



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 8pm on Thursday 2nd November 2023
Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Fairford Leys**

Present : Cllrs Cole (Chairman), Walland, Poland-Goodyer, James, Baughan, Andrew, Hritcan, Wadlow, Harvey and Wylde.
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 Cllr Blandford (work 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 dispensation granted by the Clerk to all Councillors to enable them to discuss and set the precept/budget for 2024/2025.

3. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting held on 5th October 2023

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes held on the above date 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 that winter bedding plants were to be installed. He also showed a design of a proposed installation of a front door he had granted a resident ECT Covenant permission for so as to let councillors see and understand how this adhered to the covenant.

A report would be given on the riverine works under item 7.

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

- Cllr Andrew reported that the photography competition had concluded and councillors had been asked to make a vote.
- Cllr Poland-Goodyer asked the Clerk for an update from the management company of the square regarding the street light not working.
- Cllr James reported resident's concerns about the broken, snapped s tree light columns. She was raising this again with Buckinghamshire Council. The Clerk also reported that he had received complaints about this matter and was referring people to Bucks Council as well as local BC Members.
- Cllr Baughan reported that there was a new manager at the Honey Bee pub and he was keen to be involved in community life.

- Cllr Hritcan reported on the on-going anti-social parking of cars especially at school times and in and around Fairford Leys – pavements, double yellow lines etc.
- Cllr Cole gave an update of the recent Hs2/EKFB meeting which had taken place.

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, if the committees have met.

- To receive and accept the Resources & Personnel Committee minutes.
- To receive and accept the Leisure Services Committee minutes of 7/9/23.

RESOLVED: To note the meetings that had taken place and to receive and accept minutes and decisions made by these committees.

6. Riverine Corridor Update

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

Land Transfer: The Clerk explained the frustrations around the delays and has, yet again, made contact with the various organisations involved in the land transfer, to speed things up.

Land Maintenance: The maintenance team is currently carrying out land works across Fairford Leys, removing trees, clearing our hedging and opening up some of the land areas as they were meant to be.

Plans are in place for further works to enable safety and proper land management for the future. We will also be removing some of the built up silt and dirt in the riverine to ensure better flow and help with the flood prevention defences we have in place on Fairford Leys. Councillors asked the Clerk to express their appreciation to the maintenance team for the works carried out.

Footpath behind trees and hedging on Eyre Close, Napier Road, Andrews Way area:

Complaints have been received about the hedging on this section of footpath and maintenance required. This land area is the responsibility of Buckinghamshire Council and reports have been made to the relevant officers who have acknowledged the concerns and have passed the matter over to the officers from the original AVDC Council to cut back the hedging.

7. Finances and Orders for Payment

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

• AVS Fencing Supplies	Maintenance	£268.28	3716
• KM Commercials	Maintenance	£192.00	3717
• CH Morgan	Maintenance	£229.92	3718
• Spaldings Ltd	Maintenance	£340.14	3719
• Sky Personnel Ltd	Staffing/Maintenance	£1,029.60	3720
• CH Morgan	Maintenance	£10.66	3721
• Spaldings	Maintenance	£189.85	3722
• Windowflowers	Maintenance	£174.00	3723
• D Cole	Internal Auditor	£116.19	3724
• PA Turney Ltd	Digger attachment	£7,606.00	3725
• Fairford Leys Centre	Cross Charge pay't	£15,000.00	3726
• Buckinghamshire Council	Pension Fund	£4,360.20	3727
• PA Turney Ltd	Maintenance	£66.00	3728
• Moonlite Productions Ltd	Music in Square	£1,320.00	3729
	Reissued cheque – previous one not cashed		

• Briants of Risborough	Maintenance	£53.92	3730
• Sky Personnel	Temp Staff	£732.60	3731
• Certas Energy	Fuel costs	£2,145.60	3732
• Chiltern Brewery	Keg of Beer/MinS	£91.85	3733
• S Webb	Reimbursement	£86.80	3734
• Sky Personnel	Temp staff	£435.60	3735

Finance Report:

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

8. Precept & Budget Setting for 2024/25

- Council to receive a verbal report and precept amount proposal from the Resources and Personnel Committee working group which met on 24/10/23.
- Council to receive, and accept, the Budget proposal category list for council services, copied to all councillors.
Proposed Precept amount for 2024/2025: £234,383.75 Percentage Rate: 4.48
- Council to set the precept amount and budget costs for 2024/25 and instruct the Clerk to the Council to contact Buckinghamshire Council to raise the agreed amount for the Parish.
- Recommendation from the Resources & Personnel Committee that Council does not incur additional costs that have not been budgeted for and would mean income from the council's reserves.

