

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 20th January 2016.**

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

Mr Anthony Hayward – VofWH Councillor

Five members of the general public.

Apologies

No apologies had been received.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters Arising.

The following items had been carried over from the November 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.

In the absence of Mrs Tilley there was no progress to report.

The Clerk had forwarded to Mrs Tilley the letters presented at the November meeting concerning an A420 Bus Stop refuge but had received no response.

The Clerk had had no response from OCC regarding the felled tree in St. Johns Close. However, Mrs Maher had succeeded in making contact and received an apology that the contractors had left the trunk. This should be removed. She would contact them further concerning a replacement planting.

Mrs Maher had spoken to Highways concerning the road markings on the A420 Digging Lane junction. At the moment there was no money available but the issue had been noted and should be done next financial year. She had also received details of 'admiral posts' that could better mark the junction.

The Clerk reported that Mr Lay had no further information on the possible development between the A420 and Old Oxford Road save that the ground had been walked by surveyors. No information had been forthcoming from Savills.

Concerning the possibility of a footpath south of the A420 between PharmaGenesis and the Tubney bus stop, Mr Burley reported that Dr. Winchester (PharmaGenesis) had written to OCC but had received no response and had no response from Prof. McDonald (WildCRU). He would try and contact them again.

The Clerk had confirmed dates for the 2016 meetings with The White Hart.

Planning.

To record the following applications returned with No Comments

- P15/V2577/HH 9 Abingdon Road Tubney
- P15/V2261/FUL Hog House Fyfield Wick

To record the following applications returned with Objections

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

The Clerk had forwarded details of creating a Community Led Plan to Councillors. Whilst the plan could be beneficial to the community, it was felt that the complexity of drawing up the plan was too great to be considered at this point in time.

Finance.

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows:

• Balance carried forward	£2,734.89
• Donation to Citizens Advice	£50.00
• Balance Carried Forward	£2,684.89

The Clerk had requested further details concerning a grant to the Parochial Church Council for assistance with the repair of the roof to St. Nicholas Church, Fyfield. The request had been acknowledged but no details had been received.

The Clerk indicated he would submit an expense claim for £50.00 before the end of the financial year but anticipated no further major expenditure. However, about £100.00 would be payable in April to cover charges relating to the Parish Web Site.

It was then resolved to hold the precept for the year 2016-17 to the same as this year, namely £500.00. The paperwork was duly authorised by the chairman.

Withdrawal of Village Bus Services.

OCC had suggested that parish and town councils might be interested in taking on the subsidising of local bus services given that these were likely to be cut or even totally removed in coming financial year. The Clerk had received notification that the current subsidy paid by OCC for the 63 service through the village was £72,000 per annum. OCC had decided within the last couple of days to implement its cuts in full which would mean the loss of service 63. The size of the subsidy compared to our annual precept effectively ruled out any consideration of joint subsidy with other affected parishes.

Village War Memorial.

The Clerk had not received clarification from Savills if the land outside The Manor was still owned by St. Johns College. It was resolved that the Clerk should make enquiries of the Land Registry.

Mr Lay was asked to check whether his father had received a second and more up to date quote for the construction of the memorial.

Queens Birthday Celebrations

Mr Burley reported that the PCC were considering a public BBQ on the green outside the church. It was felt that no other parish event was required.

AOB.

The Clerk circulated photographs of verge damage in St. Johns Close provided by a resident. It appeared that some residents had been parking on the verge and central grass area with no regard to the damage caused during the very wet weather. Mr Lay would speak to the relevant residents to get them to desist.

It was also pointed out that there was some kerb damage at the entrance to the close. It was decided to not request a repair at the moment.

Mr Hayward informed the meeting that grants were available through the District Council which could be used for the War Memorial. The Clerk was aware of the possibility but an application required a planning application which depended upon resolving ownership of the land.

Mr Hayward also informed the meeting that phase 1 of the Vale Local Plan would be approved this year. It would be followed by phase 2 which would address developments of less than 200 houses. This phase would appear very relevant to the parish.

Mrs Collins had been informed by SSE that tree works could result in some short power outages in the parish. No further details were available.

Mrs Burley drew attention to a leaning tree in Abingdon Road, Tubney that appeared dangerous. Mrs Maher would refer to her contacts in Highways.

Mr Mellor stated that some residents had requested if a bus shelter was possible in Tubney. It was felt that it was unlikely that OCC would fund such a structure in the current financial climate.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 16th March 2016.