

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 19th November 2013.**

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

Mrs Melinda Tilley – Oxfordshire County Councillor

Five members of the general public.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Mr. Ben Lay.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters arising.

Mrs Tilley reported that funding was approved for the replacement of the gate and fence adjacent to the A420 on the west end of Main Road, Fyfield and that the work was to be scheduled.

Mrs Tilley also stated that OCC would inspect the pavement in St. Johns Close and the proposed site of the gate across Main Road near the last houses in St. Johns Close.

Mrs Tilley had informed Highways of the need to clear silt from the gutters in Main Road and St. Johns Close but had no further information. Mrs Tilley would chase up this action as the new drop of leaves was in danger of blocking drains.

Mr Mellor and Mrs Tilley had met with OCC Highways to discuss access from the Tubney Bus Stop and PharmaGenesis. It seemed unlikely that finance would be available for a footpath. Either moving the bus stop or adding an additional request stop was discussed. Mr Mellor reported that the existing stop by the church was used by about 70 people per week and this would be passed back to OCC. Local residents would not want their existing stop moved.

Mr Mellor also reported that OCC claimed to have cleared all the vegetation on the A420 at Tubney affecting visibility.

The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from the War Memorials Trust. Whilst they were unable to provide grants for new memorials, their web site contained much useful information which he had passed onto Mr Lay. Mr Lay had received permission from Savills for the erection of a memorial on the green outside of the church. This appeared to resolve the ownership of this ground which must reside with St. Johns College. Mrs Tilley indicated that if she was to help with a financial grant, then this must be applied for this financial year. She would forward an application form to the Clerk by email.

In the absence of Mr Lay there was no information of the Appleton Road Culvert.

The Clerk had received an email response indicating that enquiries into the Pickwick Farm Trailer Park might be nearing conclusion.

Details of emergency shelters within the parish, namely the two Churches and The White Hart, together with contact details, had been sent to Oxfordshire County Council.

Planning.

To record the following applications returned with No Comments

- P13/V1827/FUL Sports Ground & Pavilion Kingston Bagpuize

- P13/N2045/FUL Plot 2 Pickwick Fyfield Wick
- P13/V2185/HH Side Extension Tubney Farmhouse
- P13/V2230/HH Spinney View Appleton
- P13/V2279/HH Moles Green Tubney
- P13/V2315/LB 14 Abingdon Road Tubney

An application had also been received, P13/V2294/FUL, with respect to the redevelopment of The Elms, Fyfield.

There was a general discussion where members of the public, directly affected by this development were invited to address the Council.

Whilst it was not disputed that the site needed to be improved, objections to the proposed development were raised on a number of grounds. The most important being:

1. That the revised development of two matching side by side houses replacing a single dwelling was totally out of keeping with the character of the Conservation Area and the surrounding buildings which were individual listed properties within substantial grounds.
2. That the vehicular access to the northern most house was seriously compromised by the proximity of the blind corner to the north.

It was resolved that the Clerk should respond to the application as detailed above. Mrs Tilley also recommended that the decision be forwarded to our District Councillor, Matthew Barber.

Finance.

The Clerk reported that there had been no transactions since the last meeting and that the bank balance remained at £1,332.22.

Community Governance Review

The Clerk had circulated the Terms of Reference of the Community Governance review. Two items affected this Parish.

1. Boundary amendment to move the land to the east of Oaksmere into Appleton & Eaton.
2. Boundary amendment to move either the KB&S Sports Gound and Business Park or all land south of the A420(?).

It was felt that there was no logical reason for moving Oaksmere into Appleton & Eaton. The stream provided a natural boundary and once outlying sections of a rural parish were moved, it was difficult to see why further outlying properties should not also be moved. The consensus was to oppose this boundary change.

The Council did feel that it was sensible for some change near Kingston Bagpuize. It was felt that all the land south of the A415 and bounded to the east by the access road to Business Park, together with that small section of the park currently within the Parish, should transfer to Kingston Bagpuize. The enlarged transfer was rejected for the same reasons as for the Oaksmere transfer.

It was assumed that the reference to the A420 was a typographical error for the A415, otherwise most of Tubney would go as well!

It was resolved that the Clerk would make the Council's views known to the Review.

AOB.

Mr. Watts reported on a liaison meeting with Hills concerning the Tubney Wood quarry. It was anticipated that all infill would be completed by the end of 2014.

Mrs. Maher raised concerns about the trailer which had been parked for some time in Main Road, Fyfield without lights. It was now obstructing the pavement. Mrs. Maher would speak to the owners.

The Clerk had received correspondence from Mr Colin Lomas expressing concern over speeding on Abingdon Road, Tubney. Whilst frequent police speed checks helped, they did not eliminate the

problem. The only long term solution was 'traffic calming' but Mrs Tilley had indicated prior to the meeting that OCC funding for highways was very limited and it was unlikely that this would be actioned.

The Clerk proposed the following dates for meetings in 2014.

- Tuesday 21st January 2014
- Tuesday 18th March 2014
- Wednesday 21st May 2014 – Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting
- Tuesday 16th September 2014
- Tuesday 18th November 2014

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 21st January 2014.