Council received a report from the Chairman of the Resources & Personnel Committee on the councils current and future finances, responsibilities, services etc.
RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Council set a precept of £234,383.75 for 2024/2025.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Clerk instruct Buckinghamshire Council to raise the above precept for the parish council.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that no additional expenditure be incurred for new purchases or projects unless previously budgeted for. This does not remove the need for safety and health or other legal requirements spending which the council would have to carry out.

9. Playgrounds Refurbishment

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

To decide which playgrounds to be closed and equipment removed.

The following is proposed in regards to playgrounds, for Council's consideration so as to ensure no additional spend on maintenance, insurance and health and safety requirements.

Sandhill Way	-	Make this a larger park and add equipment if needed and remove inner fence and use elsewhere.
Parmiter Close	-	Remove all equipment and make this an open grassed space.
Jeffery Walk	-	Remove all equipment and fencing.
Webbs Meadow	-	Already agreed to refurbish (Community Board contribution)
Monks Path	-	Leave as is but repaint, repair as necessary.
Turnham Way	-	Remove all equipment and install benches or other use.
Markham Close	-	Remove all equipment, possible benches only, significantly reduce hedging and planting so as to see into park.
Main Park	-	Complete refurbishment with new equipment to suit all ages.

The Resources & Personnel Committee propose that Council does not allow any of its reserves to be spent on new equipment but that the Council seeks grants from elsewhere to refurbish the main park.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, agreed to the above proposal.

The following decisions were made regarding the councils playgrounds, as proposed by the Leisure Services Committee:

- **Sandhill Way**
Make this a larger park and add equipment if needed and remove inner fence.
RESOLVED: To agree to the above proposal and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to action this decision.
- **Parmiter Close**
Remove all equipment and make this an open grassed space.
RESOLVED: To agree to the above proposal and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to action this decision.
- **Jeffery Walk**
Remove all equipment and fencing.
RESOLVED: To agree to the above proposal and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to action this decision.
- **Webbs Meadow**
Already agreed to refurbish with plans in place.
RESOLVED: To agree to the above proposal and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to action this decision.
- **Monks Path**
Leave as is but repaint, repair as necessary.
RESOLVED: To agree to the above proposal and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to action this decision.
- **Turnham Way**
Remove all equipment and install benches or other use.
RESOLVED: To agree to the above proposal and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to action this decision.
- **Brimmers Way**
Leave as it is. Recently refurbished as outdoor gym
RESOLVED: To agree to the above proposal and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to action this decision.
- **Markham Close**
To leave as is but to significantly reduce hedging.
RESOLVED: To agree to the above proposal and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to action this decision.
- **Napier Road**
To leave as it currently is.
RESOLVED: To agree to the above proposal and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to action this decision.

- **Main Park**

Complete refurbishment with new equipment to suit all ages

RESOLVED: To agree to the above proposal and the Committee to investigate further funding and designs for suitable refurbishment of this park.

10. Gardenway & Aylesbury Garden Town

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

A meeting of the Steering Board will take place on Monday 6th November 2023.

11. Strategic Planning

Discussion to be led by Cllr Andrew.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Andrew further consider and discuss the proposal and bring back to council an initial plan for consideration.

12. 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.

- **23/02841/APP** **19 Stuchbury Close, FL**
Householder application for two storey side extension
RESOLVED: No Objection

ERNEST COOK TRUST COVENANTS

Permission is sought from the following residents regarding their properties:

- **19 Stuchbury Close, FL**
Householder application for two storey side extension
RESOLVED: Granted.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____