



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HELD ON Wednesday 5th May 2021 via Zoom.**

This is NOT a Council meeting; it is a meeting of the residents of the Town of Fairford. The format of the meeting provides the opportunity for local organizations to report directly to the people of Fairford. Residents will have the chance to ask questions, in an open forum.

Present: Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Bird, Cllr Lipscombe, Cllr Sanford, Cllr Hill, Cllr Thornhill, Cllr Boulton, Cllr Doherty, Cllr O'Connell
County Cllr Theodoulou, District Cllr Andrews, Representatives from organisations listed below

Vanessa Lawrence (Town Clerk), Roz Morton (Deputy Clerk), 9 residents.

The Mayor welcomed members of the community to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from District Cllr Trotter, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Foxall

2. Minutes of Annual Town Meeting 2019.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. All in favour. No comments were received.

3. Matters Arising

- The barbed wire on the water meadow at the Town Bridge still needs to be removed.
 - Michael Birnie (ECT) said he thought it had been done but would check.

4. Report from the Mayor of Fairford

During the past 12 Months I am pleased to say that during this difficult time, Fairford Town Council has been able to assist the Vulnerable residents of Fairford. We have done this with the assistance of local volunteers, picking up Prescriptions and Groceries. This has been managed by the Clerks and helped by all the volunteer coordinators and the volunteers. The whole community came together to help each other, and as Mayor I am hugely proud to part of this town.

Although we have been unable to meet face to face, we have continued to run the business of the Town Council via Zoom. All Committee and Full council meetings have been open to participation from the public and it's been great to see so many residents taking part.

In addition to the regular committee meetings, Councillors also participate as FTC representatives for many other community organisations, ensuring that communication across the community groups is kept open.

I am pleased to say that we have continued to put up the annual Flags and Christmas decorations, that I know the residents enjoy – and in fact the Flags will be going up on Sunday – weather permitting! 2020 was the last year that Cllr Boulton put up the big tree in the Market Place – after 40 years of doing this. For this year, the Council will be engaging an outside contractor to erect and decorate the tree. I would like to thank Steve for his long service in doing this, and I am glad to be helping him and the team out in November when we will be putting up the smaller trees and lights around the town.

We have been pleased to be able to financially support the local Brownies during this past year and also the newly established Fairford Kids website.

This past two years has seen the resignation of John Morgan, Jack Morgan, Amanda Jefferies and Janet Bowen. I would like to thank them all for their service to the community and I am very pleased to welcome Cllr Simon O'Connell, Cllr Phil Bird and Cllr Vicky Lipscombe to the Town Council. We still have one vacancy which will be filled by election in the coming months.

Item 10 was brought forward.

10. Report from RAF Fairford – Lt Col Joseph Knothe (outgoing Commander)

- As previously reported, the RC135 are no longer relocating to RAF Fairford.
- Growth is still planned for the next 3 years with an additional 250-300 military personnel and their families arriving at Fairford.
- Approx. 130 personnel have arrived at RAF Fairford in the last 2 years and 3 U2 aircraft.
- Plans for a new hanger complex on the north side of the runway.
- Plans to replace the concrete on the parking area of the NE side of the runway.
- Brize residents have nearly all gone, leaving the 106 homes on the base for the incoming personnel.

5. Reports from Committees

Planning – Cllr Richard Harrison reported.

It's been quite a challenging year again, though with few major planning applications.

The most controversial have been:

- the proposal for conversion of the main buildings and construction of 17 new homes on the Coln House School site (which is still to be decided),
- an application for 2 modern houses on an old tennis court next to East End House (which was granted but has given rise to some practical issues) and
- proposals for redevelopment of Yells Yard with encroachment into the neighbouring fields (the first version of which was rejected).

We were particularly concerned about the design of the Coln House proposals and the fact that not much is being given back to the town [by the County Council] to compensate for the loss of a significant employer and a potential community site.

You'll also be aware that work has now started on the holiday development at Milestone Lakes (Lakes 103-104), which was given permission in 2010.

Unfortunately, not all the details were sorted out properly at the Reserved Matters stage, and the much-used footpaths around the lake seem have been closed prematurely, while the developer applies for licences to carry out work,

on what has recently been notified by Natural England as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. We're doing our best to avoid a prolonged loss of public access.

