

Minutes of the Fyfield And Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th March 2017 7:30pm

Present: Mrs. Jean Burley
Mrs. Shirley Collins
Mr. Jonathan Greaves
Mr. Julian Mellor
Mr. John Watts - Chairman
Dr. Stephen Fraser – Clerk

Five members of the general public.

Apologies.

There were no apologies.

Minutes of the last meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the chair.

Lioncourt Development.

Mr Watts and Mrs Burley had attended a presentation by the Vale DC prior to the formal release of the draft Phase II local plan but had received little early indication of the plan contents. On release, the plan included the Lioncourt development.

Mr. Watts had subsequently reviewed the Vale figures and seemed to find a surplus over requirement which was greater than the Lioncourt development. It was **resolved** that Mr. Watts, in conjunction with Mr. Baker, would review the figures as, if true, this provided valuable evidence for challenging the development.

Much discussion followed as to the best way to counter this prospective development.

A public meeting is scheduled for March 21st in Southmoor village hall. It was **resolved** that a notice to publicise the meeting and encourage people to attend and express their concerns should be distributed together with a survey form for the public to indicate their personal opinion. Mr. Watts would produce the documents and council volunteers would circulate these through the parish.

The Clerk informed the meeting that both Lioncourt and Thames Water were keen to address the meeting in the near future. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would invite both parties to the 17th March meeting which was also the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was **resolved** that a template letter be developed whereby parish residents could express their concern to the Vale. This would be done after the survey results were known in the hope that there would be overwhelming support for an objection.

A420 Issues.

Mr. Mellor reported that he had made no progress with OCC Highways and that he felt that it was time to involve Mr. Ed Vaizey MP. Ms. Emma Downs offered to host any extraordinary council meeting with Mr. Vaizey at PharmaGenesis. It was **resolved** that Mr. Mellor, in conjunction with Ms. Downes, would attempt to arrange the meeting in the near future.

Field Footpath to PharmaGenesis.

Ms. Downes reported that Mr. Lay had cut the vegetation in preparation for laying the path but that the University needed to endorse the path via an infrequently meeting committee.

PharmaGenesis would use Bidwells to prepare any necessary submissions to the University.

Matters arising.

The Clerk reported that there had been no response to his request to fill the Casual Vacancy. Prof. Burley indicated that he would stand if no other candidate could be found but was concerned that his wife was already on the council. It was suggested that Rebecca Dougall

might consider the post.

The Clerk reported that the vegetation overhanging Abingdon Road, Tubney had at last been cut back.

The Clerk had repaired the Fyfield notice board with cork sheet. It appeared that the Tubney notice board would require similar treatment in the near future.

Planning.

The following applications had been approved with No Comments

- P17/V0407/HH 11 Abingdon Road Tubney
- P17/V0409/HH 11 Abingdon Road Tubney
- P17/V0452/HH The Old Barn Tubney

The following applications was examined during the meeting and approved with No Comments.

- P17/V0542/FUL PIC UK Fyfield Wick

Finance.

The Clerk reported the current financial position as follows:

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| • Balance brought forward. | £2,326.29 |
| • Record payment of the following. | |
| • Clerk's expenses | £50.00 |
| • Balance carried forward. | £2,276.29 |

The Clerk requested reimbursement for the repair to the Fyfield notice board. It was **resolved** to pay the Clerk £32.81.

The Clerk reminded the council that the following payments were due before the end of the financial year.

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| • Domain renewal for 1 year – 27/3/2017 | £22.13 |
| • Website renewal for 2 years – 27/3/2017 | £71.39 |

Village War Memorial.

The Clerk had found a potential supplier of an artistic memorial for about £5,000 + VAT. This was somewhat cheaper than the quote of £7,879.00 inc. VAT in May 2014. It was apparent that the project could only proceed if sufficient monies could be raised. The Clerk to contact Mr. John Lay to see if he was willing to organise the parish collection as he had originally indicated.

Public Access Defibrillator.

The defibrillator had been acquired and Mr. Bruce Harris was seeking final approval from the Church authorities for the installation of the case. The Clerk would then register the installation with the ambulance service and arrange a demonstration of its use. This would need to be publicised.

AOB.

Further to the Lioncourt development, it was **resolved** that Mr. Watts would liaise with the chair of Kingston Bagpuize PC to present a united front to the developers and the District Council.

The Clerk had received a request for grant aid from Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire. It was **resolved** to donate £30.00.

The meeting closed at 21:28.

Next meeting Wednesday 17th May being the Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.