



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 8pm on Thursday 1st July 2021
in the Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Fairford Leys**

Present: Cllrs Cole (Chairman), Pattinson, Poland-Goodyer, Baughan, Walland, Wadlow,
Harper, Blandford.
K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

3 Residents C Lambert (Bucks Herald)

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 Cllr James (Personal 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

- Cllr Pattinson declared an interest in item 14 – Planning Application 21/02150/APP.
- No dispensations requested.

3. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting 3/6/21

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 3/6/21 as a true record.

4. Clerk's Report

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

- Summer floral displays being arranged
- New maintenance team member starts next week
- Cllrs to send dates they are available for a Saturday morning training session with the Clerk. (All councillors agreed this would be beneficial).

RESOLVED: Chairman to suspend Standing Orders to allow questions from the public and any reports from councillors, both Parish and Unitary

5. Questions from the Public & Reports

- Resident reported a late night incident which had taken place on Great Meadow Way and which involved a resident of the care home. This was a distressing incident to witness in public and the police were involved. Details are to be emailed to Cllrs Poland-Goodyer and Cole, who will raise the matter with relevant stakeholders.

- Resident reported problems in Waterperry Mews involving a large motorhome. The Clerk has already given advice to a resident about this matter and explained again what could be done to resolve the issues. There are no covenants in place to stop Motorhomes being legally parked on the highway/Fairford Leys. Anti-social behaviour is a different matter and should be addressed according to legal guidance and with the relevant support from those able to give it.
- Resident reported debris and large household items being stored/left in a public area in Waterperry Mews. The parish council consider this to be fly-tipping if these items have been deliberately left for some considerable time. This matter is to be reported to the Environmental Services Team/Fly-tipping team with a view to contact the resident concerned and have the items removed quickly or legal action to be considered. It is not appropriate to leave items in a public place/on the street for days without proper removal being arranged and this causes other items to be left resulting in a bigger problem to deal with. Councillors agreed that people need to better understand the impact on their neighbours and the wider community by the decisions they make.
- Resident asked the parish council if they were happy with the overall state of Fairford Leys in terms of its maintenance. The Chairman asked for clarification on what the resident was referring to. Resident stated that you can tell home ownership properties are different to rental properties and many people are not looking after their properties. Councillors disagreed with the statement and said they consider lack of tidiness/maintenance of properties is a matter for the individual and not a case of whether the person owns or rents a property. Councillors agreed the last 18 months because of covid has been difficult for many people, jobs, homes, relationships, mental health and other problems. A suggestion was made by Cllr Baughan to see if we could set up a group of volunteers to offer assistance to people to tidy up gardens, paint their front doors and offer other help. She and Cllr Walland will look into this and see if it can be tied in with the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.
- Resident asked for parish council advice about other residents with electric cars running the cables, from their homes, across the pavements and the risk to pedestrians (especially those with disabilities). Discussion took place on the difficulties car owners face with cables etc as well as the risk to pedestrians. It was agreed that an article be put in the next Coldharbour News to remind people to be conscious of others etc.
- Cllr Harper reported a complaint from a resident about delivery drivers using bollarded off areas (in this case Parmiter Close). All agreed this was problem right across Fairford Leys and unless you could get registration numbers and delivery van company details there was probably not a lot that could be done to prevent this. Telephoning the companies may help but a policeman needs to witness the vehicle driving through a bollarded off area before any action could be taken – photographic evidence may help.

- Cllr Baughan mentioned that a resident had contacted her about the design of replacement windows. The Clerk advised that he had also been communicating with a resident on this matter and the general rule is to replace “like for like” although we are aware that some residents have replaced windows without the internal/external pieces to make the windows look like the original designs. She also reported on the concerns raised by many about the amount of vehicles parked on the long stretch of road leading to Arcot Way. This was being looked into by Buckinghamshire Council and those vehicles not legally parked, no insurance or MOT have been identified. It was also highlighted that those that are legally entitled to park cannot be removed.
- Cllr Blandford reported that a rotten fence/gate post needs attention on the allotment site. He also stated that a large number of trees needed attention or replacing on Fairford Leys and asked the parish council what could be done to deal with this problem. He specifically mentioned Trebah Square with trees at different height and not growing well, needing replacing. He also mentioned Jeffrey Walk cherry trees looking bad. The Chairman suggested that Hs2/EKFB could be approached for financial assistance to purchase new trees for these areas. Cllr Cole will discuss the matter with Hs2/EKFB.
- Cllr Poland-Goodyer (Buckinghamshire Council Member) reported that in the future the new street lights could have electric charging points added to them which may assist in addressing the concerns of cables across pavements, reported earlier in the meeting by a resident. He also reported the concern of tree roots damaging the pavement near Wren Path and that the old, damaged, tree which was cut down was now growing branches and may need to be cut down completely. He would speak to Bucks Council about pavement repairs and asked if the parish maintenance team could look at the tree to see what could be done to remove it. He reported that meetings with Hs2/EKFB continue and that no further updates had been received regarding the Gardenway project managed by Bucks Council. There was also the matter of the stray cow from a nearby farmers field which Cllr James had dealt with over the weekend.
- Cllr Cole also mentioned the regular meetings with Hs2/EKFB and reported on the works to save the two oak trees on the old golf course site. He also raised the concerns over the wording in the recent letter issued by Hs2/EKFB to residents about the changes to the compound site and the additional traffic that will now use this site. Discussion has taken place with representatives and an agreement has been reached to mitigate the traffic use by leaving the heavy work equipment on site rather than repeated journeys to the site with heavy equipment. He also reported that the arrangements for the virtual Music on the Square event were going well.

