

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 17th January 2012.**

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

Two members of the general public.

Apologies: Mrs Valerie Maher.
Mr Ben Lay.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters Arising:

No report of progress had been received from the District Council concerning the Appleton Road repair under Reference 441903. It was noted that the damage was getting worse.

There was no further information on the Tubney Litter Bin and it was decided to drop the item and be pleasantly surprised if and when anything happened.

The Clerk had still not heard from Mr Donger of Savills concerning a limited meeting of Council and general public over redevelopment of The Elms. Mr Baker reported that he had spoken to Mr Donger and it seemed that Savills had now decided what development they would like to consider. The Clerk to contact him direct and attempt to arrange a meeting.

The Clerk had raised concerns over speeding on the A420 with Councillor Iain Brown who promised to pass on our concerns to Lee Turner of OCC. To date no reply had been received. Mr Watts stated that in the morning rush period, Oxford bound traffic backed up past the A415 roundabout, blocking access from the Witney direction. As a minimum, a box was required to keep access clear. The Clerk to re-contact Mr Brown.

Mr Mellor had been unable to determine the ownership of one of the parcels of land near the Tubney Church. He would continue to make enquiries regarding foot/cycle access from Fyfield to Tubney Church.

The Clerk reported that whilst it was not illegal to grow knotweed, it was to allow it to propagate into public areas. However, he had not been able to locate the plant in Oaksmere. Mrs Burley stated that it was to be found at the border of the Parish at the stream edge, beyond the point searched by the Clerk who would verify and contact the District Council.

Planning:

The following applications had been circulated and responded 'No Objections':

Old School, Fyfield (11/02794/FUL) Alterations and extensions to existing garage.

Tree Works adjacent to Landsdown House, Fyfield.

Moles Green, Tubney (11/02866/LBC) Proposed internal alterations, new garage and new side, front and rear extensions.

Permitted notification had been received for:

Overton House, Fyfield (11/02562/FUL) Proposed single storey front/side extension. Remove existing roof and raise the ridge height with new roof to include roof conversion with associated alterations.

12 Abingdon Road, Tubney (11/02544/FUL) Proposed first floor extension to existing rear ground floor kitchen extension. Replace enclosed porch with internal boiler room and lobby to side.

Fyfield House, Fyfield (11/02496/LBC) Replacement of ground floor window.

Finance:

Following payment of the Clerk's expenses and the donation to the Oxfordshire Repatriation Memorial Bell Appeal, authorised at the last Council meeting, the current bank balance stood at £940.70.

Tubney Tree to mark the Diamond Jubilee:

Mr Lay had reported that he did not possess machinery to excavate a hole for the tree but that he knew someone that could do the job for a small payment.

Mrs Maher had reported that the PCC intended to organise a 'Bring and Share' lunch on Sunday 3rd June from 12:30pm on the Village Green. Concern was voiced over traffic safety and children attending the event. It was possible that road closure would be required. Mrs Maher to be asked to raise the issue at the next PCC sub-committee meeting she attended.

Newsletter

The Clerk had prepared a newsletter for distribution whose content was approved by the Council.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:

A pro-forma letter seeking confirmation of interest would be delivered to houses in Fyfield (excluding St. Johns Close) and Netherton with the newsletter. Mr Baker indicated that a PCSO would be prepared to attend a local meeting if sufficient interest was identified.

Correspondence:

A letter had been received from the Vale and Downland Museum seeking financial assistance. It was decided not to donate at this time.

AOB:

Mr Baker raised the issue of litter on the Appleton Road again. The Clerk had reported the matter to the County Council with no apparent result. The top end of the A420 footpath to the west of the village was also very bad and needed clearing. The Clerk to re-raise the issues with the County/District Councils.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.