

## **Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015.**

**Present:** Mr John Watts – Chair.  
Mrs Jean Burley.  
Mrs Shirley Collins.  
Mrs Valerie Maher.  
Mr Julian Mellor.  
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.  
  
Mrs Melinda Tilley - OCC  
  
Four members of the general public.

### **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Mr Ben Lay and Mr Anthony Hayward (VofWH).

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

### **Impact of A420 Bus Stops on PharmaGenesis**

Dr Christopher Winchester and Emma Downs from PharmaGenesis outlined the issues affecting their staff using the bus service to and from the workplace. As a company, they actively encouraged staff to use public transport but had serious concerns over the safety of staff having to walk along the A420 verge, especially during the hours of darkness.

They had been in discussions with OCC over various possible solutions but all involved significant financing issues.

A general consensus determined that making a footpath on the field side south boundary of the A420 between the bus stop and access to the company site could prove more cost effective as it would not disrupt traffic during construction. The land was owned by Oxford University and farmed by Mr Lay.

Mrs Tilley would explore this option with the University and OCC. There was a possibility that some funding might come from PhamaGenesis.

### **Matters Arising.**

The following items had been carried over from the January meeting.

- Vegetation around the road signs in general and the A415 northern approach sign to the A420 in particular.
- The requirement of a 'Box Junction' at the A415/A420 roundabout to ease egress from the northern approach of the A415.
- A request for a 'Quiet' road surface when the A420 was resurfaced through the parish.
- Extension of the bridleway from the A420 underpass along the south side of the A420 to Digging Lane near the Chapel.

Mrs Tilley to make further enquiries within OCC.

## **Planning.**

The following applications had been returned with No Comments

- P15/V1159/HH 1 Main Road Fyfield
- P15/V1171/FUL PIC UK Site Fyfield Wick
- P15/V1334/LB White Rose Cottage ,Tubney
- P15/V2091/HH Hog House, Fyfield Wick
- P15/V2092/FUL Pickwick, Fyfield Wick

The following applications returned with Comments

- P15/V1183/HH Drewitts Cottage Netherton re parking & blind corner
- P15/V1333/HH White Rose Cottage Tubney re size of extension

The following applications returned with Objections

- P15/V1808/O Land South A420 & East A415 Kingston Bagpuize re access etc.

No formal planning documents had been received regarding the Vodafone extension to Appleton Mast. The Clerk to check the status of any application and to comment on the desire to improve coverage within the parish.

## **Finance.**

The Clerk reported the financial transactions had taken place since the last meeting:

• Balance brought forward	£2,748.63
• Second instalment of Precept received	£250.00
• Clerks Expenses 2013-14 previously authorised	£50.00
• Web Site Fees previously authorised	£113.74
• Election Fees to Vale of White Horse	£100.00
• Balance carried forward	£2,734.89

The External Audit Return completed and details had been posted on the parish notice boards. There was one observation which referred to the increase in reserves. It appeared that the auditors had not appreciated the comments elsewhere that this was due to the grant for the Village War Memorial.

## **Village War Memorial.**

There had been some correspondence from the District Council repeating the Section 106 statement that had been received earlier in the year. This time, however, there was additional information which linked the funding to the development of the Kingston Sports Ground. On checking the application, this had been granted in October 2014 but subject to a number of conditions. The Clerk to check if these had been met as the application approval would lapse in six months time if no action had been taken. If so, funding would not be available from this source and alternative means of raising the money would be required.

**AOB.**

Mrs Maher stated that she was in contact with the Highways Department, OCC, in respect of the overgrown verge on Digging Lane at the village entrance and also the bridleway between Fyfield and Tubney between the A420 and the golf course. She had also contacted the Vale of White Horse concerning the broken state of the Dog Bin adjacent to No 1A Main Road, Fyfield.

Mrs Collins queried if there was any restriction on residents parking on the grass in the centre of St. Johns Close. It was felt this was uncontrolled and would need a by-law to enforce.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 18th November 2015.