RESOLVED: Chairman to reconvene meeting under Standing Orders

6. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Council to consider the application from Mr C Wright to be co-opted as a parish councillor. This application was withdrawn so 2 seats still remain on the council.

RESOLVED: To continue advertising the vacancies

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. Minutes of the committees have been copied to all councillors.

- No meetings have taken place.

8. Riverine Corridor Transfer Update

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

The clerk reported that both he and Poland-Goodyer had contacted officers and the solicitor to progress chase the land transfer.

9. Request for a Dog Bin

Proposal from Cllr Blandford that the council purchase and install a dog bin by the wooden bridge near the flats on Paddock Close which links over to Chelsea Road / Hampstead Close. Approx. cost is £500 – purchase and installation.

RESOLVED: That the council purchase and install a dog bin at the above proposed site.

10. Dog Controlled – fenced off area

Proposal from Cllr Baughan that a section of land be set aside for a fenced off dog-section so dogs can be let off the lead and roam freely. Which, if any, land area is suitable? Type and cost of fencing etc?

A great deal of discussion took place on the need and purpose for a fenced-off area of land for dogs to use off-lead. Consideration took place on the size of the land area needed, the cost of fencing, maintenance and legal matters as well as the possible impact on local residents by way of increased visitors to the area, noise and what land areas do we have that could accommodate the need that are not adjacent to housing. An additional dog bin and other maintenance issues would also need to be considered.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, to not section off a piece of land for off-lead dog use.

11. Police Liaison – Parish Council Representative

The council to appoint a councillor as our police liaison rep. To liaise, meet and report matters to the local police team which the parish council have identified and wish the local police to investigate or advise on. To report back to the parish council matters of interest the police consider we need to be made aware of and arrange any relevant meetings.

Discussion took place on the need for the role as well as the responsibilities required. It was agreed that Cllr Simon Bradford had carried out the role professionally and in accordance with he wishes of the Parish Council and this had benefitted the parish council. The Clerk emphasised the need for the role to be conducted correctly and for the person chosen to ensure they met the requirements of the role. That this is a role representing the parish council not the overall community of Fairford Leys directly and therefore the person chosen must not take on additional responsibilities that are not in keeping with the role as expected by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to circulate a briefing paper on the role and liaise with the appointed councillor to give advice as needed.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that Cllr Harper be the parish council representative and liaison cllr with the local police team. That she discusses specific matters to raise with the police by way of communication with the Clerk and Council as Cllr Bradford did. That she reports back to the parish council on discussions and decisions taken by the local police team on matters regarding Fairford Leys and that all decisions that would have a major impact on Fairford Leys be discussed, where able to do so, with the parish council before implementing.

12. Finances and Orders for Payment

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

• K Gray	Reimbursement	£85.05	3357
• Briants of Risborough	Maintenance	£340.04	3358
• The Print Lab	Maintenance	£151.20	3359
• Fairford Leys Centre	Grant (1 st Pay't)	£15,000.00	3360
• I Morris	Photo Competition	£100.00	3361
• M Vaughan	Photo Competition	£50.00	3362
• N White	Photo Competition	£25.00	3363
• Bucks Pension Fund	Owed Pension Pay't	£17,180.25	3364
• S Carpenter	Photo frames	£15.84	3365
• Spaldings	Maintenance	£134.40	3366
• Vale Tyres	Maintenance	£69.60	3367
• Windowflowers	Plants	£2,533.20	3368
• Fairford Leys Centre	Allotment skips	£660.00	3369

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

13. Gardenway & Aylesbury Garden Town

To discuss any matters relating to the above project/scheme
No updates received on these projects.

14. 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.

Cllr Pattinson left the Council Chamber at this point

- **21/02150/APP** **15 Eyre Close, FL**
Garage conversion and single storey side extension
RESOLVED: Object/Oppose

1. The removal of the garage door negatively affects the overall appearance of the street scene, which the parish council has sought to protect for many years.
2. The Fairford Leys Guidelines are in place to protect the overall design of Fairford Leys as shown in the Master Plan agreed at the time of building by the Planning Department and referred to in their documentation on matters relating to the Ernest Cook Trust Covenants which apply to all properties on Fairford Leys along with the separate garage covenant now managed by Buckinghamshire Council.
3. Buckinghamshire Council needs to also carefully consider the parking arrangements and impact on the street/neighbouring properties, should the garage be converted.

4. The Parish Council will not grant ECT Covenant Permission if the garage door is removed. Many residents have converted garages and kept to the Fairford Leys/Coldharbour Parish Council policy of not removing the garage door. We believe this proposed design could be altered so that the garage door remains in place and the street scene is not affected. Should this happen, then the Parish Council will reconsider it's decision to refuse ECT Covenant Permission. Refusal of ECT Covenant permission can cause problems should the property be put up for sale with the permissions in place.

5. We will oppose this application and are prepared to make representation at a Development Control Meeting/Hearing.

ERNEST COOK TRUST COVENANTS

Permission is sought from the following residents regarding their properties:

- **21/02150/APP** **15 Eyre Close, FL**
Garage conversion and single storey side extension
RESOLVED: Refused

Cllr Pattinson returned to the Council Chamber at this point

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.18pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____