

Minutes of Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st November 2018

Present: Mr Julian Mellor – Chair
Mrs Shirley Collins
Mr Jonathan Greaves
Mr John Watts
Mr Alan Woodward
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk
Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor – OCC Councillor
Mrs Sue Nodder – Watchfield PC Chair
Four members of the general public.

Apologies.

Apologies had been received from:

Mrs Jean Burley
Mr Anthony Hayward – Vale of White Horse DC

Minutes of the Last meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters Arising.

None.

A420 Road Issues.

Mr Mellor summarised the meeting that was held at PharmaGenesis with representatives of a number of parishes along the A420. Each parish had identified various issues affecting themselves but there seemed to be common ground concerning safety of users (pedestrians, cyclists, bus users and drivers), noise and pollution. A brief note summarising the meeting was circulated.

Mr Mellor identified two juxtapose solutions to the road. Improve safety and slow down traffic or improve the road leading to faster traffic flow.

Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor stated that there was an attempt to resurrect the A420 Working Group. She had had no response to her attempts to establish OCC budget spend on the A420.

Mrs Nodder stated that the Swindon Eastern Villages development did not look at any traffic flow issues arising from the development east of the Wiltshire border at Acorn Bridge.

It was agreed that the meeting note should be distributed to participating councils. Mr Mellor and the Clerk would prepare a draft letter to Mr Ed Vaizey MP inviting him to a meeting with the parishes seeking his assistance in solving issues with the road. The Clerk would validate this letter with the parishes before sending out the invitation.

Proposed Tubney Quarry

The parish council had submitted a robust objection to the quarry, as had a large number of residents. The issue was further confused by consultation on the proposed assessment criteria which were also commented upon. The result of the consultation was now awaited.

Lioncourt.

Lioncourt had informed the council that they would submit a planning application to the District Council on their reading of the Inspector's initial report. This indicated that the DC should provide clarification of the Dalton Barracks site before other matters would be raised. Lioncourt assumed that this stance meant that the Fyfiled site would be permitted.

This was not our reading of the letter and we indicated such to Lioncourt, the DC and the Inspector. Initial response from the DC indicated that any application would not be considered until the Inspector's final report.

Notwithstanding this, Lioncourt have now submitted an outline planning application. Paperwork has been received which is excessive and the council is expected to respond within 21 days.

A robust letters will again been sent to the DC seeking that consideration of the application be deferred. Mr Mellor to draft.

FLAG would circulate its distribution list to keep parishioners aware of the development. The paperwork would be passed to Prof. John Cobb who was looking into the revised traffic information.

Mr Haywood had emphasised that we should ensure that any S106 application was lodged during the consultation of the application to ensure that should it proceed, the parish would potentially benefit in some way. Failure to record and application at this stage would probably result in no entitlement.

Mrs Nodder offered to send details of Watchfield's recent S106 application as a guideline together with the contact details of an officer at DC who could explain the process.

Oxford – Cambridge Expressway.

Garsington PC had requested support in fighting the potential route of the expressway. Given the number of major issues affecting the parish, it was felt that these must take priority. The council would take no action following this request.

Abingdon Reservoir.

Garford PC was fighting the proposed reservoir to the south of Abingdon. As with the expressway, the council would take no action following this request for support.

Planning.

The only planning item received was for Lioncourt, P18/V2791/O, which was covered above.

Finance.

- Balance brought forward. £1,263.59
- Record Payment of the following:
 - Mrs Budgen – Tubney Quarry Printing £184.80
- Balance carried forward. £1,078.79

The Clerk reported that he had renewed the parish's insurance policy. This had increased slightly from last year as the value of our assets was index linked. It was **resolved** to pay the Clerk £230.72.

AOB.

Mrs Budgen had made enquiries about Air Quality Monitoring devices. As a result, the County Council would move two devices, one to the Diggin Lane – A420 intersection and one to near Tubney Church for one year. These devices would record CO₂ concentrations on a monthly basis. The council would forward the recorded values.

Mr Greaves had made enquiry of the Environment Agency as to when Rainbow Bridge would be reinstated. It had been closed following identification of movement and a gap in the concrete arch. It was locally known that the bridge had always been lively and the gap was an expansion joint. Following examination of original drawings, the EA identified that some metal hoops were either missing or never fitted. An inspection of the bridge from a floating pontoon was imminent and then a decision as to what repairs, if any, would be made.

The Clerk announced that there were places available for a tour of the Ardley waste disposal site. Councillors were urged to book their own places if interested.

The Clerk would book The White Hart for the following dates in 2019:

Wednesday 9th January

Wednesday 13th March

Wednesday 8th May

Wednesday 11th September

Wednesday 13th November

Mr Greaves reported that there had been no development on procuring the Netherton notice board. Several potholes had been identified in Netherton Lane. Mr Greaves would report them on Fix my Street. It was generally agreed that this process was broken. Frequently, entries were closed with no work being done. A major case in point was The Coach Road which had been reported many times. There being no other items, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:40pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 9th January.