

Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council held on Friday 22nd July 2022.

1. Present:

Mr Julian Mellor – Chair.
Miss Elaine Coft
Mrs Penny Budgen.
Mr Nicholas Keene.
Mr Dimitrios Hatzis.
Mr Alan Woodward.
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.
Mr Jerry Avery – District Councillor.
5 members of the general public.

2. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Mrs Claire Cable-Alexander.

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the chair.

4. Matters arising.

i. Juliette Ash Multiple Requests for Assistance.

Despite the Clerk sending reminder emails for the outstanding topics, no response had been received from Ms Ash. It appears that other small parishes have the same problem with both communication and attendance of meetings.

ii. Tubney Bus Stop Lights.

The lights have been installed by OCC and the solar powered light on the south side is operational. The north side light now awaits SSE to connect the electricity power. The parish will be invoiced only when this work is complete.

iii. Merging PC and Flag Distribution Lists.

The PC email list was now at 92 recipients. Only a couple of new addresses had been added as a result of this operation and it was probable that we now covered the majority of email active residents.

iv. Fyfield Bus Stop Repair.

Paul Newstead had indicated that he had too much work to effect a repair. **The Clerk to seek a quote from someone in the trade. In the meantime, Mr Woodward offered to look at what was required.**

5. Finance.

The Clerk reported the following transactions had occurred since the last meeting.

A grant for Jubilee Roses had been received from Juliette Ash's Community Fund and roses had been ordered. These were due for delivery sometime towards the end of July/beginning of August. The Clerk had been recompensed for the order in his name.

The grant to the 3 Villages Comet Bus Group was reduced at their request from the £500 allotted at the last meeting. This was because of reduced expenditure during Lockdown. It was anticipated that the full £500 would be required in future years.

A grant had been paid the the Fyfield Church Parochial Council towards the funding of the Community space according to instructions received from Councillors by email. A receipt had been issued and it appeared that over £20k had now been raised from the community.

The account details were as follows:

• Precept Account brought forward.	£6,988.26
• Record receipt of the following.	
• Juliette Ash – Jubilee Roses	£58.00
• Record payment of the following.	
• Clerk – Jubilee Roses	£58.00
• 3 Villages Comet Bus Group	£350.00
• Parochial Church Council of Fyfield -Community Space	£2,000.00
• Reserved – Tubney Bus Stop Lights.	£841.23
• Available Precept	£3,797.03
• CIL Account brought forward.	£8,424.64
• Reserved – Tubney Bus Stop Lights	£8,424.64
• Available CIL	£0.00

6. War Memorial.

Mrs Budgen reported that considerable progress had been made and that a design for the memorial and its positioning had been agreed. Mr John Lay had agreed to pay for the actual stonework, at about £5k, and he, with the help of Mr Harris, would prepare the groundwork for the installation. It was requested that the Parish Council meet the cost of materials and the bench, anticipated to be about £2k. It was **resolved** to pay for these items from council funds on the presentation of receipts to the Parish Clerk. It was hoped that the installation could now be completed by the next Armistice Sunday.

7. Planning.

The following applications have been returned with No Objection.

- P22/V1295/HH 1 South Cottages, Fyfield Wick
- P22/V1199/HH Overton House, Fyfield
- P22/V1534/HH Longhouse, Fyfield Wick

8. Lioncourt

Mr Avery stated that the attempt by KB&S to annex the Lioncourt site into their parish would not proceed when the committee met but that this could well change if Lioncourt was approved. He had passed our major objection to the Head of Planning. It was likely that the application would come before committee in September and it was essential that a representative of the Parish Council spoke at that meeting. He would speak in favour of our objection.

The council believed there was a fundamental flaw in the planning process where expert opinion given by the applicant was taken as fact without any attempt at unbiased professional review. Conversations with the prime officer for this application, Stuart Walker, implied that we, the parish, should have the expertise to counter any argument put forward.

It was requested that the Clerk emphasize with Stuart Walker the need for hard unbiased evidence regarding the AQMA in Marham with respect to this application. This could only come from an independent examination of the situation.

The Clerk to pass on our concerns over the process to David Johnston MP by forwarding our letter and objection text.

The Clerk to contact other parishes in the area regarding our process concerns and seek their support.

9. Communication between Councillors.

Miss Croft raised concern that there was a lot of correspondence between councillors and parishioners that was only partially visible. There was also a lot of knowledge about specific issues, such as Lioncourt, that were effectively hidden from the newer members of the council and also the general public. She wondered if some use could be made of current social platforms to make information more visible.

Mr Keene indicated that the production of the Local Plan Light would need community involvement and that this might help in making the document production much easier when it came to obtaining community involvement.

After some discussion, **Miss Croft was asked to write a scoping document to see what could be done.**

10. AOB.

Mrs Collins enquired who would manage the proposed water supply to the allotments. Mrs Budgen assumed that would be under the remit of the Allotment management Committee.

Mrs Collins also inquired who was responsible for clearing the debris from the road following the accident at Fyfield junction last Saturday. Mrs Budgen stated that several parishioners had suggested that they clear the debris but she felt this was too dangerous. She had contacted the police who gave her a special number in OCC Traffic to register the issue. They should arrange for the safe clearance of the debris but had not done so to date.

Mr Woodward stated that the bench at Tubney bus stop need to be revarnished. He offered to do the work in the near future.

11. Receive the resignation of Mr Julian Mellor.

Mr Mellor tendered his resignation as Chairman and Councillor which was regretfully received.

12. Election of Chair.

Mrs Penny Budgen was nominated by Mr Woodward, seconded by Mr Keene. There being no other nominations and Mrs Budgen being willing to accept the post of Chair, she was elected 'nem. con.'.

13. Election of Vice-Chair.

Mr Dimitrios Hatzis was nominated by Mrs Budgen, seconded by Mr Keene. There being no other nominations and Mr Hatzis being willing to accept the post of Vice-Chair, he was elected 'nem. con.'.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:08pm.

Next Meeting Thursday 8th September 2022.