

Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2019.

Present:

Mr Julian Mellor – Chair.
Mr. Jonathan Greaves.
Mr John Watts.
Mr Alan Woodward.
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk

Two members of the general public.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Mrs Jean Burley, Mrs Penny Budgen and Mr. Jerry Avery – Vale of White Horse DC.

Minutes of the last meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the chair.

Matters arising.

Mr. Woodward reported that the raised drains at Tubney Church had not been lowered despite recent work in the area and water was still running down his drive rather than into the drains. He would chase the issue once more.

Mr Greaves reported that he had a meeting with Mr. Paul Spicer of OCC Highways to discuss the flooding risk from Hollow Brook in Netherton Lane. He would report back on their deliberations and also raise the issue of the drains at Tubney.

In the absence of Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor it was not possible to determine OCC Highways options for reducing speeding within the village.

Lioncourt development.

Mr. Mellor reported that the District Council had adopted LPP2 which included the Lioncourt site. It had been feared that if not adopted, the Inspector's major amendments could be ignored. As the Lioncourt development was predicated on improving the Frilford Junction and Marcham pollution this was probably good for ourselves. The planning application decision had been extended to February 2020 following the required new traffic surveys and analysis.

Following a meeting with Kingston Bagpuize PC, the council confirmed that they did not want to take on the maintenance of the playing fields proposed in the Lioncourt development. Since the DC had not formally requested that the PC communicate this decision, it was **resolved** to do nothing until formally requested.

A420 Road Issues.

The Clerk reported that Mrs Hannah Wood, OCC Highways Officer/Inspector, apologised for not responding to an invitation to attend but had been away following a family bereavement. She stated that she would not attend an open meeting, preferring a 'one to one' and would offer to meet once she had resolved her diary.

Mr. Mellor had met with Charney Basset PC who had similar concerns over the A420 as ourselves. They were finding an increase in traffic through the village caused by people avoiding specific sections of the road as well as being a diversion route after accidents. They also had thought to be invited to the A420 Forum but OCC had made a definitive statement that this was a private meeting.

There was no feedback on the result of Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor liaising with Yvonne Constance to see what money was available within the highways budget for the A420 and to the attitude of OCC to light operated pedestrian crossings.

Oxford – Cambridge Expressway.

Mr Watts and Mrs Budgen had attended the last local pressure group meeting on the expressway. This seemed to be becoming a pressure group against the expressway under any circumstances whilst we were more concerned with the knock on effect to the A420. In the absence of any decision by the government over a preferred route, deferred because of the election, Mr Watts would not attend the meeting this Thursday.

Tubney Quarry.

Mt Mellor stated that OCC were being vague as to when a decision on the minerals plan would actually happen. He had heard that our contact, Mr. Peter Day, had left OCC but there had been no official communication. He had also heard that Carswell Golf Course was under sale negotiations with the option of being quarried for sand.

Review Attendance at Parish Fete.

In the absence of Mrs. Budgen this was deferred to a future meeting. It was believed that there would be no fete next year.

Planning.

The following applications had been approved with No Objections

- P19/V2092/FUL Old Farmhouse, Fyfield
- P19/V2169/HH Pickwick Plot 4, Fyfield Wick
- P19/V2251/HH Orchard House, Netherton
- P19/V2484/HH 1 North Cottages, Fyfield Wick

The following applications approved with No Objections but Comments.

- P19/V2467/FUL The Spinney, Kingston Bagpuize.

An application for Old Farmhouse, Fyfield was circulated at the meeting and Mr. Woodward would then forward it to Mrs. Burley.

Finance.

The Clerk reported the current financial position as follows:

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| • Balance brought forward. | £1,072.44 |
| • Record payment of the following. | |
| • Mrs J Elton – Fete Printing Costs | £68.86 |
| • Mrs P Budgen – Fete Banner & Fete Printing Costs | £126.00 |
| • PCC Fyfield – Church War Memorial Addendum | £222.00 |
| • Norris & Fisher – PC Insurance | £231.37 |
| • Record receipt of the following: | |
| • Precept – Second Installment | £500.00 |
| • Balance carried forward. | £924.21 |

The Clerk informed the meeting that there were two anticipated further payments this financial year, £25 for Domain Fees and £50 for Clerk's expenses.

Mrs. Fraser informed the meeting that the person who had identified the missing name on the War Memorial was present at the Remembrance Service and had donated his medals, including a Military Medal, to the church.

A420 Underpass Track.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the path was now essentially clear after work by Mr. Bruce Harris, Mrs. Fraser and himself. Work was still required to cut back bramble growth to the fence line on the Fyfield approach to the underpass. Mr. Woodward offered to see if his brushwood cutter would be effective.

The Clerk had assembled 59 depositions from the public relating to the free use of the track and was in the process of scanning all documents. There was still considerable paperwork to process before a submission to OCC could be done.

Fyfield Green Cherry Tree.

The Clerk had spoken to Mr. Russ Gooding who had examined the tree once more. He felt that there were some issues with two of the limbs that were showing signs of decay and proposed reducing pressure on these junctions by some truncation together with adding some cable braces to stiffen the structure against high winds. He had given a verbal estimate of £345 and would complete the necessary paperwork for the PC to submit to the DC for permission to carry out the work on a protected tree within a conservation area.

There was again some discussion as to who owned the land and was thus responsible for the tree maintenance. This was not clear and to avoid any disputes arising from branches falling from the tree, the council felt obliged to act. It was **resolved** to accept Mr. Gooding's quote and request work to be carried out.

Further to this, the issue of nominating the area as a Common was briefly discussed but then deferred whilst the work on the footpath was continuing.

AOB.

Mr. Watts stated that he and Mrs. Budgen had cut back the growth along the footpath at west end of Main Road. This had been appreciated by cyclists but there was a sink hole at the far end that needed attention. The Clerk to submit a request through 'Fix My Street'.

The Clerk suggested that next year's meetings be as follows:

Wednesday 8th January 2020

Wednesday 11th March 2020

Wednesday 13th May 2020 – Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 9th September 2020

Wednesday 11th November 2020

He would make the necessary bookings with the White Hart.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 8th January 2020.