

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 21st January 2015.**

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

Two members of the general public.

Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Mrs Jean Burley.

Minutes of the Last Meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters Arising.

Mr Mellor reported that there had been no further activity in clearing the vegetation around A420 Road Signs.

Mrs Tilley stated that OCC had created an A420 Working Group and that she was the local representative tasked with providing local feedback to the Highways department. There followed a lengthy discussion and Mrs Tilley made note of the following items of concern:

- Vegetation around the road signs in general and the A415 northern approach sign to the A420 in particular.
- Issues with safely crossing the A420 from various bus stops at peak times.
- 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.

Mr Watts would pass on all correspondence arising from the Western Vale Villages Consortium in relation to the impact of the draft Vale Local Plan on the A420.

Mrs Tilley also indicated that she would like to see an extension of the bridleway from the A420 underpass along the south side of the A420 to Digging Lane near the Chapel. This would enable cyclists from Kingston to reach Abingdon without crossing the A420. Mr Lay would speak to Mr Blanchard about the possibility of releasing some land.

Mr Lay reported that St. Johns College were in preliminary discussions about a 700 house development within the parish on land between the dual carriageway and the gated old road into Kingston. This would involve re-opening the old road and a new roundabout at the junction.

Mrs Tilley expanded on the need for action over the Safeguarding Children Policy which was raised at the last meeting. She explained that the need was for publicity so that residents knew who contact if they had any concerns over children's welfare. It was resolved that the Clerk would add details to the parish website and request that they also be included in the next Church Newsletter.

Planning.

The following applications had been returned with No Objections:

- P14/V2572/FUL The Elms, Fyfield
- P14/V2545/HH Spinney View Appleton Amended

Finance.

There had been no transactions since the last meeting:

The bank balance remained at £2,515.63.

£750.00 of this balance was ring fenced for the Village War Memorial.

After some discussion, it was resolved to set the precept for the financial year 2015/16 at £500.00. The Chair duly signed the precept form for submission to the District Council.

Village War Memorial.

There had been no progress on the War Memorial since the last meeting. However, the Clerk reported that there appeared to be a pool of Section 106 money allocated to the parish and he had requested if some of this could be potentially used for the memorial. He was awaiting a reply from the District Council to clarify the matter. If available, it might be possible to completely fund the project in this manner.

In the meantime it was resolved that the Clerk would prepare paperwork for submission of either a Certificate of Lawful Development or full Planning Permission as directed by the District Council. Because of the recent fire at the Council Offices, there was a general request not to submit new applications at the moment. The Clerk would monitor the situation and act when appropriate.

AOB.

Mrs Collins reported that the defective pavement in St. Johns Close had been inspected but not marked. No action had been taken to date.

In contrast, the sunken repair at Fyfield crossroads had been marked almost the day after reporting and the Clerk had received a 'fixed' email when nothing had been done.

Mrs Maher asked if anyone knew what was happening to the old Pyrotek offices as she was concerned that the excessive parking situation did not recur with new tenants. As nothing was known, the situation would have to be monitored as and when new tenants arrived.

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

Next Meeting Wednesday 18th March 2015.