One of our main objectives is to promote the local economy and avoid further losses of shops and other facilities, so that Fairford doesn't become just a dormitory town with people having to work, shop and do other things elsewhere, particularly as the population ages and becomes less mobile. (This also affects Climate Change.) Phil Bird is leading on developing a plan for Business in the town, liaising with Cotswold District Council on this, and you may have seen some of his questions on the Town Council's Facebook Page. We'd urge everybody to contribute to the debate.

We're also focusing on promoting the preservation of the many fine old buildings in our historic town centre, which make it an attractive place to live and visit, and are seeking to get a full Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan supported by CDC.

This is also something that Historic England are pushing us to do, in support of the Neighbourhood Plan. This continues to progress, and we hope to be going to final submission soon – about 6 years after we started the project. We've also been quite active in responding to Government consultations on changes to the Planning system, which may affect small towns like Fairford rather differently from other places.

A full report will be published in the Annual Report.

Works & Community – Cllr Boulton reported on the following:

- We are continuing to work with Gloucestershire County Council on the transfer of the Playing Field at Coln House School to the Town Council. We are currently waiting for further input from the Department for Education and GCC with regards to the transfer details. The Field will be kept as a community sports field in perpetuity and local clubs will continue to have full use of the pitches as they currently do.
- The search for a new site for a burial ground is ongoing and the Council is working with local landowners to find a suitable site.
- Adoption of the phone box on Queens Field with the intension of installing a defibrillator in it.
- Installation of new notice boards in the Walnut Tree Field and on Dilly's Bridge. Additional boards have been ordered to go on the Keble Fields Estate and to replace dilapidated boards on the Community Centre and at the Fire Station.
- Introduction of new play equipment and enhanced surfacing around various items of equipment in the Walnut Tree Field.
- Work with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and the WILD Towns project partners to get the planting of the Sensory Garden underway.
- Additional wildflower planting has taken place on the greens at St Mary's Drive, and on verges up Hatherop Road. The Council is committed to enhancing the biodiversity of the town and to tackling climate change through tree and hedge planting and other schemes.
- Maintenance carried out on Lovers Lane and on the River Walk this year. Works to improve the surface of Keble Alley and the path to the surgery along the 8 Bells has been approved by Public Rights of Way and will be done this financial year by PROW.
- Access to the Countryside group, has plans to improve accessibility along Common Row (from the Milking Path to A417), and also to improve the Park Street entrance to the Walnut Tree field to make it more accessible.
- The Access to the Countryside group is also working with neighbouring Councils and community groups to create new mapped routes around the area and enhance connectivity particularly between Fairford & Lechlade.

- Conversations continue with Gloucestershire Highways over issues around speed limits, street lighting and electric car charging points.
- Fairford Community Emergency Plan, Cllr Phil Bird is leading on this important piece of work. The Council is investing in upgrading facilities in the Council yard which will enable all our emergency equipment to be stored securely in one place and will enable the equipment to easily be accessed in case of an emergency.

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Q: Why was the green at St Mary's Drive chosen as the site for the wildflower planting as it reduces the amenity space for playing? And, why were residents not consulted.

A: The scheme is part of a wider Town project that includes the River Walk, Sensory Garden and Town Centre Greening. The areas were chosen in consultation with Glos Highways and Glos Wildlife Trust. Plans for the planted were published in the Town Council Newsletter delivered to every household in Fairford and on Facebook. Resident's comments regarding the reduction on play area were taken into consideration and the area on the larger green was reduced and a new area on the verge was planted instead. Although surrounded by countryside, the Cotwolds is a green desert with regards to biodiversity, due to the intensive farming in the area and the planting of wildflowers in Towns rather than in the open countryside is beneficially to biodiversity. Fairford is particularly important as an insect corridor with its proximity to the river. The project will be carefully monitored and changes made as they become necessary. Once the wildflowers are established, and flowering has ended, the area will be mown and so can be fully utilised until the flowers come up again the next year. The Council has already acknowledged that communication around the project could have been more targeted and will take that into consideration for future project.

