

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting  
held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

**Due to the Coronavirus Restrictions, this meeting was held on ZOOM and made open for members of the public to attend.**

**1. Present:**

Mr Julian Mellor – Chair.  
Mrs Penny Budgen.  
Mrs Jean Burley.  
Mr Jonathan Greaves.  
Mr John Watts.  
Mr Alan Woodward.  
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.  
  
Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor – County Councillor.  
  
Thirteen members of the general public.

**2. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Mr. Jerry Avery, District Councillor.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting.**

These were signed as a true record by the Clerk because of the physical remoteness of the chair.

**4. Matters arising.**

**i. Speed Control Measures – Abingdon Road Tubney.**

**Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor apologised that she had not received any update from OCC officers but would renew efforts to see what could be done.**

A lively discussion on the subject of 'Rat Running' and speeding followed. It was finally observed that the real issue was one of enforcement.

Mr. Mellor reported that there was a blanket police ban on all 'speed control' initiatives at the moment. **Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor to speak to the Faringdon Traffic Advisory Group and to Mrs Judith Heathcote to determine why the ban existed.**

**ii. Underpass Flooding.**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Environment Agency only dealt with flooding issues from major waterways. Flooding from streams and brooks was the responsibility of the Land Owners. Given the number of different Land Owners in this area, there was no possibility that any one would accept sole responsibility and take action.

**5. Comet Bus Service.**

Mrs Mary Carey, Appleton, addressed the meeting.

She explained that the Comet Bus Service which was provided by using unallocated time for the County mini-buses outside their normal school and social activities. This service was provided on a cost basis to parishes. When set up originally, two services were run, Abingdon on Mondays and Oxford on Wednesdays. With the reinstatement of the No. 63 service to Oxford, the Oxford service had been discontinued. This had left Appleton PC bearing the full cost of the service as Hinton and Longworth did not need the Abingdon service. In addition, Covid19 regulations limited the number

of passengers that could be carried at the moment, resulting in a loss in offsetting revenue from passengers.

When originally set up, Fyfield & Tubney did not contribute as the service was scheduled to run along the Appleton Road and passengers were unlikely to walk to such a stop. In the event, the bus did come into Fyfield and a number of residents now use the bus. Under its current routing, there is also a regular passenger from Tubney.

When asked what contribution was sought from the parish, Mrs Carey suggested £500.00 per annum. OCC currently charges £30.00 per Monday journey.

**It was resolved to discuss what, if any, level of support the parish could give outside of the meeting.**

Mrs Carey also asked if anyone would be prepared to join the organising committee. Mr. Greaves volunteered.

## **6. Lioncourt Development.**

The latest stage in this application was now closed pending a decision.

The Parish Council and Flag had raised strenuous objections to the application. Concentrating on traffic issues, especially the lack of mitigation to the Marcham Air Quality issues and the inappropriateness of the proposed HGV diversion. Many residents had also voiced their individual objections.

Mr. Jerry Avery was supportive of our objections and Mr. David Johnston, MP, had been made aware of the traffic issues. It was felt that the District Council should reject this application.

There had been considerable difficulty in uploading objections to this development due to space errors on the District Council website. The officer responsible for the application and our District Councillor had been made aware of the issues and the matter was under review.

## **7. A420 Road Issues.**

Mrs Budgen reported that the bus stop refuge at Fyfield had been completed subject to the erection of some lighting and signage.

She reported that following the fatality last year, the coroner had stipulated that the Kingston – Fyfield crossing should be made safe. OCC had hoped to get ‘permissive’ use of a farm track to link users of that route with the new crossing. Unfortunately, the land owners, St. Johns College, had refused. It was unclear if this meant that a second refuge was required at the old crossing point and given the speed restrictions at that point it was unsure how this could be made safe.

The Parish Council regarded this bus crossing as only the first step in that similar safety issues were needed at the other two stops in the parish. Mrs Emma Harris suggested that roadside signs indicating the number of fatalities might remind drivers to moderate their speed. Mrs Harris indicated that Pharmagenesis might be prepared to help with the cost of such signs.

**Mrs Budgen to speak to Ben Lay about possible sighting of these signs on his land.**

**The Clerk to seek accurate data on recent accidents and fatalities.**

## **8. Harts Bridge.**

The Clerk had been in correspondence with Northmoor Parish Council regarding the antisocial behaviour at the bridge during the summer. They proposed no action at the moment as the coming of autumn meant that there was not an issue at the moment. As the bridge was outside of our parish, no further action by us was proposed.

## 9. Planning.

The following planning application had been approved without comment:

- P20/V1574/HH 13 St. Johns Close, Fyfield.
- P20/V0922/FUL Cornerstone, Fyfield Wick.

The following planning application had objections raised:

- P18/V2791/O Land East of Kingston Bagpuize..

## 10. Finance.

The Clerk reported the current financial position as follows:

• Balance brought forward.	£1,370.69
• To record Payment of the following:	
• Clerk – Fyfield Notice Board	£186.00
• Clerk – Tubney Notice Board	£186.00
• Balance Carried Forward	£998.69

The Asset Register had been updated to reflect the replacement notice boards.

## 11. Community Infrastructure Levy.

The Clerk had sought clarification as to whether the parish was regarded as competent to hold CIL money. As yet, he had not received any response. However, he was of the opinion that as long as money was spent on infrastructure that was regarded as falling within the Parish Council remit, then there should be no issue in respect to any payments.

In terms of potential spend, suggestion was made for a bus shelter at Tubney, also lights at that stop and the community space within Fyfield church.

**Mrs Budgen would seek quotes from OCC for the provision of a bus shelter and/or lights.**

## 12. AOB.

Mr Watts reported that the cherry tree on Netherton green had a couple of dead branches and needed attention. As the Fyfield cherry tree was due an inspection after earlier work, **the Clerk to contact Russ Gooding for a quotation.**

Mrs Budgen reported that scrub was growing at the entrance to St. Johns Close and that this was obscuring the sight lines for access to the close. **Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor would organise clearance by OCC.**

Mr Woodward reported that despite numerous contacts, a water leak outside Tubney church on the A420 was still not being attended to. **Mr Woodward to supply details to Mr. Mellor who would escalate via Matthew Archer, OCC Highways, because of potential damage to the road surface.**

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9:20pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020.