

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting  
held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012.**

**Present:** Mr John Watts – Chair.  
Mrs Jean Burley.  
Mrs Valerie Maher.  
Mrs Shirley Collins.  
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.  
  
One member of the general public.

**Apologies:**

Mr Julian Mellor.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

Minutes for the meeting held on the 18th September 2012 were signed as a true record by the Chair.

**Matters arising:**

The Clerk had met with Mr Lee Turner from OCC and determined the position of the Vehicle Activated Sign on the A420 midway between the Fyfield junction and the start of the 50mph restriction. This would involve the removal of several branches from trees growing across the ditch and verge. As they were on the non road side of the ditch, these were the responsibility of the landowner. However, the Clerk had received copies of emails which appear to indicate that OCC would perform the necessary work whilst installing the sign. A recent request as to progress had brought no response.

A request for a Bus Stop seat to be installed at the Tubney Church A420 stop had been forwarded to Laura Hutchins as this would have to come from the OCC Area Steward's budget. A recent request as to progress had brought no response.

The encroaching vegetation on the Coach Road had been reported and acknowledged. No remedial work had been done to date.

Contractors had cleared leaves and debris from the gutters along Main Road and St John's Close. The weeds had been sprayed but it had rained soon afterwards so this may not have been effective. There had been no progress on Gully Clearance but contractors (OPC) had been approached by OCC.

Following the presentation of provisional plans for redevelopment of The Elms at the last council meeting, the plans had been circulated for more detailed scrutiny by the Council. The height of the buildings was the only comment raised which had been passed on to Savills.

Mr Mark Baker expressed concern that the loss of some parking space at the pub would result in further pressure on Main Road parking and access, particularly at weekends.

**Planning:**

The following Planning Applications had been circulated and returned with No Objections:

- P12/V1922/FUL Woodland Area SW Appleton but with a number of comments.
- P12/V2046/LB Fyfield Manor Netherton
- P12/V2260/HH West Dene Tubney

Mrs Collins stated that P12/V1922/FUL had been subsequently withdrawn.

**Finance:**

There had been no transactions since last meeting and the bank balance remained at £1,085.52.

**Fibre Optic Broadband:**

Gigaclear had exceeded their target of 46 connections and anticipated starting work during the first week of December. It was expected that installation work would take approximately 12 weeks.

**Correspondence:**

Notification of Temporary Footpath Closure adjacent Hill's Quarry had been received. This would continue for six months until that area of the quarry had been reinstated.

A new Register of Electors had been requested from the District Council and was awaited.

Notification of the proposed District Council Ward boundary changes had been received. The Parish would become part of a Thames Ward stretching along the Thames from Littleworth to Eaton.

**Provisional Dates for 2013 Meetings:**

The following dates were proposed for 2013 and agreed:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May including Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

The Clerk to make the bookings with The White Hart.

**AOB:**

Mrs Collins stated that there were several potholes on the Abingdon Road, Tubney that needed repair. Mrs Burley would check the locations and report to the Highways Department.

Mrs Maher wondered if any update had been received concerning gating the east end of Main Road beyond St John's Close. Nothing had been notified to date.

Mr Mark Baker expressed CPRE's concern that the District Council's lack of housing site and their screening of potential sites might result in a fresh flurry of development proposals in the parish that would be difficult to counter. He asked the council to remain vigilant.

Mr Baker also stated that the apple tree in the ditch between the bus shelter and the village turn on the A420 obstructed the view between the driver and potential passengers. He suggested that it should be removed. The Clerk to make a request to the Highways Department.

Mr Baker also raised the issue of noise and the A420. Some while ago a resident had requested that a noise abatement surface be laid when maintenance work was next performed. The Clerk to remind the Highways Department that this would be most desirable.

The meeting was closed at 8:15pm.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013.