Finance – Cllr Andrew Doherty reported Report TBC

6. Report from County Councillor – Cllr Ray Theodoulou reported:

It has been an extraordinary year and much of the County Council business has been to deal with Covid 19 related activity. Although the majority of the County Council has been able to work remotely, some functions have, necessarily, been carried out face to face. One of our frontline staff, tragically lost their life to Covid 19, and we owe them and their colleagues a debt of gratitude.

The budget has been passed. Council tax will be raised by 4.75% (1.99% council tax and 2.76% ringfenced for adult social care). The overall budget is £483M, of that £156M is for adult social care and £126M is for children's services. £119M is for capital projects including roads, schools & cycle paths. Central Government has supported GCC with Covid19 grants to the tune of £11.5M.

This is Cllr Theodoulou's last meeting as he steps down from being a County Councillor. He thanked the Town Council for their support over the last 20 years. Cllr Nicholls thanked Cllr Theodoulou for his years of service.

7. Report from the Police – no police were present. The report was read out by the Clerk.

Your local officers for Fairford:

PC2007 Neil Lightfoot, PCSO 9302 Zee Bulbul, PCSO 9310 Angela Barker

01.04.2019 -31.03.2020 – 107 reported crimes.

01.4.2020 – 31.03.2021 – 111 reported crimes

An increase of 4 crimes in the last 12 months.

We are encouraging members of the community that haven't already done so to sign up to Your Community Alerts. Your Community Alerts is a messaging alert system used by the Constabulary to send out messages.

You can select what topic of message you wish to receive from Crime Alerts to traffic alerts. Registration is simple and can be done by logging into www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk or by emailing me on Zaheer.bulbul@Gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

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8. Report from The Ernest Cook Trust – Dr Victoria Edwards OBE reported on the following:

- A challenging year, all office staff working remotely.
- ECT has rebranded over the past year, a process that is still on-going. New signage will be going up around the estates.
- 4 new areas of activity: Everything Outdoors, Green Influencers, The OWL collaboration (Outdoor weeks of Learning) and Learning Estate (based in Leicestershire).
- ECT are pleased to have been able to give grants of over £500k to schools to purchase IT equipment to enable remote learning for pupils.
- Locally the ECT is supporting the Fairford Festival Young Ambassadors scheme, Fresh Air Sculpture show, Wellbeing Group, Walkers are Welcome.

Michael Birnie, Property Director, reported on the following:

- Lots of work around the estate in Fairford on making trees safe, particularly ash die back issues with roadside trees.
- Lots of planting of new trees and hedges around the estate.
- The Trust continues to work with the Neighbourhood Planning Group
- The Trust continues to work with the Town Council to try to find suitable land for a burial ground.
- The Trust is pleased to be working with Cllr Phil Bird and FEAG on the Community Emergency Plan.

9. Report from Fairford Community Centre – Mrs Margaret Bishop reported:

At the beginning of last year the Centre was very busy, with about 50 regular users and almost full utilisation of available lettable space, but on March 23rd 2020 the Centre was closed because of the Covid 19 lockdown. For the first month the Foodbank continued as an essential service, and then switched to delivery, and all activity stopped, so there was no income.

We were able to reopen in the summer, on a limited basis with full Covid precautions after a detailed Risk Assessment, which meant no events or functions and full social distancing, so there were very few bookings. By then most activities had switched to on-line or by Zoom, including Town Council Meetings. We closed over the Christmas period, and went into full Lockdown again shortly after.

This enforced closure has not been entirely wasted. After storm damage early last year the roof has been surveyed, repaired and strengthened, gutters have been cleared, windows cleaned and the whole place had a Spring clean, so we were ready for partial reopening on 12th April. Again bookings are limited as only children's groups and activities for under 18's can currently happen, but more will be able to return from 17th May as we work through the steps out of lockdown. We're looking forward eagerly to 21st June when, all being well, we should be open for business and able to meet freely. There has been lots of communication with our regular users and currently all are planning to return, except for the Country Market, which sadly hasn't enough volunteers to reopen, but there are plans for a Community Café to take its place on Wednesday mornings.

Our policy of maintaining adequate Reserves has enabled us to continue operating. We are financially strong, and expect to offer everything as we did before, so you can make new bookings with confidence. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Centre Manager, Carly Hicks, who has done such a good job of keeping things going and Covid -secure throughout the crisis.

