

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 25th January 2017.**

Present: Mrs Jean Burley.
Mr. Jonathan Greaves.
Mr Julian Mellor.
Mr John Watts
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.

Mrs Melinda Tilley - OCC Councillor.
Mr Anthony Hayward – VofWH District Councillor.
Mrs Ande Fitzgerald-O'Connor - Prospective Conservative Candidate OCC.

Three members of the general public.

Apologies

There were no apologies.

Minutes of the Last Meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

LionCourt Development.

Mr Mark Baker spoke at length concerning the current position of the LionCourt proposals and our objections. Despite considerable parish lobbying there had been little feedback from the District Council. The District's Local Plan, Part 1, had been adopted but there was still a considerable shortfall of housing sites if the District was to meet its obligation to assist the Oxford City shortfall. It was feared that the LionCourt proposal was too convenient to be rejected for Part 2. However, no formal planning application has currently been made.

Mr Baker stated that OCC Highways would not want another roundabout in the proposed location but suspected that this would be over-ruled if there was sufficient political pressure. When Mr Mellor spoke with highways, the volume of traffic did not seem to be an issue.

It was felt that the council should approach Mr Ed Vaizey, MP, if it was felt he could be useful in progressing the council's objection.

Mr Hayward informed the meeting that there would be a Cabinet meeting to discuss the content of Local Plan Part 2 within the next week and that the council should check the District web site for details and minutes.

Mr Watts was tasked with consulting with the Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor Parish Council to ensure that there was a coordinated and common approach to the development. A potential follow up meeting with the District Council leader, Anthony Barber, was also suggested.

Consideration was also given as to whether professional planning advice might be useful.

Mr Hayward suggested that if it seemed that the development would go ahead, the council should look to optimise any Section 106 money that might be available.

Mrs Tilley indicated that the timescale for Local Plan Part 2 and the potential reorganisation of Local Government within the county coincided. The creation of one or more unitary authorities could make the District plan null and void and Part 2 may not happen.

Mrs Tilley, Mr Hayward and Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor left the meeting at 8:15pm.

Matters Arising.

The Clerk reported that following the resignation of Mr. Ben Lay, there had been no request for an election from the constituency. Mr Ben Upright had expressed interest in joining the council but was currently anticipating a move from the parish so felt unable to stand at this moment. The council is under obligation to co-opt a councillor within a '*reasonable*' time-frame. The Clerk to email as many residents as possible seeking a volunteer.

Mr Mellor had met with a representative of the OCC Highways department but was informed that finances probably precluded any action on providing safe crossing at the Fyfield intersection on the A420. Several recent incidents at the PharmaGenesis turn were also brought to his attention and would be looked into. However, Mr Mellor felt that the time was fast approaching where Mr Ed Vaizey MP should be involved. Any invite to attend a council meeting should be linked to the LionCourt development situation.

The Clerk had reported numerous vegetation encroachments on both the roads and footpath to OCC but all had been dismissed with the exception of the subsidence opposite Tubney church on the A420. Work on this would be included in resurfacing work scheduled for later this year.

The Clerk reported that in order to repair the notice board in Fyfield, it would have to be removed to determine the exact thickness of insert required. This would be done after the meeting and was anticipated to cost about £30.00.

Planning.

The following applications had been approved with No Comments

- P16/V2875/HH Fir Close Tubney

The following application had been approved with Comments

- P16/V3196/FUL Broome, Tubney

An objection from Mr Healey to the latter application had been circulated to the Councillors.

Finance.

The Clerk reported the statement of accounts was as follows:

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| • Balance brought forward. | £2,787.79 |
| • Record receipt of the following: | |
| • Grant – SSE for Public Access Defibrillator | £1,658.00 |
| • Record payment of the following. | |
| • WEL Medical Ltd - for Public Access Defibrillator | £2,119.50 |
| • Balance carried forward. | £2,326.29 |

The Clerk submitted a request for expenses. It was **resolved** to pay the Clerk £50.00.

The Clerk requested that the council set its budget for the year 2017-18. He anticipated that there would be further expenditure this financial year of approximately £94 to cover web fees.

After consideration, it was **resolved** to set the precept at £500.00 and the requisite form was completed and signed by the chair.

It was further **resolved** that £500.00 be ring-fenced from reserves and held to cover any professional advice whilst objecting to the LionCourt development.

Field Footpath to PharmaGenesis.

There was no information on progress for the footpath at PharmaGenesis. Negotiations between the company and Oxford University were anticipated.

Village War Memorial.

The Clerk had identified an artist in Buckinghamshire who specialised in bespoke signs and memorials which appeared to be considerably cheaper than the original quote from Abingdon Masons. The Clerk to seek a 'ball park' figure for a Fyfield memorial.

It was felt that unless a memorial could be sourced and funded this year then the enterprise should be abandoned.

Public Access Defibrillator.

The grant for £1,658.00 had been received from SSE and cleared through the bank. The Clerk had ordered the defibrillator, cabinet and ten year consumables package for £2,119.50 from WEL Medical. Delivery was expected early February.

Although the basic package of defibrillator and cabinet were cheaper than budgeted, the care package had increased to £400.00 plus VAT. It was anticipated that this part of the costs would be met by the Village Fete funds.

AOB.

Mr Watts informed the meeting that after 30 years as chairman, he would not be prepared to be nominated for that post at the next Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The Clerk informed the meeting that two road closure notices had been received, namely Newbridge and the M4, and that he would put the information on the notice boards.

An invitation to participate in a village spring clean had been received. The council felt that there was no need to participate.

The meeting closed at 21.07.

Next meeting Wednesday 15th March 2017.