

Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st September 2016.

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

Four members of the general public.

Apologies

Mr Ben Lay and Mrs Melinda Tilley.

Minutes of the Last Meeting.

These were signed with one amendment as a true record by the Chair.

Matters Arising.

The need for a physical refuge to enable bus passengers to safely cross the road at the Fyfield junction was discussed later in the meeting in the light of further development proposals within the area.

The Clerk reported that he had purchased wood for the repair to the bus shelter and would carry out the work shortly. The invoice and cheque stub for £65.34 were initialled by the chairman.

Casual Vacancy following the Resignation of Mrs. Valerie Maher

The Clerk reported that he had displayed a notice on the parish notice boards and on the website informing parishioners that there was a vacancy due to the resignation of Mrs Valerie Maher. Parishioners had 14 working days to inform Democratic Services at the District Council that an election was required. Failing that, the council should co-opt a councillor at the earliest opportunity. The notice period would expire at the end of the month.

Mr. Jonathan Greaves had indicated that he would be willing to serve as a councillor. In the event of no election being called and no other candidate coming forward, it was **resolved** that Mr Greaves would be invited to fill the post. The Clerk would contact Mr Greaves once instruction had been received from Democratic Services.

Planning.

To record the following applications approved with No Comments

- P16/V1346/LB White Rose Cottage Tubney
- P16/V1160/FUL Pickwick Fyfield Wick
- P16/V1541/LB Tubney Warren Barn Tubney
- P16/V1951/LB Manor Farmhouse, Fyfield
- P16/V2238 Little Court Tubney

To record the following applications returned with Objections/Comments

- P16/V1884/HH Broome Tubney
- P16/V1927/FUL Moles Green Tubney

Finance.

The Clerk reported the financial situation as follows:

Balance brought forward.	£2,678.89
Record payment of the following.	
• Domain Fee	£25.36
• Queen's Birthday Grant to Fyfield PCC	£115.00
• Acorn Timber Supplies Ltd	£65.74
Record receipt of the following.	
• Queen's Birthday Grant	£115.00
• Second Instalment of Precept	£250.00
Balance carried forward.	£2,837.79

The Clerk reported that the external audit had been completed with no observations.

The Clerk had received a grant request from the South & Vale Young Carers. It was **resolved** to donate £50.00.

Comet Bus Service

Appleton PC in association with Longworth and Hinton Waldrist had arranged for a Comet Bus service to run to Oxford, departing Hinton at 10am on Wednesdays and leaving Oxford at 1pm giving about 2¼ hours in town starting on the 12th October. The service would pass the end of Netherton Road for passengers from Fyfield and Netherton. Mr Watts had attended meetings representing the parish and had indicated that unless the bus came into Fyfield, it would not be used. As a consequence, the bus would come into Fyfield on a trial basis. The service would be provided free for a few weeks and then be charged. An indicative rate was £5 per month per person. It was unclear at this point in time if any parish contribution would be required.

This service would be in direct competition with the Service 66 for Fyfield residents though the major issue of crossing the A420 continues to cause concern. At least one elderly resident using the 66 travels into Kingston then changes buses to return to Fyfield in order to avoid crossing the road. The service does not replace the now defunct Service 63 to Abingdon. It was anticipated that takeup from the village would not be very great.

Mr. Mellor felt it was essential that the council press for some form of central reservation on the A420, possibly protected by traffic lights, to enable safe crossing from the bus. He would seek advice from Mrs Tilley and also contact Ed Vazey MP.

Mr Baker informed the council that he was currently offering lifts to elderly residents on a once per week basis. He wondered if others would volunteer. The Clerk would place any text he required on both the parish web site and the noticeboards.

Lioncourt Strategic Land Proposed Development.

Following the initial presentation to councillors about this proposed development, it was clear that close consultation with Kingston Parish Council was required. It was anticipated that there would be a public consultation by Lioncourt in October. Considering the size of the development, it was essential that any 106 monies be used to improve the A420.

Field Footpath to PharmaGenesis.

The Clerk was waiting to see if PharmaGenesis had received an acceptable quotation for the installation of the footpath and that money was available. He would then contact the University Estate Services.

The Clerk to contact PharmaGenesis.

Village War Memorial.

The Clerk reported that he had been unable to identify sufficient regular recent use of the green to be able to justify an application for Village Green status.

It was felt that the most likely owner of the land was OCC Highways as this had proved to be the case with Netherton Green.

If the memorial was to proceed then progress must be made on financing the project. The Clerk to speak to John Lay to seek his views on the way forward. He would also look into alternative sources such as a slate stone that could be machine engraved to reduce cost.

Public Access Defibrillator.

The Clerk had submitted an application for grant aid in purchasing the defibrillator to SSE and was awaiting a response.

AOB.

Mr. Baker asked if the council was aware of a notice that had recently appeared on the entrance to Marsh Lane. This had been erected by OCC in response to a complaint by a user of the bridleway concerning unauthorised traffic. The council had not been consulted on this issue and Mr. Baker said he would enquire further with OCC.

Mr Baker also enquired as to who was responsible for the maintenance of the footpath beside the old Post Office as this was becoming overgrown. This also fell under the jurisdiction of OCC and the Clerk would notify them of the problem.

Mrs Collins stated that the verges were encroaching into the Coach Road making it difficult for traffic to pass. The Clerk would notify OCC. She also asked if the bump on the A420 next to Tubney bus stop could also be reported.

The meeting closed at 80:40pm.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 9th November 2016.