10. Report from the Palmer Hall – no representative was available, so the report was read out by the clerk. It covered the following:

- The Palmer Hall has, along with most village halls, suffered considerable financial loss during the last year due to the pandemic. We are, however, pleased to have been able to start the phased reopening.
- From the 17th May will allow us to welcome back all senior classes. Small meetings and groups of up to 30 people can also be welcomed back, but following strict Covid guidelines. From 21st June, when restrictions are lifted, larger groups will be able to return.
- The popular monthly Cinema on a Wednesday will return in September.
- The Palmer Hall is also a place of safety for the Fairford Community Emergency Plan and Hyperion House Care Home.
- The Management Committee were very grateful to have received two grants from The Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities, which has helped enormously with funding while the hall has been closed.
- The Palmer Hall is a charity which relies heavily on bookings and fundraising. We have a small committee who work very hard to keep the hall open. Heikina ki Kai karate have kindly volunteered to finance and plant spring bulbs and flower boxes to make the outside of the hall look more attractive.

A full report will be published in the Annual Report.

11. Report from NDP Group – Cllr Jon Hill reported on the following:

The Fairford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, comprised of town councillors and local residents, has been working for several years on a new Plan. In September last year the Group produced a “Reg 14” (draft) Plan for consultation. Here is an extract from our introduction to that draft Plan:

“The Plan contains policies which preserve the historic character of Fairford, protect green spaces, ensure that necessary infrastructure is provided, and deal with flood risk at an early stage. New housing development is directed to the area between Leafield Road and Hatherop Lane where the risk of flooding is minimised and traffic congestion is eased.

Other policies deliver sustainable, low-carbon residential development and enhance the vitality and viability of our town centre.”

The responses from stakeholders to the draft Plan were reviewed and some changes made to the draft Plan. Emails to those Fairford residents who responded were sent out in December addressing their concerns. The responses from Historic England and Natural England, particularly with respect to the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) near Cricklade and the extension of the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) designation, required additional analysis. This is being undertaken by consultants AECOM with funding from the government agency, “Locality”. Site Assessments updates were received in March but Sustainability Appraisals are still ongoing due to lack of feedback from Natural England. It is not anticipated that these revisions will materially affect the main objectives of the Plan.

Once the Sustainability Appraisals are complete we shall ask Cotswold District Council (CDC) to issue a “Reg 16” (final) Plan for examination. This means that we should be in a position to hold a local referendum in the autumn.

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Q: What additional community facilities feature in the Plan – e.g. leisure facilities etc?

A: The plan has built requirements for the own into its policies, however the process is constrained as to what it can ask of developers.

We are in discussion with the developer of the Lake 103/104 development in particular with regards to cycle paths, walking route and the swimming pool that featured in the planning application.

12. Report from Walkers are Welcome – Malcom Cutler reported on the following:

Thanks to FTC for covering the annual subscription for Walkers are Welcome (WAW) in 2021.

The following activities and initiatives have been undertaken:

- Rerouting the Northern footpath route from Fairford to Lechlade where changes have been made to field boundaries/hedges and make the route easier to follow and not cross arable fields. Whilst the route the PROW follows has not been changed, subsequent maps and directions will advise walkers on the new routing.
- Ernest Cook Trust offered us a grant of £500 for the first year with the possibility of further support in following years. Most importantly ECT has also suggested that we liaise with their staff responsible for park and river management who can advise us on the environmental initiatives that we are undertaking through Fairford Community Voice.
- Together with WaW in Winchcombe we have drawn up a new long-distance walk, The Coln Trail, which starts at through to Inglesham/Lechlade. This route also incorporates nine individual, shorter, circular walks along the route. A walks booklet has been designed but is on hold at the moment due to the planned closure of the last element of this walk to the South of Lake 104. WaW Winchcombe has reported a lot of interest in the Coln Trail by walking holiday companies that they are in contact with, one of which wishes to promote the Fairford end of the trail with overnight stays at the Bull, but this has also had to be put on hold until decisions are made regarding the Lake 104 path.
- As part of Fairford Community Voice, Fairford WaW has also been involved with the maintenance of the river walk through the volunteer work helping to protect the riverbanks, support the paths and clear weed and overhanging branches in the river. Planting of wildflowers, bluebells etc has been undertaken in the Coln School Garden, next to Dilly's bridge, as well as shrub and grass cutting. Additional hedgerow planting has also been undertaken beside the Cinder Track close to Lake 104. Following the positive feedback regarding the signs placed along the River Walk to encourage people to take care and support the Fairford Water Vole population, we will soon be replacing the signs to coincide with the voles breeding season.

