting a date for the new yellow lines to be installed. New contractor for tfb so delays appearing in system

**Aylesbury Garden Town** – Radio Silence

**Community Events** – Cllr Poland-Goodyer has submitted a bid to the Aylesbury Community Board for a BBQ, Gas Cylinder and Gazebo (£1000) to be used for community events moving forward. This saves using cllr private equipment and hiring from organisations (£200 average hire cost). There is no cost to this council.

**Fix my Street** – Check reports you have submitted as many appear to be ‘disappearing’

**Platinum Way Launch event**

**Installation of new bike shelter** (already in hand despite some SM comments) -

Due to be installed next week (?)

**Prebendal Farm Street Food Event** – Organised by Cllr Poland-Goodyer for 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Rota distributed** for staffing at FITs

**Community Garden** – Funding has been secured and work needs to be scheduled by the clerk to proceed with this (in relation to staffing commitments)

Bucks' council itself still appears to be dysfunctional at best and full council meetings are a waste of time with planted questions and replies stifling time and resources for debate and progress.

It may be worth noting that Bucks Council are focusing on Potholes (allegedly due to the bad winter, which I have pointed out, is not meteorologically different from any other winter this century. Love a smokescreen for neglect and underinvestment) as are local MP's, who actually have no power to do anything with potholes as it is a council function....

- **Cllr Cole**

Attended, as Chairman, the re-opening of the Platinum Cycleway in Fairford Leys. He also attended, and touched on some discussion points, from the recent Hs2/EKFB meeting with the parish council and Aylesbury Town Council representatives.

**RESOLVED: Chairman to reconvene meeting under Standing Orders**

**6. Resignation of Councillor**

Council to formally note that Mrs Sally Pattinson has resigned as a parish councillor.

RESOLVED: Noted and the clerk has issued the relevant notices prior to co-option consideration. Previous applicant has contacted the clerk and requested that his application be considered again for co-option onto the council.

**7. Decisions by the Resources & Personnel Committee and Leisure Committee Meetings**

Council is asked to receive and approve the minutes & decisions of the above Standing Committees, if the committees have met.

The committees have not met but the clerk will arrange a date for the Resources & Personnel Committee to meet. Councillors were asked to send non-availability dates to the clerk.

**8. Riverine Corridor Update**

To receive an update and make such decisions, as necessary.

The clerk has been informed that the legal papers are all ready for signing and are with the solicitors.

**9. Stone “snake” on parish land**

Council to consider the proposal from Cllr Harvey that the stones be removed to enable easier maintenance.

Discussion took place on the need to remove the stones as the majority were no longer in place and they are causing some difficulty with the grass strimming. It was also noted that the paint/pictures are weather damaged and no longer visible. It was agreed that the stones have served their original purpose and should be removed.

RESOLVED: That the stones, which the majority have been removed already and no longer show pictures, be removed by the maintenance team and kept at the community centre for 2 weeks if anyone wishes to collect them. The stones will not be kept after 2 weeks' notice, which dates will be put on the council's social media site.

#### **10. Local Authority Treescapes Fund**

Council to consider applying for tree funding and consider whether we meet the criteria. Agree where to plant the trees / planning as part of the application process.

RESOLVED: The council does not meet the criteria and it was unanimously agreed not to apply. It was also noted that we do not have the current space to plant large numbers of trees in one particular area.

#### **11. Finances and Orders for Payment**

RESOLVED: To agree and authorise the following orders and retrospective orders for payment:

• Turfleet Hire	Flail Training for staff	£960.00	3662
• Certas Energy	Fuel	£1,397.04	3663
• PA Turney	Maintenance	£89.70	3664
• Fresh Design & Print	CN News printing	£1,895.00	3665
• Fairford Leys Centre	Cross charge/utilities/event	£565.20	3666
• Cllr A Cole	Allowance	£360.00	3667
• Cllr A Poland0Goodyer	Allowance	£240.00	3668
• Cllr S James	Allowance	£180.00	3669
• Briants of Risborough	Maintenance	£52.81	3670
• Helpful Hirings	Maintenance	£798.92	3671
• Cllr S Pattinson	Allowance owed	£240.40	3672
• S Pattinson	CN expenses	£46.99	3673
• N Blandford	Reimbursement/event	£5.40	3674

RESOLVED: To receive, note and agree/accept the Councils Financial statements, income and expenditure report/Banck/Cash & Investment Reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 . Emailed to all councillors.

#### **12. Resources & Personnel Committee**

Council to approve the request for Cllr Blandford to join this committee, taking the membership to 6 councillors.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that Cllr Blandford join the Resources & Personnel Committee.

#### **13. Playgrounds Refurbishment**

To receive an update on progress of works, grants, proposals and make any necessary decisions.

Cllr Poland-Goodyer reported that the grant application to the Aylesbury Community Board had been successful. This means that the works to refurbish Webbs Meadow playground into a community garden can now proceed.

RESOLVED: All other proposals for current playgrounds refurbishment or re-purposing to be placed as agenda items for consideration by the council.

#### **14. Gardenway & Aylesbury Garden Town**

To receive any updates and to make any necessary decisions in relation to parish council engagement and or actions required.

Cllr Poland-Goodyer reported that no further communication has been received from Bucks Council officers connected to this project and that funding is no longer in place for this project.

### **15. Planning Applications**

To receive, comment and to either object, support or oppose the following planning Applications.

To consider late applications presented by the Clerk.

To consider Ernest Cook Trust Permission on all planning applications.

To note and formally agree decision/comments made under delegated authority.

- No applications received

### **ERNEST COOK TRUST COVENANTS**

**Permission is sought from the following residents regarding their properties:**

- No requests received

### **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (Section 2), the press and members of the public are asked to leave the meeting for the next item on the agenda on the grounds that it involves disclosure of exempt information.

**RESOLVED:** That the public and press be asked to leave the meeting.

### **16. Certificate of Appreciation**

Council to consider awarding a Certificate of Appreciation.

**RESOLVED:** That Mrs Sally Pattinson, previously a Parish Councillor for the Parish of Coldharbour, be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for her work, personal commitment and dedication to the council and community of Fairford Leys, in her 18 years service as a Parish Councillor.

The certificate will be presented at the council's July meeting.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_