



**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**Present:**      **Cllr Harrison**              **Cllr Foxall**              **Cllr Sanford**  
                 **Cllr Baker**                      **Cllr Rymer**              **Cllr Shankland**  
                 **Cllr O’Connell**              **Cllr Robert**              **Cllr Thornhill**

**In attendance:**      **Vanessa Lawrence, Roz Morton (Clerks), District Cllr Vann (part), Mr & Mrs Braiden**

- 137 24/25 To elect a Chairman/Mayor**  
The Clerk had circulated details relating to appointing a new Chairman, in light of a request from Cllr Roberts to delay the process until May. Cllr Harrison had expressed his interest in standing. Cllr Thornhill proposed that Cllr Harrison is elected, seconded by Cllr Sanford. A ballot took place to see if anyone else wished to stand, but no one else came forward. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Harrison as Chairman/ Mayor. All in favour.
- 138 24/25 Apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Dutton, District Cllrs Mansilla and Wilkinson and County Cllr Morris.
- 139 24/25 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**  
None received
- 140 24/25 To approve the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Cllr Sanford, – 8 in favour, 1 abstention.
- 141 24/25 Clerks’/Chairman’s report**  
The Clerk’s report had been circulated prior to the meeting and covered actions taken and information received since the last meeting. The report is held with the Minutes.
- 142 24/25 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation – there is a 10-minute time limit) if members of the public are present.**  
It was **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Proposed Cllr O’Connell, seconded Cllr Thornhill – all in favour.  
  
No questions received.
- 143 24/25 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation, if applicable.**  
It was **RESOLVED** to reconvene the meeting following public participation. Proposed Cllr O’Connell, seconded Cllr Thornhill – all in favour.

**144 24/25 Chairman's Announcements –**  
None

**145 24/25 To consider correspondence received (for information only emailed)**  
Correspondence received circulated throughout the month. No comments received.

**146 24/25 To receive reports from meetings attended.**  
- Lakes by Yoo – Cllr Thornhill reported on a meeting that took place earlier in the day with representatives from Lakes by Yoo. Issues discussed:

- River water issues
- Multi-use path – Cllr Trotter (LTC), has applied for a £250k grant to further develop the path from Lechlade to Dudgrove & Whelford Road, Fairford.
- Sustrans are currently preparing a report
- Whelford Pools were more positive, and it is hoped will agree to a path through their land.
- Manor House – issues with events taking place here. CDC enforcement have been out, and they have no concerns as long as the number of events taking place is within the specified limits.
- Looking for biodiversity net gains, places identified.
- Retrospective application for Lakes Bar & Kitchen has been submitted with 84% of residents apparently happy with this.

- Cllr Sanford reported that the PPG meeting had been cancelled however new method of contacted the surgery will be in place soon. Information will be available in the next newsletter.

**147 24/25 To receive report from District Councillor/County Councillors (e-mailed) 5 minute time limit**  
Cllr Mansilla and Vann had submitted their reports prior to the meeting. These will be held with the Minutes.

- **Faulkners Close** - Cllr Vann advised that he had been unable to find any proof regarding the status of the land at Faulkners Close from the Records Office. One of the residents at Faulkners Close has appointed a solicitor to try to obtain an injunction to stop any work at this location.
- **Welsh Way** – Cllr Vann drew attention to the CDC planning officer's delegated report supporting the refusal of the development at the Folly, which is available on the CDC website. This report supported the objections of Fairford Town Council and stated that the design shows no affinity to other buildings in Fairford.
- **Heritage and Design Service** – CDC has a very good Heritage & Design Service.

**Q: Cllr Roberts asked if there are changes for the collection of black wheely bins?**

**A: Cllr Vann said he would look into this.**

**148 24/25 To receive reports from Project Groups:**

- Burial Ground – Waiting for Thames Water to finish connection. Turf has been sourced at a very good price to turf the area close to the wall.
- Transport Plan – Report circulated prior to the meeting.
- CHS Playing Field – See agenda item 153 24/25.
- Community Building – Cllr Foxall reported that together with Cllrs Thornhill and Roberts discussion has taken place to see how best to move this project forward. The proposed building will have to be changed. G. Ellis to be consulted regarding new plans which he can then take forward to possible sponsors. Nothing concrete at the moment.
- Multi-use Path including grant funding – Cllr Thornhill reported that the developers at Lake 104. Next meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. The developers have a legal requirement to create a path.

