

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 15th March 2011.**

Present: Mr John Watts – Chair
Mrs Jean Burley
Mrs Shirley Collins
Mrs Rosemary Kitto
Mrs Valerie Maher.
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk

Mr David Tole – OCC Traffic Team

Eight members of the general public.

Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public and opened the meeting to them at 7:30pm. Comments indicated that the Information Sheet circulated had been well received and it was hoped that the dissemination of information would continue. The village notice boards were frequently full to overflowing and some sheets had been removed and put into nearby drains. It was felt that covered notice boards would be an improvement. At the same time, a notice board in Netherton would be better than the telegraph pole. Mark Baker gave a report on the Neighbourhood Action Group and indicated that he would continue as the local representative if no-one from the Parish Council wished to take over the task. Concern was expressed over the road drainage outside of the new houses on the old garage forecourt and about the general state of litter on road verges in the villages.

The meeting was closed at 8:30pm to be followed by the regular Parish Council Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting.

Apologies: Mr Ben Lay.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters Arising:

Mrs. Maher reported that there was no budget for an additional Dog Bin but that we could apply for a Litter Bin which could be located in Tubney.

The Clerk reported that the Information Sheet had been distributed and that a Precept request for £500.00 had been submitted.

Highways Issues with David Tole:

Mrs. Maher reported that solar lights had been installed in the bus shelter but that she had not seen these working. Following this work, there would be a monthly clean of the shelter. She had also accompanied the local Highways Representative on a tour of potholes, blocked drains and encroaching verges. Areas of work had been noted and would be attended to. Mr. Tole explained that budgets dictated repairs were less permanent than desirable.

Mr. Tole was asked about the proposed 50mph speed limit for the A338. He was unaware of any developments but would investigate. Discussion also covered the traffic speed at the Fyfield intersection of the A420 with no obvious solution. Raising a request for speed traps via NAG might help.

The gating of the west end of main Road beyond St. Johns Close was also discussed. Mr Tole

indicated that the quick fix for Fly Tipping was to get a camera installed by the District Council. A gate would need a Traffic Order and arrangements for access. He would add the item to the waiting list.

The Chairman thanked Mr Tole for his attendance at short notice.

Planning:

Application for minor amendments to Plot 1, former PIC (FYF/20943/2) had been circulated and responded 'No Objections'.

An application for the demolition of the PIC Office Block and erection of single dwelling (FYF/2273/11) had been circulated and responded to with 'No Objections but' covering a desire not to see multiple industrial units on the site and enquiring if reuse of the building had been fully explored. A 'Permitted' notice had since been received with multiple conditions which will be circulated.

An application for 24 St. Johns Close (FYF/21519) had been received and would be circulated.

Enquiries had been made about the appearance of a lorry park at Pickwick Farm, Fyfield Wick, only to find that the Planning Enforcement Team were investigating. They would feed back to us eventually.

Finance:

The current bank balance was £950.47.

It had appeared that all Councils would have to register with HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE after new legislation. Upon enquiry, however, they confirmed that as we had no employees, there was no requirement to register.

An request for renewal of membership of the Oxfordshire Green Belt Network had been received. As we were not already a member, it was resolved not to join this organisation.

As there was no expenditure anticipated before the end of the month, the Clerk detailed the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011 showing a deficit for the year of £923.93. It was resolved that the Chair would sign off those accounts after the year end subject to no further income or expenditure.

Correspondence:

Oxfordshire County Council were requesting consultation of their Waste Recycling Strategy. Posters had been put on the notice boards.

An updated Flood Map had been received from the Environment Agency. This showed minimal risk to a small parcel of agricultural land adjacent to the River Thames.

Notice of a change to the Swindon to Oxford bus timetable had been received. The changes had been marked and would be displayed in the bus shelter.

The Clerk outlined the procedure for the May elections and distributed Nomination Forms to all interested parties.

AOB:

With the commencement of construction work on the old garage site, the Clerk had approached the pub for use of their car park by the Pyrotec vans on Monday mornings. This had been taken up. In addition the sole worker who insisted on parking in the street had for the first time started to use the Pyrotec car park.

In consideration of the dissemination of information to residents, the Clerk stated that it would be possible to set up a simple website under our own domain at a cost of £75.70 every two years. This would include seven email addresses that could be forwarded to the councillors and the clerk. It was resolved to create a web site under these terms.

It was noted that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was approaching and consideration was given to the planting of a tree to mark the occasion. The health of the Coronation cherry tree in Fyfield and the Silver Jubilee chestnut in Tubney was questionable and there might be a need to replace one or other of these specimens.

Following on from the notice board discussion during the Parish Meeting, consideration was given to the replacement of both notice boards and the repositioning of one of the old boards at Netherton.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.