



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 8.13pm on Thursday 4th April 2024
at the Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Fairford Leys**

Present: Cllrs Cole (Chairman), Walland, Hritcan, Baughan, Wylde, Blandford,
Wadlow and Andrew.
K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

No members of the public in attendance

1. Apologies for Absence

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

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllrs James (prior commitment), Poland-Goodyer (prior commitment) and Harvey (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 held on 7th March 2024

To receive and sign the minutes of 7/3/24 as a true record.

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes held on 7/3/24 as a true record.

4. Clerk's Report

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

The Clerk gave feedback from a meeting he had with representatives from Buckinghamshire Culture team. Funding has been agreed from The Arts Council to do a project called "Villages" and Fairford Leys has been chosen to take part in this project as a modern Urban Village specifically designed as such. The clerk explained the history of Fairford Leys, it's initial build, design, architect being John Simpson (Poundbury, Queen's Gallery etc) and the European Exemplary Award received for design of Fairford Leys as well as the parish councils work in creating community, its responsibilities as a Local Authority and the work done since 2001 until to the present day in representing, protecting and managing the parish. The project will include professional photography, storytelling of establishing the community and will also involve local community groups and individuals who are part of the Fairford Leys community.

The parish councillors welcomed this information and asked the clerk to continue discussions with the project team and to let them know that the parish council supports the project and would like to be involved.

The clerk informed the council that the grass cutting is difficult at the moment due to significant rain fall and the impact this has on ride on mowers churning the grass up. We are aware of the amount of debris building up and work is scheduled to remove build up of

rubbish in the riverine as we do every year. The land needs to dry out some more so we can get the digger in to remove large tree stumps and to make sure that the maintenance team are safe to access the riverine with the higher levels of water. The council must adhere to its insurance policies and risk assessments for these and other land management works. We would not grant permission to anyone accessing the riverine if we felt it was not safe to do so as our insurance would not cover us if there was an accident. All volunteers that carry out litter clearance must have permission from the land owner to carry out work and they must also have their own public liability insurance. Land management continues as part of our overall works and grass cutting, tree works and hedging clearance will continue as part of our scheduled works. We cannot do everything in one go and will only move from our scheduled works if there is a health and safety matter that needs addressing urgently.

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

5. Questions from the Public & Reports

- Cllr Blandford reported that the newer planted trees along the riverine were doing very well and have benefitted from the additional rain we have had. The fruit trees have not done so well and some are dead and will need removing. He has not carried out any pruning yet.
- Cllr Wyld raised the matter that the double yellow lines have still not been painted on Arncott Way and will contact Cllr Poland-Goodyer for an update.

Councillors discussed the way local residents and visitors were driving on Arncott Way and some not driving as carefully as they should be, bearing in mind that vehicles entering that road from the roundabout have right of way and cannot see vehicles coming the other way until they get closer to the bend in the road. Two houses on Arncott Way, at the start of the houses from the long stretch of road have recently had vehicles crash into their railings. Drivers need to slow down on that stretch of road be conscious of other drivers – this will be more important once the double yellow lines have been painted.

- Cllr Baughan thanked all councillors and individuals who supported the Christmas parcel and food giving. 200 presents were given and 80 meals delivered to those families in need. 64 Easter eggs were also given away and EID hampers are also being prepared with support from the local mosque.
- Cllr Wadlow, with unanimous support from the parish council, thanked the Wombles for their continued, regular volunteering in litter collection not only on Fairford Leys but in all parts of Aylesbury. It is agreed it is a shame that this voluntary work is needed due to people littering the roads and land areas – it is shocking to see the amount of litter and larger items being removed from the riverine and land areas.
- Cllr Cole reported that this months Hs2/EKFB meeting had been cancelled.

RESOLVED: Chairman to reconvene meeting under Standing Orders.

6. 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.

Cllrs noted that minutes of previous meetings have been issued and the Leisure Committee met this evening at 7pm.

7. Riverine Corridor Update

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

Report from the Clerk on land transfer situation.

The clerk informed the council that our solicitor was still trying to get information from Buckinghamshire Council and noted that Cllr Poland-Goodyer was also raising the matter with Bucks Council officers and Cabinet Member.

8. Finances and Orders for Payment

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

• K Gray	NI contributions owed	£104.06	3793
• S Webb	NI contributions owed	£37.65	3794
• B Orlandi	NI contributions owed	£61.56	3795
• S Baughan	NI contributions owed	£61.56	3796
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• Aylesbury Town Council	Reimburse Maintenance	£28.49	3798
• Briants of Risborough	Maintenance	£27.55	3799
• S Webb	Reimburse Maintenance	£32.19	3800
• Spaldings	Maintenance	£168.00	3801
• Helpful Hirings Ltd	Maintenance	£408.00	3802

Finance Report:

RESOLVED: To receive, note and agree/accept the Councils Financial statements, income and expenditure report as at 31/1/24, mailed to all councillors.

Future Payments:

The clerk reported that a number of companies we use are no longer accepting cheque payments and work is underway to transfer to bank transfer payments and stop/reduce the amount of cheque payments. The council agreed this was the best way forward and noted that the monthly report will now show more detailed information so council can agree the payments made. This is in line with the way other parish councils operate with bank transfer payments.

Councillors expressed satisfaction with the way the council's finances were being managed and stated they had no concerns.

RESOLVED: That the clerk and finance officer continue to put in place plans for bank transfer payments and stop/reduce cheque payments and to change the reporting procedures.

9. 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.

- **24/00858/APP**

32 Prestwold Way, FL

Householder application for garage conversion into habitable use and erection of outbuilding.

RESOLVED: Object/Oppose

This application does not adhere to the Fairford Leys Development Guidelines in that the applicant intends to remove the garage door and replace with windows. This negatively affects the overall design of the property and negatively affects the street scene as protected by the Fairford Leys Master Plan agreed by the planning department when Fairford Leys was designed. Should the applicant leave the garage door in place, as many other residents have done when turning their garages into habitable rooms, then we will consider removing our objection.

We will not be granting Ernest Cook Covenant permission for the change of use of the garage due to the above.

Development Control also need to take into account that the garage has a separate covenant place on it as change of use means the removal of parking space.

There are plenty positive design examples of the change of garage use without removing the garage door.

ERNEST COOK TRUST COVENANTS

Permission is sought from the following residents regarding their properties:

- **32 Prestwold Way, FL**

Householder application for garage conversion into habitable use and erection of outbuilding.

RESOLVED: Covenant Permission refused.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.48pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____