



**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at 8pm on Thursday 1st February 2024
Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Fairford Leys**

Present : Cllrs Walland, Poland-Goodyer, James, Hritcan, Andrew, Blandford, Wylde,
Wadlow &, Harvey
K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

I member of the public present

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman Cllr Sarah Walland took the chair.

Apologies for Absence

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

RESOLVED: To receive apologies from Cllrs Cole (prior commitment) and Baughan (family commitment).

1. 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.

2. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting held on 7th December 2023

To accept and sign the minutes held on the above date as a true record.

RESOLVED: To receive, accept and sign the minutes of 7/12/23 as a true record.

3. Clerk's Report

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

- Webbs Meadow playpark refurbishment is 80% complete and an agreed date for a "launch" will be arranged.
- River Thames River Trust consultation with Clerk and arrangements made for volunteer working on the riverine corridor land area, especially removal of Balsam.
- Car park rubbish has been addressed and business staff contacted, although it appears more rubbish bags are being left outside the bin area.

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

4. Questions from the Public & Reports/Questions from Councillors

- Cllr James asked for comments on a possible refurbishment of the Parmitter Playpark becoming a "dog park", fenced off so dogs can be off-lead and a dog bin provided. Councillors agreed it was a good proposal and the clerk was asked to put it on the March agenda for further discussion and approval by the council.

- Cllr Poland-Goodyer gave an update on the repaired rising bollards separating Fairford Leys and Prebendal Housing Estate, surprised that the bollards had been repaired as we had been told there was no longer funding available. He updated the council on Bucks Council budget and future plans for roads, freight plan and double yellow lines on Fairford Leys.
- Cllr Andrew updated council on the social media page sites for playparks and refurbishment plans.

RESOLVED: Chairman to reconvene meeting under Standing Orders

5. 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.

- Resources & Personnel Committee minutes – 5th October 2023
- Leisure Services Committee minutes – 2nd November 2023

RESOLVED: Received, noted and agreed above committee minutes.

6. Riverine Corridor Update

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

Report from the Clerk on land transfer situation.

- Update on councils solicitor involvement with land transfer.
- Tree works need completing and all scheduled before land transfer takes place.

7. Riverine Corridor Fencing

To receive an update/report from Cllr Harvey on the maintenance requirements of the fencing. Council to consider removal, repair and replacement and the impact this will have on the grass verges, parking and overall costs to the council.

After lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED that the Clerk instruct the maintenance team to continue repairing and replacing fencing and to draw up a list of fencing they consider could be removed, which would save money on further maintenance costs. Fencing must not be removed where there is a possibility that vehicles could be parked on grassed areas as well as areas which are steep/pose a health and safety risk.

8. Finances and Orders for Payment

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

RESOLVED: That the following orders and retrospective orders be approved for payment:

• C H Morgan	Maintenance	£305.80	3754
• Helpful Hirings Ltd	Maintenance	£259.68	3755
• S Webb	Reimbursement/Maintenance	£249.99	3756
• Sky Personnel	Temp Staff	£742.50	3757
• Fairford Leys Centre	Reimbursement	£523.75	3758
• P A Turney Ltd	Maintenance	£259.44	3759
• C Baughan	Xmas Grant payment/Hs2	£500.00	3760
• Aylesbury Concert Bank	Xmas in the Square	£150.00	3761
• Sky Personnel	Temp Staff	£435.60	3762
			<i>Cheque destroyed 3763</i>
• C H Morgan	Maintenance	£43.08	3764
• S Webb	Reimbursement – shelving	£91.96	3765
• AVS Fencing	Maintenance	£516.96	3766
• C H Morgan	Maintenance	£352.73	3767
• Briants of Risborough	Maintenance	£87.70	3768

• Sky Personnel	Temp Staff	£633.60	3769
• P A Turney Ltd	Maintenance	£36.00	3770
• Vale Tyre Services Ltd	Tyre repair	£60.00	3771
• P A Turney Ltd	Maintenance	£105.76	3772
• Lamps & Tubes	Maintenance	£108.00	3773
• Vale Training Services Ltd	Certification	£2,480.00	3774
• Windowflowers	Winter/Spring bedding	£1,264.20	3775
• Thomas Fattorini	Cllr Badges	£59.58	3776
• Fairford Leys Centre	Reimbursement	£1,687.54	3777
		<i>Cheque destroyed</i>	3778
• CH Morgan	Maintenance	£101.50	3779
• Browns Ltd	Riverine/Digger	£17,400	3780

Finance Report:

To receive, note and agree/accept the Councils Financial statements, income and expenditure report. Emailed to all councillors.

RESOLVED: To receive and accept the finance, statements, income and expenditure report.

9. Community Centre Report

To receive a report from the Community Centre Manager.

Councillors were copied the report from the community centre and there were no questions.

RESOLVED: To receive and accept the report and acknowledge the changes made to assist in the management of the centre.

10. Biodiversity Duty – Policy and Plan

The Council to ensure its responsibilities in regards to the Biodiversity Duty.

To agree the Parish Biodiversity Policy/Plan. Proposed template plan copied to all councillors. As advised by BMKALC Town and Parish Councils have a duty to consider within our powers, what actions and policies we put in place to consider biodiversity.

Many councils have already taken steps and this consideration is now a foundation block of all activities. There is a legal obligation for certain steps to be put in place.

RESOLVED: That the policy and plan be approved with Cllrs Poland-Goodyer, James and Blandford taking the lead on biodiversity for the parish council.

11. 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 Planning applications received

ERNEST COOK TRUST COVENANTS

Permission is sought from the following residents regarding their properties:

- No applications received

There being no further business of the Council, the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____