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13. Report from The League of Friends

No report was available for the meeting, but a full report will be published in the Annual Report.

14. Report from Hilary Cottage, PPG (Patients Participation Group) No representative was available, so the report was read out by the clerk. It covered the following:

- Working for Wellbeing (WfW) is a new organisation that aims to help people get information on the support they need all under one roof – particularly the young, the elderly, the lonely, the disadvantaged and the disabled – from the local and county-wide charities and support groups. The WfW group would like to encourage people in

the community to volunteer to help with this. It covers Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.

- An application has been made for charitable status and a reply about this is expected shortly.
- The Working for Wellbeing group is delighted to announce that it has been awarded £20,000 from the Gloucester County Council Covid Relief Fund. This means that the group has been able to advertise for a Wellbeing Coordinator, who will be responsible for building up a network of contacts with charities, other organisations and individuals, so that all those needing help in Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages can benefit from the support these can give.
- As soon as the restrictions are lifted, the Community Café will open in Fairford Community Centre, so that people can come for a chat.
- the group is working on a comprehensive list of support organisations with contact details, so that people can get help more easily.
- Particular thanks must go to Fran Embleton-Smith who has just stepped down from the post of Chief Executive of the Cirencester CHURN project and has given the new Working for Wellbeing group invaluable advice.

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15. Report from Fairford and Lechlade First Responder Group – Stephen Andrews reported on the following:

When on duty, CFRs provide immediate medical assistance to those in our communities by being called out by the Ambulance Control in response to a 999 call. As we are local, we tend to get to the patient first, often by tens of minutes. When we do, we are able to help the Ambulance Control make an assessment by acting as their “eyes and ears” – providing basic medical observations and context to the primary incident that has provoked the 999 call. In some cases, such as non-injury falls, the special chairs that 3 of us have mean that we can lift the elderly and frail from their fall safely and can often, working with Ambulance Control, leave the patient discharged at home without the need for a crewed Ambulance.

We are also there for those more difficult occasions such as heart attacks and strokes. Providing valuable initial medical support before the arrival of a crewed Ambulance – normally much sooner than our routine calls.

In some ways, none of that changed. Before the first lock down we were being more careful, looking for COVID-19 symptoms. But very soon, we were suspended from being called, even though the Ambulance Service was getting busier. In that time, we were given new protocols or “safeguards” to work to and issued with PPE. Once that was all in place, which took a couple of weeks, those of us who were able to, began to respond again.

Since then, we have been called to the “normal” range of falls, strokes and heart attacks. We have received our vaccinations as part of the National Programme and some of us volunteered and were trained as standby Ambulance Drivers. We have also assisted with Ambulance crew welfare at Gloucester Royal Hospital.

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16. Report from Fairford and Lechlade Business Club – Helen Webb, Chair of FLBC reported on the following:

The Fairford & Lechlade Business Club (FLBC) is an independent group, run by volunteers for the benefit of the local business community.

We currently have 96 members from all types of business in Fairford and Lechlade and the surrounding area. Six of these are new members joining in the last two months.

During the past year we have still been busy:

- Continued to send monthly emails of members news to the wider business community and post on social media.
- Supported the Cotswold Challenge with sponsorship and resources.
- Held online meetings for members.
- Celebrated local businesses through the Virtual FLBC Awards, winners including The Coffee Post, Boots Fairford and Beanology, all Fairford based businesses. The video has had over 1,000 views.
- Rebranded with a new logo and look (at no cost thanks to member Allison Murray)
- Have a new website thanks to local company Bulldog Websites.

Last week, 29 April, we held our AGM and presented a proposal for members to change the legal structure of the organisation.

The election of the officers (steering group), all volunteers, took place. A full list can be found in the Annual Report.

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Q: Cllr Hill asked if the FLBC had any advice on how to attract businesses to Fairford.

