

Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2018.

Present:

Mr. Julian Mellor – Chair.
Mrs. Jean Burley.
Mrs. Shirley Collins.
Mr. John Watts.
Dr. Stephen Fraser – Clerk.

Eight members of the general public.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from

Mr. Alan Woodward.
Mr. Jonathan Greaves.
Mrs. Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor – OCC Councillor.

Minutes of the Last Meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters Arising.

The Clerk had not progressed the documentation required to amend the Definitive Map to include the underpass bridleway given the more pressing items affecting the parish. User evidence would be sought once Lioncourt, the Tubney Quarry proposal and the A420 issues had been attended to.

Lioncourt.

Mr Mellor reported that the Inspector had completed his enquiry meetings and that his deliberations were awaited. The general consensus was that the Parish Council and Flag had submitted a sound case for rejection. The fact that the District Council had submitted late changes meant that further letters of objection could be put to the Inspector. The delay to the start of development of 4 years because of the Frilford Traffic Lights may not be granted. The impact on the site viability if this happens is not obvious. Nothing could now be done until the Inspector issues his judgement.

Proposed Tubney Quarry.

The Tubney site had been expanded considerably since the first iteration of the Minerals and Waste Plan. This had come as a complete surprise to the council and required urgent action to submit an objection. It was not helped by the Site Assessment Criteria not being available until requested.

Residents had been warned by a leaflet drop within the parish. This also attempted to collect names and email addresses to disseminate further parish council information. To date, the Clerk had received 60 responses.

A draft rebuttal from the Parish Council had been prepared by Mr. Mellor and Mrs. Elton, together with a guidance document for residents to make their own submissions. Richard and Louise Willden drew the councillors attention to the Frilford Heath Ponds and Fens SSI which bounds the proposed site. Any planning application adjoining a SSI would be scrutinised by Natural England to ensure that there was no negative impact on the SSI.

The parish objection would be reviewed over the next two weeks and then submitted when the Clerk returned from Scotland.

In addition, a letter commenting on the Assessment Criteria would be submitted. This document was largely neutral on traffic impact (A420), pollution other than AQM zones and the closeness to residential property.

A420 Issues

1. Safe Bus Stop Crossings.

Mrs Budgen reported on the progress, or lack of it, she had made with the OCC Traffic Officer, Lee Turner. In all discussions about getting safe crossing points, OCC fell back to a lack of finance. It was implied that the only way he would be able to sanction a crossing was if there was either Parish Council funding or private funding. Indicative pricing was £70k for a traffic light controlled crossing whilst a central refuge was about £12k.

Mr Turner implied that the Besselsleigh refuge was privately funded but Mrs Budgen's enquiries suggested that OCC installed the refuge following a complaint by a single resident.

A survey of residents had been performed and it overwhelmingly indicated that a safe crossing was required at both Tubney Church and Fyfield bus stops.

It was felt that this issue should not jeopardise any long term strategy for the A420 by seeking any immediate solutions.

Mrs. Budgen would further enquire of Mr. Turner if any development was conditional on Parish Council support given that OCC had a 'duty of care' to residents.

The Clerk would contact Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor to seek details of last years OCC budget for roads, the proportion set aside for the A420 and the actual spend. Similar figures for this year to date would be useful. If Mrs. Fitzgerald-O'Connor was unable to obtain the information, then a Freedom of Information request should be made.

2. Long Term Safety Strategy and Ed Vaizey involvement.

All the parishes along the A420 had been contacted with a view to finding some common ground for approaching Ed Vaizey to put pressure on OCC for improvements. The Clerk reported that there were three groups.

Despite being reminded, no response had been received from Cumnor, Besselsleigh and Great Coxwell.

Longcot had indicated that they would make individual representation and would not be interested in a group action. Marcham had indicated that they would discuss the issue at a meeting but no details had been communicated, nor had the matter appeared in published minutes.

The following were broadly supportive, Appleton, Kingston Bagpuize, Longworth, Pusey, Buckland, Littleworth, Faringdon, Little Coxwell, Watchfield, Shrivenham and Boughton. A number were having meetings late August or September.

The Clerk would follow up with those parishes later in the month with a view to having a joint meeting to finalise points to raise with Ed Vaizey.

Planning.

- The following applications had been approved with No Comments
 - P18/V1054/HH 10 St Johns Close Fyfield
 - P18/V1916/T56 Tubney Layby, A420.
- The following applications have been approved with Comments:
 - P18/V0986/FUL Broome Tubney

Finance.

The Clerk reported the current financial position as follows:

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| • Balance brought forward. | £1,013.59 |
| • Second Instalment of Precept | £250.00 |
| • Balance carried forward. | £1,263.59 |

Mr. Mellor requested that Mrs. Budgen be reimbursed for the printing of documents associated with the Tubney Quarry consultation. There were no objections and it was **resolved** to pay Mrs Budgen £184.80.

OCC Town & Parish Event.

The Clerk had reserved two places at the event to be held at The Beacon, Wantage on Wednesday 19th September at 6pm. As no councillors were able to attend that evening, Mrs Budgen offered to represent the parish.

AOB.

The Clerk reported that he had submitted an Evaluation Report to SSE in respect to the Defibrillator Grant and that this completed our obligations to SSE.

The Clerk asked if we should proceed with a Community Resilience Plan in the light of the presentation given at the last meeting. It was felt that this would interfere with the more important issues before the council and it was **resolved** to do nothing at this present time.

Mrs Collins reported that as part of the planning permission given to 10 St. Johns Close, five parking spaces had to be provided because the extension would result in five bedrooms.

Mrs Collins also enquired about the Coach Road. The Clerk responded that OCC had closed his latest request for reinstatement of the full road surface without effecting any work.

There being no other items, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:05pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 21st November 2018.