## **FINANCE**

- 149 24/25 To receive report from Chair of Finance**  
Cllr Foxall reported that the work on budgeting for 2025/26 is underway. Further discussion to take place at the next Finance meeting later this month.
- 150 24/25 To approve retrospectively payments to end of October 2024 (£30267.38)**  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve, retrospectively, payment to the end of October 2024. Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Cllr O’Connell – all in favour.
- 151 24/25 To receive Income & Expenditure figures against budget October 2024**  
The Income & Expenditure figures against budget were received with comment.
- 152 24/25 To consider and agree Reconciliation Report October 2024**  
It was **RESOLVED** to agree Reconciliation Report for October 2024. Proposed Cllr O’Connell, seconded Cllr Shankland – all in favour.
- 153 24/25 To consider and agree to authorise Chair of Finance to instruct Redkite solicitors to prepare legal documents in the Acorn/CHS lease matter.**  
The Council’s solicitors have requested confirmation that the Council is happy to proceed with the preparation of a lease agreement with Acorn Developments and a variation to the current lease with GCC for the CHS playing fields, and that Cllr Foxall is authorised to act on the Council’s behalf in all matters related to this. Following a brief discussion, It was **RESOLVED** to give authority to Cllr Foxall to act on the Council’s behalf in matters relating to Coln House School playing fields. Proposed Cllr Sanford, seconded Cllr O’Connell – all in favour.
- 154 24/25 To consider and agree to give £250 to South Cotswolds Team Ministry to fund Christmas Hampers for vulnerable Farmor’s students.**  
It was **RESOLVED** to give £250 to the South Cotswolds Team Ministry to fund Christmas hampers for vulnerable Farmor’s students. Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Cllr Rymer – all in favour.

## **PLANNING**

- 155 24/25 To receive the minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (unapproved)**  
The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November were received with no comment.
- 156 24/25 To receive report from Chair of Planning**  
The Planning report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Harrison reported that a further meeting with Cala will be taking place on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. He reported that Cala’s current planning application is for a greater proportion of large houses than was originally considered and that this goes against what FTC and CDC require. Cala have been asked to review this but this would mean in order to increase the proportion of smaller houses, they would need to increase the overall number of units on the site. This would require a fresh application. This is to be further discussed. Cllr Shankland asked if Cala would be holding a public consultation if they have to submit a new application. Cllr Harrison said that this would be brought up at the next meeting with Cala.

## **WORKS & EVENTS**

- 157 24/25 To receive a report from the Chair of Works & Committee**  
None.

**158 24/25 To receive an update on all things Christmas lights & Festive Market related.**

The Clerk reported that Matthew Davis (RIAT) is providing volunteers next week to help with wrapping little trees, Syd Flatman and Norman Brown are whittling on Tuesday. Any additional help from Councillors would be appreciated. from Councillors. Volunteers are also needed to help with putting trees up on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. The USAF and RIAT are also helping at the Christmas market on the 6<sup>th</sup> December but more help from Councillors would be welcomed especially with the road closure.

**159 24/25 To consider and agree contractor for Leafield Road path (tenders emailed 05.11.2024)**

Tenders for this project were received in the approved manner, and not opened until after the deadline, in front of Council members. All the information was collated and circulated prior to this meeting. Following debate It was **RESOLVED** to accept the tender from Greenfields. Funding will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting next week. Proposed Cllr O'Connell, seconded Cllr Foxall – 8 in favour, 1 abstention

**ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next Finance meeting.**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**160 24/25 To consider and agree to sign the Community Benefit Deed with Innova Solar farm project.**

It was **RESOLVED**, in principle to sign the Community Benefit Deed, however there is no immediate rush to do this. Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Cllr Thornhill – 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

**161 24/25 To consider and agree which “menu items” are relevant to Fairford from the “Save the High Street” initiative and should be include in the bid to the County Strategic Economic Development Fund and to agree to respond to Paul James accordingly.**

Cllr Harrison pointed out that this initiative doesn't really address some of the key issues for Fairford, including town centre viability. Any funds obtained would be better spent on other things we can do such as a new 'health check' and promoting our town centre. It would be helpful if the County Economic Strategy could include policies/actions to support the role of smaller centres such as Fairford under the Local Plan." It was **RESOLVED** to write back to Paul James with our comments – all in favour.

**162 24/25 To consider and agree times and conditions for public access on CHS playing field.**

Cllr Harrison explained that he felt that allowing public access under the new lease on the CHS playing field might help mitigate the loss of the play area at Faulkners Close, following the recent planning decision. The field already accommodates the Rugby Club and Youth Football club. It was suggested that we might clarify that the public are free to use the field for informal recreational activities, with the permission of the Council, but with appropriate disclaimers posted to exclude dog walking, for instance. This matter to be discussed with the two clubs that use the field, for their opinion. This matter to be deferred to the next meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting in January. Cllr Foxall to discuss with the relevant sports clubs.**

- 163 24/25 To consider and agree to close the office for Christmas break from 23<sup>rd</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.**  
It was **RESOLVED** to close the office for Christmas break from 23<sup>rd</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Proposed Cllr O’Connell, seconded Cllr Baker – all in favour.
- 164 24/25 Anything the Chair considers urgent**  
Nil of note.
- 165 24/25 Date of next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> January unless one is required in December.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm**

**Chairman.....**

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