

Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27th March 2018.

Present:

Mr Julian Mellor – Chair.
Mrs Shirley Collins.
Mr. Jonathan Greaves.
Mr John Watts.
Mr Alan Woodward.
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.

One member of the general public.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from

Mrs Jean Burley.
Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor – OCC Councillor.

Minutes of the Last Meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters Arising.

The Clerk reported that a Road Sweeper had visited Main Road, Fyfield and removed some of the detritus from the gutters. He did not expect any further action until next year's 'Deep Clean'.

The Clerk had been in contact with OCC regarding the Footpath Definitive Map and was awaiting the relevant forms.

Mr. Woodward reported that the tenant at Woodend, Tubney was reluctant to trim back the beech hedge without confirmation that a hard trim would not kill the hedge. Mr. Woodward to contact Prof. Burley to see if he could allay fears in his professional capacity. The fallback position was that OCC Highways would be involved who could enforce the trimming of the hedge and charge the tenant.

Mr. Woodward stated that the Tubney Bus Stop Seat would be removed shortly and work would begin once the wood had dried. Mr. Mellor would seek out the keys for the padlock and pass a spare key to another council member.

Mr. Greaves stated that Netherton residents had identified a suitable notice board. It was **resolved** to donate £150.00 towards the purchase. This sum being the equivalent of what was spent on each of the other two parish notice boards.

The Clerk reported that he had updated 'Fix my Street' for the Coach Road including a couple of pictures showing how far the verge had encroached over the tarmac.

Lioncourt.

Mr Mellor reported on the current status of FLAG's opposition to the Lioncourt development.

The Program Officer for LPP2 inspection had been contacted and was proving helpful. John Bradley was tasked with seeking coordinated support from other affected parishes to strengthen our representation. A Planning Consultant had been engaged following a general request for funds.

It was obvious from Lioncourt's latest submissions that the site was not viable with the original 600 developments, hence the recent update to 700 plus 70 care home places. Also the proposed phasing was such that should the development prove uneconomic by Phase I, then the link road and school would not be built.

Their traffic plans were still subject to discussions with OCC and Stagecoach. The sightings of the replacement lay-bys, if they were to be created, was still under discussion.

A420 Issues

Mr. Mellor reported that he had become aware of a meeting between OCC councillors and representatives from the Highways Department and had received the minutes by a circuitous route. Unfortunately we had not been invited nor were we on any subsequent mailing list. Whilst the meeting covered issues on the A420 to the west of Kingston Bagpuize, there was no reference to the section in our parish. It was hoped that Mrs. Fitzgerald-O'Connor had voiced our concerns.

He had also received a note from Ed Vaizey who had contacted Highways England. They indicated that there was little benefit from local safety improvements such as speed restrictions and crossings. OCC regarded the route as 'strategic' and the road will be included in the national 'major network' but with no indication as to what upgrades would be forthcoming.

Mr. Vaizey recommended that we liaise with other parish councils along the road to meet jointly with OCC and Yvonne Constance to discuss our issues. Mr. Mellor would initiate contact with the respective parishes assisted by the Clerk.

Planning.

No Planning Applications had been received since the last meeting.

Finance.

The Clerk reported the current financial position as follows:

- Balance brought forward. £1,958.51
- No transactions had been made since the last meeting.
- Balance carried forward. £1,958.51

It was **resolved** to donate £750.00 to the FLAG appeal to cover the costs of the Planning Consultant in preparation for making representations to the LPP2 inspector.

Mr. Mellor submitted receipts for printing sections of the LPP2 Representations. It was **resolved** to reimburse Mr. Mellor £214.22.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had just paid the parish 'Domain' fees which would normally fall in the next financial year, had this meeting not been delayed. It was **resolved** to reimburse the Clerk £30.70.

The Clerk submitted a request for expenses for the year covering stationary, postage and computer consumables. It was **resolved** to reimburse the Clerk £50.00.

As this was the last meeting of the current financial year, the Clerk indicated that there were grant requests from Oxfordshire Young Carers and Enrych Oxfordshire together with a membership request from Community First Oxfordshire. In view of the substantial expenditure already approved, it was decided to defer any grants to the next meeting, by which time the first instalment of next year's precept would have been received.

The Ride and Lorry Parking.

The Clerk had received a complaint concerning the state of the road in The Ride and the damage caused by parked cars and lorries. The lorries were from Upwood Quarry whilst the private cars were probably people using the Oxford bus. The Clerk had contacted Hills Quarries who reacted swiftly and placed notices on site requesting drivers not to lay up in The Ride. In addition, they had sent a road sweeper to clear some of the mud.

The long term solution is to effect a repair to the road surface and install drainage. If the latter prevents car parking that would be a bonus. The issue had been reported on 'Fix my Street' with pictures.

It was hoped that Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor would be able to influence OCC Highways to take action.

Community Emergency Plans.

The Emergency Planning Officer had visited Fyfield and was keen to meet representatives of the parish with a view to developing an Emergency Plan. In the past we had identified the two churches and the White Hart as places of refuge and felt that there was little to be gained in any further planning. The Clerk was requested to remind the officer of the situation and invite him to the next council meeting.

Brize Norton Flight Paths.

Littleworth Parish Meeting had requested our support in objecting to the flight path changes proposed by RAF Brize Norton and Oxford London Airport. It was felt that the council had insufficient experience of air safety to propose constructive criticism of the proposals. Consequently, it was felt that we could not support the Littleworth objection.

AOB.

Mr. Mellor reminded the council that there would be continued extraction of soft sand from the Corallian Ridge area which included the parish. Whilst the OCC Minerals Resource plan preferred extensions to existing quarries, the tracts of land between Tubney and Fyfield were vulnerable to future extraction. He requested that councillors continue to monitor OCC activity in this field and hoped that Mrs. Fitzgerald-O'Connor would be in position to give us early warning should new quarry sites be proposed.

There being no other items, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 16th May 2018 being the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting.