

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday 14th January 2021.**

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

Mr Jerry Avery – District Councillor.
Mr Paul Barrow – Prospective OCC Councillor.

Sixteen members of the general public.

2. Apologies.

No Apologies were received.

3. Casual Vacancy.

Mrs Jean Burley had tendered her resignation after 21 years as a councillor. Mr Mellor thanked her for her contribution to the parish during her years of service.

The Clerk outlined the procedure for filling a Casual Vacancy and indicated that the necessary paperwork would be forwarded to the District Council and posted on notice boards and the web site tomorrow. If a minimum of ten residents requested an election within the next 14 working days, then the DC would nominate an election date. Otherwise, the Parish Council would be free to co-opt a replacement.

Mr Mellor then asked those residents at the meeting if anyone would be prepared to stand. Interest was shown by three people and it was agreed to pursue the matter with them outside of the meeting.

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

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

5. Matters arising.

i. Speed Control Measures – Abingdon Road Tubney.

In the absence of Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor there was no County feedback on this matter.

However, Mr Mellor outlined the major issues as one of enforcement of the current speed restriction and the current embargo on setting up local Speed Control Initiatives. After some discussion it was decided that the most appropriate action in the first instance was to encourage as many residents as possible to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner raising both issues. The Commissioner is Anthony Stansfeld and he can be contacted at pcc@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. The council confirmed that it would endorse such an action by residents.

Mr Avery informed the meeting that he would forward details of the automatic speed display signs currently that had been installed in Hanney.

ii. Speed Control Measures – Blanket Ban on Initiatives.

In the absence of Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor there was no County feedback on this matter. Resident action as recorded above.

iii. Water Leak near Tubney Church.

Thames Water had still not fixed the problem nor indicated when it might be done. **The Clerk to ask Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor to contact OCC Highways as the leak posed an accident risk during frosty weather. Mr Woodward would continue to chase Thames Water and Mr Mellor would try to use the traffic disruption of the work to get Gigaclear to put fibre across the A420 to the unconnected Tubney properties.**

iv. Netherton Cherry Tree Maintenance.

The Clerk had telephoned Mr. Russ Gooding informing him that the work should go ahead. To date, he had received no indication as to when the work would be carried out. **The Clerk to chase Mr Gooding.**

v. Fyfield Overgrown Footpath.

The Clerk reported that The White Hart had trimmed the tree near the pub whilst he had cleared the worst growth at the other end of the pub garden.

vi. Web Site and 'WCAG 2.1 AA' Compliance.

The Clerk reported that he felt the parish website was now compliant.

vii. Speed Control Netherton Lane.

The issues here were similar to Abingdon Road, Tubney. In the morning, especially, both roads were used as a rat run to avoid the A415/A420 interchange and Frilford lights. Potholes were also a problem here as it forced traffic into the centre of the road on blind bends. In the first instance, the recommendations are the same. Residents should lobby the Police and Crime Commissioner.

viii. War Memorial.

Mrs Budgen reported that the church PCC were happy with the suggestion of a wall mounted memorial subject to a faculty. It was also suggested that the original idea of a memorial stone and bench on the green outside the manor gates might be a potential alternative given the new owners of the manor. **Mrs Budgen to liaise with John Lay.**

ix. Footpath Warden.

The Clerk had not circulated this as he felt the Lioncourt issue, the Christmas holiday and Covid lock downs were more important to residents. **The Clerk to circulate residents before the next meeting.**

6. A420 Road Issues.

Mr Mellor reported that our MP, David Johnston had raised an adjournment debate regarding the A420 and A34.

Mr Avery stated that there had been no decision on the route of the Cambridge Express Way but it was still possible it could happen. The specific route could have a direct impact on the future traffic volumes on the A420.

Mrs Budgen had received plans for the cycle crossing between the Old Main Road spurs. It was awaiting tenders but was still expected to be installed this winter.

Mr Watts reminded council that at the last meeting Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor stated that OCC had accident statistics for the A420 and that she could obtain these. Unfortunately, this was not minuted. **The Clerk to remind Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor that she was obtaining these statistics.**

7. Lioncourt Development.

Mr Mellor stated that a robust rebuttal of the latest traffic data had been submitted after the closure of the consultation period but had been accepted by the planning department.

Mr Avery felt that the application was a cynical attempt to circumvent the Inspector's modifications and would speak against the application though he would not have a vote, being an interested party because the application was in his ward. He drew council's attention to a powerful letter from Tim Dougall. He also stated that Oxford's unmet housing needs requested from the Vale was about 40% greater than actually required. He also warned that proposed changes to planning law by central government would remove the ability of local people to object to major applications.

8. Planning.

The following planning application had been returned with Objections:

- P18/V2791/O Land East of Kingston Bagpuize

The following planning application had been approved without comment:

- P20/V2714/HH Sturrocks, Netherton

9. Finance.

The Clerk reported the current financial position as follows:

• Balance brought forward.	£1,873.69
• Record Receipt of the following.	
• J Avery – Covid Hardship Fund	£250.00
• Record Payment of the following.	
• Norris & Fisher - Insurance	£235.09
• 3 Villages Comet Bus Group	£500.00
• Balance carried forward.	£1,388.60
• Record receipt of CIL Payment	£1,192.83

CIL monies must be accounted for separately from the general precept account and only used for specific infrastructure projects.

10. Precept 2020-2021

The Clerk anticipated that there would be a small surplus of £329.39 from the current precept of £1,750.00 in this financial year.

He had informed councillors of the anticipated known spend for the next year, totalling £827.00. It was noted that the council's expenditure was unpredictable with only a small proportion being costs that could be anticipated.

After some discussion, which included the possibility of the council being able to supplement CIL money on an infrastructure project, Mr Mellor proposed a precept of £3,000.00 for the next financial year. This was unanimously agreed and it was **resolved** that the Clerk should submit our application to that effect.

11. Community Infrastructure Levy.

Mrs Budgen reported that she was still waiting for a response from OCC as to the cost of solar lights for the Tubney bus stop.

12. AOB.**i. Tubney Notice Board.**

During the recent bad weather, a full rubbish bin had fallen against the notice board and moved both uprights, breaking one from the backing board. The Clerk had straightened the loose post and secured the board but suspected that he would need to add more concrete when the weather was better.

ii. Fly Tipping.

The Clerk reported that there had been two cases of fly tipping recently in Digging Lane which had been cleared quickly by Biffa.

iii. A338 Goods Traffic.

Mr Burley requested that the council robustly object to any further proposal by Lioncourt to redirect heavy goods vehicles from the Frilford cross roads via the A338 and Gozzards Ford.

iv. Veteran's Champion

Mr Avery informed council that he was the Veteran's Champion for the Vale and would be pleased to attend the installation of a new war memorial in that capacity.

v. Suspicious Activity.

Mr Hatzis informed council that vehicles had been observed on Frilford Heath Golf Course at odd times of the day. He advised residents adjoining the course to be vigilant given the last year's spate of burglaries on Abingdon Road with premises being entered from the course.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9:35pm.

Next Meeting Thursday 11th March 2021.