

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 16th September 2014.**

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

Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Mr Julian Mellor and Mrs Melinda Tilley.

Minutes of the Last Meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters Arising.

The vegetation on Tubney Bridleway had been partially cleared. Mr. Gillett had cut back the verge against his field on the Fyfield side of the A420 whilst the Golf Club had cut back both verges on the Tubney side of the A420. Comments had been received from members of the public of the difficulty of avoiding the bramble growth when cyclists were passing. Mr Lay to be asked to cut back the bramble growth bordering his pasture.

The day following the previous council meeting a road sweeper had tackled the gutters in Main Road, Fyfield.

There had been no action on the defective pavement in St. Johns Close. The Clerk to chase.

The Clerk had emailed Mr. David Tole at OCC regarding the gating of the west end of Main Road, Fyfield but had received no response.

The Clerk had emailed OCC Highways registering the councils request for a quiet road surface on A420 through the parish as and when it was resurfaced.

The Clerk had received confirmation following the Community Governance Review that only that section of the Kingston Business Park and the sports field would transfer to Kingston Bagpuize parish. This followed the intervention of Mr. Barber, District Councillor, who indicated that all the proposed changes were being opposed with the exception of this change which was agreed between the two parishes. Consequently, no correspondence had been received concerning the boundary change near Oaksmere.

In the absence of Mr. Mellor, it was reported that he had again contacted OCC concerning vegetation around A420 Road Signs but that no action had taken place to date.

Planning.

The following applications had been returned with No Objections:

- P14/V1441/FUL Woodhouse Bungalow, Fyfield
- P14/V1486/HH Cedar House Tubney
- P14/V1553/LB 46 Netherton
- P14/V0953/FUL West Dene, Tubney
- P14/V1983/FUL Plot 1 Pickwick Farm Fyfield Wick

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Planning Appeal for development at Tubney Farmhouse, Tubney had been rejected.

The Clerk asked Council if, following time to reflect on the informal presentation by Savills for the redevelopment of The Elms, any response should be communicated at this stage. Whilst there was a general feeling that something should happen sooner rather than later, it was felt that a formal planning application was required which would then be judged on its merits.

Finance.

The following transactions had occurred since the last meeting:

- Second instalment of Precept received: £250.00
- Clerk reimbursed for the web site Domain fees £26.59

The bank balance now stood at £2,515.63.

Council wished it to be recorded that £750.00 of this total was ring fenced being the grant from OCC towards the Village War Memorial.

The Clerk reported that the External Audit Return had been completed without comment.

Mineral & Waste Policy – SS01 Tubney Wood.

The policy documents recently circulated indicated that site SS01 Tubney Wood which lay alongside the A420 between Fyfield and Tubney church was earmarked for potential sand extraction. It was felt that the document was recording all potential sites in the county and did not, at this point in time, indicate that any extraction was imminent or even likely. It was resolved not to respond to the consultation but await any planning application for extraction.

Village War Memorial.

The Clerk had spoken to Mr. John Melling, Clerk to Kingston Bagpuize, concerning the recent erection of their war memorial. Because the memorial stood on ground close to the road, it was deemed to form part of the highway and thus owned by OCC. He indicated that a license from OCC Highways was required costing £50.00. He had also given a breakdown of the costs of the memorial which indicated that the lettering was the major item. The large stones were provided free whilst the slate inserts were provided by the mason. In comparison to the Fyfield quote, it would appear that the major element of the cost was the stone itself as the amount of lettering was substantially smaller.

The Clerk had attempted to contact Mr Rob Belk who was the prime mover in the erection of the memorial without success. He would try again to get further guidance.

The Clerk had spoken to the District Planning Department seeking clarification as to whether planning permission was required. After some discussion, they suggested seeking a certificate of Permitted Development. However, the form for this was directed at home improvement and did not seem appropriate. It was also not binding on the District and could still result in full planning being required.

In the absence of Mr. Lay and Mr. John Lay, there was no further information as to progress.

It was felt that a plea for financial contribution at the moment would conflict with the current request for help with the church roof. However, armistice day this year might be a suitable time to launch an appeal.

Meetings 2015.

On several occasions in the past, Mr Lay had indicated that Tuesday was a difficult evening for him to attend. It was resolved that from next January, on the proviso that The White Hart was available, all meetings would take place on the third Wednesday of the month. The Clerk to make the necessary booking.

AOB.

Mrs Collins reported that residents had complained about the amount of dog mess on the bridle way between Fyfield and Tubney. It was felt that little could be done unless owners were seen in the act of leaving deposits.

Mrs Collins also asked about the new voter update as some residents of Appleton had received letters but our parish had not. The Clerk had received an email indicating that some 167,000 letters were still outstanding because of software problems. It seemed that three different letters would be sent to individuals depending on the state of the existing electoral role. Letters should be sent this autumn.

The Clerk had also received notification of a review of Polling Stations. It was felt that no other option than the portable station in The White Hart car park was viable. It was resolved that no response was required.

The Clerk had also received a request to update details for the Community Emergency Planning Survey. Last year the two churches and The White Hart had been nominated as places of refuge. The vicar and the landlords had confirmed that they were happy to continue to make the properties available if required. It was confirmed that the parish did not require an individual emergency plan.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday 18th November 2014.