

Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd December 2021.

Present: Mr Julian Mellor – Chair
Mrs Penny Budgen
Mr Jonathan Greaves
Mr Dimitrios Hatzis
Mr Nicholas Keene
Mr Alan Woodward
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.

Mr Jerry Avery – District Councillor.

4 Members of the general public.

1. Welcome.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mr Dimitrios Hatzis to the council following his co-option to fill the casual vacancy created by the resignation of Mr John Watts.

2. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from

Ms Juliette Ash – County Councillor.

3. Minutes of the last Meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the chair.

4. Matters Arising.

i. A420 Issues.

Mark Francis had forwarded details of a speed survey but on examination this was found to be for another location. He informed the Chairman that he would commission another survey at OCC expense.

The District Environmental Team had suggested that the noise and vibration arising from the A420 at Tubney was the responsibility of OCC Highways who had reportedly stated that ‘it was not too bad’. After some discussion as to the duty of care covering residents well being, Mr Avery would raise the matter again with the Environmental Team.

ii. Communication Mechanisms with County Councillor.

Mr Mellor had added this meeting date on Ms Ash’s Outlook Diary and would add next years dates when set later in the meeting. Mrs Budgen had joined the WhatsApp group.

iii. Deep Clean Priorities.

The Clerk reported that Biffa had been present in the village from the 29th November to the 1st December but the amount of work carried out was limited.

iv. Local Government Association Code of Conduct.

Following its recent adoption, the Clerk had placed a copy of the code on the parish website.

v. Coach Road.

Mr Woodward wondered what could be done to get action from OCC to remove the encroaching vegetation on the west side of the road. This had been reported several time on Fix my Street without any action. **The Clerk to seek Ms Ash’s intervention by email.**

5. Planning.

No planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

St Helens Without Parish Council had contacted the Chair requesting a meeting to discuss the imminent and proposed developments at Dalton Barracks. Mr Avery stated that 1200 houses were due to be built in the first phase by 2024/5 and that the army were due to leave the whole site by 2029. Mr Mellor would attend the meeting to see what they wanted from this parish and to assess the impact of the development on the wider area. There was general concern over the potential impact of the development on congestion in the area given that this was a major reason for rejecting the Lioncourt development. **The Clerk to contact Ms Ash emphasising the potential impact of this development on local road congestion.**

6. Finance.

The Clerk reported that the account balances were as follows:

Balance of Precept carried forward.	£2,165.81
Record receipt of the following:	
Precept Part 2	£1,500.00
Parish SID Collection	£3,185.83
PharmaGenesis Tubney Lights Donation	£2,000.00
Juliette Ash Priority Fund	£1,475.20
Record payment of the following:	
Norris & Fisher Insurance	£288.85
Balance of Precept	£10,037.99
Balance of CIL carried forward	£3,578.50
CIL Payment 28 th October 2021	£2,385.67
Balance of CIL	£5,964.17

7. Expenditure Considerations.

The Clerk stated that the request for support from Juliette Ash's priority fund had been met in full and that PharmaGenesis had made a generous donation towards the Tubney Bus Stop Lights. This meant that it was now possible to fully fund the purchase of two solar SIDS with additional solar panels for four posts and the Tubney Lights.

Only two other items of expenditure were anticipated before the end of the financial year, being Domain Fees of £35.03 and Clerks Expenses of £50.00.

This would leave a year end balance of £1,240.23 and a deficit on this years precept of £148.37.

Mrs Budgen reported that OCC had installed the poles necessary for the SIDs. It was **resolved** that **the Clerk would order the SIDs as per the quotation from Elan City of £5,261.03 and procure the necessary fixing straps and padlocks.**

It was also **resolved** that subject to Mr Woodward reporting back that all residents were satisfied that light pollution controls were in place, OCC should be instructed to proceed with the installation.

Mr Woodward to liaise with potentially affected residents re light pollution.

Mr Greaves had received a quotation for a War Memorial plaque in slate, including fixing, of £485 + VAT. Lettering was priced at £2 + VAT per letter. I would appear that a budget cost was in the region of £1,000 + VAT. **Mr Greaves to clarify the mounting of the slate given the nature of the churchyard wall.**

The text details have not been finalised and Mr Keene suggested that John Lay, who had promised to contribute towards the costs, be asked for his preferred wording. **Mr Greaves to seek Mr Lay's thoughts on wording.** This should finalise the costs of the project and a decision could then be taken as to the amount the council could afford to contribute.

The Council was keen to support the construction of a communal area within the church. Raising money for this would be an ongoing effort involving the whole community. As yet, no request for money had been made. A decision on the amount of contribution would be made at a later date.

8. Precept 2021-2022

The Clerk informed council that there was a known expenditure for 2021-22 of £972.79 at today's rates. Last year's precept of £3,000 would be overspent by £148.37 at the end of the financial year, assuming no unforeseen expenditure, leaving a precept balance at the start of next financial year of £1,240.23.

After some discussion it was **resolved** to set the precept at £5,000 and the form was duly signed by the Chair.

9. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Queen's Green Canopy

It was decided to carry this item over to the next meeting.

10. Community Governance Revue

It was **resolved** that no changes were required for the parish.

11. Meeting Diary for 2022

The Clerk proposed the following dates for 2022.

13th January

10th March

12th May – Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting

8th September

10th November

The Clerk to confirm these dates with The White Hart.

12. AOB

Mrs Budgen stated that the Give Way sign on Digging Lane had been turned around. She would liaise with Mark Francis to get it turned back.

Mr Woodward sought clarification on the ownership of the field opposite Tubney Church as this might be a good site for tree planting along the Coach Road verge. The field was a gift from the Blackwell family and subject to usage restrictions. It is currently farmed by Ben Lay. Mr Woodward to make enquiries of Mr Lay and possibly Prof. Macdonald of WildCru.

Mr Greaves informed the council that Mrs Kitto was organising a 'Then and Now' event next summer with photographs of village houses at the time of the coronation compared with today.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:03pm.