

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 17th January 2018.**

Present:

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

Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor – OCC Councillor.

Two members of the general public.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from

Mr Alan Woodward.
Mr Anthony Haywood – VofWH Councillor.

Minutes of the Last Meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters Arising.

The Clerk had emailed the District Council enquiring if additional effort would be allocated to complete the village Deep Clean. Unless this was completed properly, a single day would never be enough effort to keep on top of the pavement incursions. A response was awaited.

The Clerk had also received a request for the parish to participate in a 'Spring Clean' litter pick. As residents tended to clear local litter and the worst affected areas were along the A420 verges which were deemed unsafe for residents, it was **resolved** not to participate.

The Clerk explained the process for applying for a change to the County Definitive Map to include the underpass footpath as a 'right of way'. In the first instance, an application pack was required where the request stated the location of the path and a count of resident witnesses prepared to confirm that the path had been in use for at least 20years without let or hindrance. The Clerk to seek support from residents and apply for an application pack.

The Clerk confirmed that the council insurance was now effective.

The Clerk confirmed that Mr Mellor was now a signatory on the bank account, alongside Mr. Watts and the Clerk.

In the absence of Mr. Woodward, there was no information on progress in clearing the hedge from Woodend overhanging the Tubney pavement.

Mr Mellor stated that the Tubney Bus Stop seat would be worked on when the weather improved.

Mr. Greaves stated that the residents of Netherton were still researching a notice board.

Lioncourt.

Mr Mellor summarised the meeting held with Lioncourt the previous week. The council had received a draft note of the meeting from Lioncourt and had circulated a bullet point list of the major points they had gleaned from the meeting. Following a review by the councillors, the Clerk to forward our observations to Lioncourt.

It was felt that an early discussion with Mr Haywood was essential and the Clerk was requested to seek a convenient date in the near future.

Clarification was needed from the District Council concerning the numbers allocated to sites in the LPP2. It had been understood that these were upper limits but Lioncourt believed otherwise. The Clerk to seek an answer from Mr Barber, copied to Ed Vaizey.

OCC had presented a very detailed response to LPP2 with numerous concerns, many referring to the Lioncourt development. Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor was asked to keep the council informed what happened next with this document and to ensure that any DC responses to issues raised was fed back to the parish council.

A420 Issues

Mr Mellor stated that the parish needed to push for some improvement to the A420 through the village given that the Lioncourt development was unlikely to provide any funds beyond the new roundabout. There was a rumour that the A420 Strategy Group was to be reinstated and that the government was offering funds for road improvements in the county. Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor would attempt to find out what money, if any, within the budget was currently allocated to A420 improvement. Meanwhile, Mr Mellor would seek to meet with Ed Vaizey to discuss ways forward.

Planning.

The following applications had been approved with No Comments

- P17/V3105/LB Tubney House Tubney
- P17/V3142/HH Thatch Farm Cottage Tubney
- P17/V3105/LB Tubney House Tubney

The following applications had been approved with Comments

- P17/V3122/FUL Old Farm House Fyfield – Parking proposals.
- P17/V3333/SCO Land East of Kingston – Process Objections

The Clerk reported that application P17/V3122/FUL had now been withdrawn by the proposers.

Comments had been submitted to the scoping application P17/V3333/SCO despite the District Council not requesting such from the parish.

Finance.

The Clerk reported the current financial position as follows:

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| • Balance brought forward. | £2,561.39 |
| • The following payments had been made: | |
| • Vale Local Plan Part II Printing – Mr Julian Mellor | £374.60 |
| • Insurance Policy - Norris & Fisher | £228.28 |
| • Balance carried forward. | £1,958.51 |

No expenses had been submitted by FLAG members at this date.

The Clerk informed the council that the external auditors were Moore Stephens with effect from this financial year. Legislation changes meant that authorities with neither income or expenditure exceeding £25,000 should certify themselves as an **exempt authority** meaning that they would not be liable to a fee for a 'Limited Assurance Review'. As we should qualify, an exemption certificate would be returned with the next audit return.

Register of Members Interests.

The Clerk enquired if any councillor needed to amend their 'Register of Members Interests' entry as a request had been received from the District Council to forward updates where appropriate. No councillor was aware of any changes and as Mr Woodward had only recently completed his entry, it was deemed no action was required.

AOB.

Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor passed over a Snow Guide to the Clerk and informed the meeting, that subject to council approval, there would be a 5.99% increase in council tax in the next financial year. Most of the excess increase was required to support children's services.

Mr Mellor reported that Mr Hadland had asked if the telephone box in Tubney could be removed. The Clerk to contact BT and request its removal.

Mrs Collins reported that the Coach Road was seriously narrowed by encroaching vegetation and that vehicles were now having to use the field verge to pass. Mr Greaves also mentioned a number of potholes in Netherton Lane. The Clerk would report the issue, once more, to OCC.

The Clerk had been approached by the District Council concerning the 'Go Active Gold' initiative designed to encourage 'over 60s' to participate in some form of exercise activity. He was meeting a representative tomorrow.

There being no other items, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:05pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 21st March 2018.