

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting  
held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

**Present:** Mr Julian Mellor – Chair  
Mrs Penny Budgen  
Mr Jonathan Greaves  
Mr Dimitrios Hatzis  
Mr Nicholas Keene  
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.  
Ms Juliette Ash – County Councillor.

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies had been received from

Mr Alan Woodward  
Mr Jerry Avery – District Councillor.

**2. Minutes of the last Meeting.**

These were signed as a true record by the chair.

**3. Matters Arising.**

**i. A420 Issues.**

Mr Avery had raised the issue of noise with the environmental officer and it was suggested that a submission be made via the website for investigation. This would need careful wording as the website explicitly excluded traffic noise. As complainants would be required to complete diary before any action could be taken, the Clerk had asked **Mr Woodward to make a joint complaint on behalf of himself and his neighbours.** In the absence of Mr Woodward, it was unknown how far this had progressed.

Further to last meeting, the Clerk had raised the issue of additional local traffic from the Dalton Barracks site with Ms Ash.

**ii. Coach Road.**

The Clerk had emailed Ms Ash but had had no response. During the meeting, the issue was discussed but no decision was taken.

**4. Planning.**

No planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

**5. Dalton Barracks/Abingdon Airfield Development**

The Chairman was awaiting a date for a meeting with St. Helens Without PC to discuss their concerns on this development.

**6. OCC Local Transport Connectivity Plan & HGV Route Review.**

Ms Ash emphasized the importance of all parishioners responding to the request for consultation with particular emphasis on the local requirements for footpaths, cycle paths and electric car charging points

The HGV Route Review was a county wide examination. Mr Mellor emphasised the need to consider the impact on local communities during the review, rather than just looking for the best flow of HGVs in isolation.

Mr Mellor gave an example of the attitude of OCC Highways to anything that would restrict the free flow of traffic on the A420 by their demand that Gigaclear pay for overnight stoppages to connect the small number of properties on the wrong side of the road to fibre broadband. The costs and organisational difficulties made this financially unviable despite OCC's desire to see fast broadband readily available throughout the county. **Mr Mellor to forward the email trail to Ms Ash on this topic.**

Ms Ash stated that an A420 Action Focus Group was in the process of being formed within OCC and she wished to involve all parishes along the road.

Ms Ash also requested that the council respond to two further consultations covering Special Education Needs and Library and Heritage Services. Details were included in her monthly report.

She also suggested that vulnerable residents collect or order Lateral Flow Test kits as there was a national shortage.

#### 7. **Community Governance Review.**

Mr Avery had alerted members of the Review Panel of the potential request for Kingston Bagpuize to adopt the Lioncourt site and our opposition. He assured us that we had his full support and that the planners saw no likelihood of a Lioncourt planning application succeeding without addressing the long outstanding issues of the Frilford Junction and Marcham AQMA.

#### 8. **Smaller Communities Local Plan Initiative.**

The District Council was proposing a trial to explore a faster and cheaper way of creating a parish local plan. Initially four councils from the Vale and South Oxford area would be invited to take part. As yet no invitation had been made and a decision to offer this parish would have to be made at that time.

#### 9. **Finance.**

The Clerk reported that the account balances were as follows:

Balance of Precept carried forward.	£10,037.99
No transactions since the last meeting:	
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Balance of CIL carried forward	£5,964.17
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It was **resolved** to authorise payments of the following:

• Elan City SID Invoice	£5,261.03
• Westfield Fasteners (SID Fixing Straps) – To Clerk	£92.20
• B&Q (SID Padlocks) – To Clerk	£16.00

It was also **resolved** to make a payment of £100.00 to Oxfordshire Citizen's Advice.

## 10. SID Deployment.

Two Sids and three solar panels had been erected on the Abingdon Road poles. The devices were active in 'stealth' mode which meant they were recording traffic volumes and speeds but not displaying information to drivers. The Clerk anticipated activating the screens in two to three weeks when enough base data had been collected that an assessment of their effectiveness could be established. The solar panel and bracket had yet to be erected on the Fyfield pole.

Mr Hatzis remarked that the new street marking was already having a calming effect on many drivers.

## 11. Tubney Bus Stop Lighting.

The Clerk had confirmed the cost of this project with OCC at £9,265.87 and had asked them to proceed.

## 12. War Memorial

Mr Greaves had made no progress on this issue.

## 13. Community Area in Fyfield Church

It was decided to defer consideration of this item to the next financial year.

## 14. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Queen's Green Canopy

It was thought that the only location for a tree might be St. Johns Close if the recently removed tree had not been replaced. **Mrs Budgen to speak to residents.**

A meeting was scheduled within the parish concerning the possibility of a Street Party in addition to the pictorial 'Houses Then and Now' being organised by Mrs Kitto.

## 15. Operation London Bridge.

The Clerk had been invited to attend a presentation on this topic on the 18<sup>th</sup> January.

## 16. AOB

A request had been received by the Chairman from Marcham Parish Council concerning the inclusion of some of Fyfield parish within their proposed Local Plan. **The Clerk to request clarification of and the rationale behind this request.**

The Clerk mentioned that there had been renewed damage to the Fyfield Bus Shelter. **The Clerk to seek a quotation for repair from Mr Paul Newstead.**

Mr Hatzis reminded the Clerk that the list of Councillors on the Notice Boards was out of date. **The Clerk to update the boards.**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:45pm.