A: Their members are already located here so difficult to help with that issue.

17. Open Session

Q: The flood alleviation scheme is designed to hold water back behind Town Bridge, with a choke point between Upper and Lower Green, behind Milton Street, restricting water flow down to Waterloo Lane ditch (don't know its name), and a berm running between this choke-point and Town Bridge. If this works as it should (and it seems to) then inevitably water levels at the gauge will increase, indicating NOT increased risk of flooding but rather that the flood defences are working as they should. Lower Green and above is the catchment area for flood water and it can take quite a large volume of water (see the height of the berm) before flooding in the town can be expected, by which time goodness knows what level the gauge will be showing. The authorities seem to use the gauge level as the trigger for flood warning and EA did indeed issue such warnings this winter but on information (the gauge level) which is fundamentally flawed.

The fact that the EA are still using this gauge for flood alerts is concerning because it does worry many people quite unnecessarily and, to some extent, cries wolf. At the very least the EA should review the trigger level on the gauge for alerts. The gauge still refers to the flooding of 2007 level as a 'highest level ever recorded' which is true but more useful would be a reference to the designed level for flooding taking into account the alleviation works. Failing that an effort to educate residents about the workings of the alleviation scheme would be desirable.

Q: The EA still hasn't amended their flood maps to reflect the affect of the alleviation scheme on flood risk to the town - a line or 2 of 'flood defences' is shown well within the deep blue of the worst flood zone. Is there any chance of moving this forward - the scheme was completed in 2014!.

A: Cllr Doherty – The EA are starting to do some work on revising the flood map. They have completed some modelling but are not prepared to share the data at this stage. EA are happy to accept evidence of flood levels, particularly recent levels, in order to assess their modelling against real time data.

Q: Sewage outflow. According to The Rivers' Trust sewage map (<https://www.theriverstrust.org/>) the Horcott pipe overflowed into the river 138 times, for a total of 2492 hours in 2020. This is 104 days - that is 24 hours a day i.e. well over a quarter of the year, non-stop flowing into the river. To my mind this cannot simply be overflow at times of exceptional weather, but closer to standard practice. Any action on this?

A: Cllr Doherty – Fairford is currently 11th worst in the Thames Region for sewage outflow into rivers. There is a new team at TW, who are working with CDC & GCC, but they are

constrained by the EA as to what they can do. TW have works planned in Fairford but not until 2025 – clearly that work must be prioritised. TW need to address the issues at the worst affected site and then learn what works in order to roll it out across other sites.

Residents of Totterdown raised various issues with the USAF regarding:

- Lack of notification regarding planned works to boundary fencing
- Will the tarmacking mentioned earlier extend into the newly acquired land?
- Siting of the new security fencing in proximity to residential boundaries
- Possible devaluation of property as a result of the security fencing
- Perceived lack of communication regarding changes happening on the base and the acquisition of additional land, specifically the lakes at Horcott.
- Works carried out on the lake area that has included cutting down trees etc – is that appropriate in a SSSI location?

Lt Col Knothe responded.

- The tarmac and concrete surfacing will be confined to the existing hard standing on the base. The newly acquired land will act as a security stand-off for the base.
- Tree works were carried out under license from Natural England.
- Stock fencing is being erected around the perimeter of the newly acquired land, and that will be replaced, in time with security fencing. The positioning of which is currently marked by string and stakes.
- All required notifications will be adhered to.
- A meeting [called at the request of the residents concerned] has been arranged for 17th May to discuss concerns.
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Q: the river level gauge between the Mill Bridge & Town Bridge needs to be addressed as it's too sensitive and triggers unnecessary warnings when the area is designed to flood.

A: the gauge cannot be changed as it will invalidate all previous historical data and readings.

Q: Is there an update on the speed reduction issues that have been discussed with FTC and Glos Highways?

A: Nothing yet. It is proving difficult to get responses back from Glos Highways on certain issues, namely speed reduction and street lighting. Both issues are being perused and are part of the emerging transport plan for Fairford being worked on by the Planning Committee.

A resident thanked the Council for the work done to the River Walk and for all the planting and seeding of wildflowers around the town and for the on-going improvements to biodiversity.

Residents thanked the Clerks for their work over the past year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

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