

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 21st January 2014**

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

Five members of the general public.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Mrs Valerie Maher and Mrs Melinda Tilley.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters arising.

The Clerk reported that work to replace the gate and fence adjacent to the A420 on the west end of Main Road, Fyfield had commenced that morning.

There was no information on the gating of the West End of Main Road or the clearing of silt from the gutters in Main Road.

The defective pavement in St. John's Close had still not been addressed.

Mr Mellor reported that no feedback had been received from OCC regarding the access to buses on the A420 near PharmaGenesis. He would contact Mrs Tilley.

The Clerk reported that he had forwarded an application for a grant of £750.00 towards the War Memorial to Mrs Tilley. It was not known how many names would be included on the memorial. The Clerk would contact David Pickering to see if the churches held any Books of Remembrance.

In the absence of Mr Lay there was no information of the Appleton Road Culvert though Mr Watts felt that it was subsiding further. He would monitor the problem over the next couple of months..

The Clerk had received another email response indicating that enquiries into the Pickwick Farm Trailer Park might be completed in the next three weeks.

The trailer on Main Road, Fyfield had been removed next day with no intervention by the Council.

Planning.

To record the following applications returned with No Comments

- P13/V2659/HH Wedgwood, Abingdon Road, Tubney.

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- P13/V1827/FUL Sports Ground & Pavilion Kingston Bagpuize. One of the councillors felt that the number of houses should not be increased again.

To record the following applications returned with Objections.

- P13/V2468/FUL Tubney Farmhouse, Tubney. Concern about the proximity to adjacent properties affecting light and privacy. Also unsure of the validity of infill within the Green Belt.

The application, P13/V2294/FUL, with respect to the redevelopment of The Elms, Fyfield had been withdrawn.

The application for Tubney Farmhouse had been revised in the light of the objections received. As yet, revised paperwork had not been sent to the council. Three members of the public made statements regarding the revised application to the council. A copy of the revised site plan and elevations downloaded from the internet were examined.

It was felt that no final decision could be reached until the council had sight of the formal revision

documents which hopefully would give more information on what had passed between the Vale planners and the agents.

Finance.

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

Expenditure to date totalled £628.30 against a precept of £500.00. However, £422.14 of this resulted from costs for installing the bus seat at Tubney which was covered by an OCC grant received in the preceding financial year.

He anticipated further expenditure this financial year of £25.98 for web site charges and £50.00 for Clerk's expenses.

There had also been a request from the Western Vale Villages Consortium for further funds to cover additional traffic and transport studies on the A420 in the light of proposed new housing in East Swindon and the Vale. The council was disappointed that the first study had limited comment on the road east of Faringdon and did not consider issues beyond the A415. The Clerk to inquire if the consultants remit would be extended before committing any further funding.

After consideration of the likely expenditure for the next financial year which would include provision for the War Memorial of as yet unknown cost, it was resolved to set the precept for 2014-15 at £500.00. The funding form was signed by the chairman for dispatch to the Vale.

Community Governance Review

The Clerk had circulated details of the Community Governance Review which had recommended transferring both parcels of land away from the parish.

The rationale for the transfer to Kingston of Fyfield Wick had an erroneous reference to the A420. The Clerk would draw attention to this error.

The council remained unhappy that land was being recommended for transfer against its wishes and would make further representation during the second stage of consultation.

AOB.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 18th March 2014.