

## **Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**

### **Present:**

Mr Julian Mellor – Chair.  
Mrs Penny Budgen  
Mr. Jonathan Greaves.  
Mr John Watts.

Mr. Jerry Avery – Vale of White Horse DC  
Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor – Oxfordshire County Councilor  
Ms Ruth Cross – Vale of White Horse Officer for Sports Facilities.  
Mr. Stuart Walker – Vale of White Horse Planning Officer.

Four members of the general public.

### **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Mrs Jean Burley, Mr Alan Woodward and Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.

In the absence of the Clerk, Mrs Fraser offered to take notes for the minutes.

### **Minutes of the last meeting.**

These were signed as a true record by the chair with one minor amendment of attendees.

### **Matters arising.**

Mr Greaves reported that the Netherton Lane Potholes had now been fixed. However, there were some more appearing. He would raise the issue again when there were sufficient to get the work done.

The meeting date for today had been confirmed with the White Hart and attendees.

The Clerk had requested that the police help the residents set up a speed watch group following their earlier email. There had been no further feedback. Mr. Nick Worwood made various suggestions as to how the traffic speed could be reduced. Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor was meeting with Lee Turner next week and would explore options.

In the absence of Mr. Woodward, the issue of the raised drains at Tubney Church was deferred.

### **Lioncourt development.**

Mr. Walker advised that, subject to major modifications, the Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) had been declared sound by the examiner. It was now to the district council to decide on whether to adopt the plan in its current form. Mr. Mellor asked for a timetable of events which Mr. Walker advised as follows:

September 2019 Traffic surveys.

October 2019 Planning application out to consultation (3 weeks duration).

November 2019 Decision on application or request for extension of time (this requires consent of the developer).

Early 2020            Decision by council on whether to adopt the LPP2.

Mr. Mellor asked a few questions, as follows (Mr. Walker's response in Italics):

- Will an extension be requested if the council has not made a decision to adopt LPP2 by November?

*Most likely.*

- What if the developer does not grant consent to extension?

*The planning application is either accepted or rejected in November.*

- In the event of the above is the site planning application likely to be accepted

*There are some major issues to be sorted before the planning application could be accepted.*

Mr. Avery stated that the site in the LPP2 had been revised to 700 plus 70 care spaces and that it may be found there is not a need for such a site once the Oxford unmet needs have been assessed.

There was further discussion about the implications of the local plan and impact of the major modifications, Growth Board funding, Marcham bypass, air quality management etc. It was agreed a more detailed discussion between FLAG, a Parish Council representative and district councilors was required. Mr. Avery agreed and undertook to come back with some suitable dates.

Mrs. Cross discussed the provision of a football and cricket fields as part of the planning application within our parish. This raised the issue of who would maintain these facilities and Mr. Walker asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to take on responsibility for public facilities within the site. The Parish Council to liaise with Kingston Bagpuize Parish Council and to inform the District Council by letter by the end of September.

#### **A420 Road Issues.**

Mrs Hannah Wood, OCC Highways Officer/Inspector, would like to attend the next meeting to introduce herself and explore our concerns regarding road safety, etc. The Clerk to send an invitation to attend our next meeting.

Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor would liaise with Yvonne Constance to see what money was available. She would also determine the attitude of OCC to light operated pedestrian crossings.

#### **Oxford – Cambridge Expressway.**

Mrs Budgen and Mr Watts had attended the local pressure group meeting on the expressway. The pressure group preferred route is South East. The North West route would have greater impact on the parish. The next meeting is at Exeter Hall on the 9th September.

#### **Tubney Quarry.**

The site selection has been delayed until November. Mr Mellor stated that houses within 500 metres of any quarry may have difficulty in obtaining insurance. This would impact those houses around Tubney church and the industrial units. Residences in Abingdon Road, Tubney could also be affected.

#### **Review Attendance at Parish Fete.**

This was deferred to a future meeting.

## Planning.

The following applications had been approved with No Objections

- P19/V1363/HH Broadway House Tubney

The following applications had been returned with Objections.

- P19/V0246/FUL Old Forge, Fyfield – sight lines for vehicle access.

## Finance.

The Clerk reported the current financial position as follows:

• Balance brought forward.	£1,298.07
Record payment of the following.	
• Clerk – Web Domain Name Fee - 1Year	£32.08
• Clerk – WebSite Fee – 2 years	£93.55
• Vale of White Horse Election Fees	£100.00
• Balance carried forward.	£1,072.44
• Reserved Outstanding Payment.	
• Mr. B Harris – Church War Memorial Addendum	£222.00
• Available Balance	£850.44

The invoice for the Election Fees had been received after the last meeting and subsequently paid by the Clerk.

Mr. Harris had informed the Clerk that the War Memorial Addendum Plaque had been installed in the church and he would forward the invoice for payment when he received it.

Ms Elton had submitted an expense claim for printing costs associated with the PC stand at the village fete. It was **resolved** to reimburse Ms Elton £68.86.

It was **resolved** to reimburse Mrs Budgen for the costs associated with the fete stand banner on submission of an invoice to the Clerk.

## A420 Underpass Track.

Mrs Budgen has been in correspondence with Katie Benbow of Savills Oxford, who confirmed via the Gov. Land Registry website and email that St Johns College owns the land and track north of the A420 under LR Title ON290720 and Highways owns the underpass track as structural to the road under Title BK114852 and that there is no public right of way across this land. Mrs Budgen passed round the LR map to confirm this.

Mrs Budgen commented she understood that common law would not apply to registered land particularly that subject to College statutes. Mr Mellor suggested this should be proven. Mrs Fraser commented that the Clerk had previously obtained paperwork to propose adoption as a public footpath. It was agreed that this should be continued.

There was also discussion about whether the Parish Council should seek quotes for having clearance work undertaken on all the overgrown footpaths in the parish. Mr. Harris volunteered to be active in helping in clearance work and it was agreed a working party was a good idea. It was also agreed that in the long term the precept should be set to permit contracting out such work.

**Footpath at West End of Main Road.**

Mrs. Budgen had received confirmation from the Clerk that Biffa should clear this as part of their Deep Clean initiatives but that clearance was low on their priority list. It was agreed that this should be put on the list of things for a working party.

**Fyfield Green Cherry Tree.**

Two tree experts had inspected the tree and reported that it had a potentially dangerous limb and was dying of stress, lack of water and old age. Mrs Budgen spoke to Matt Archer (Highways Group Manager, South Area Operations Communities) who later confirmed the County Councils Principal Officer for arboriculture (Andy Lederer) had inspected the tree and advised that it is not registered to Highways nor does it cause concern to the safety of the highway so no action would be taken by OCC.

Mrs Budgen reported that according to the land registry map shared earlier at the meeting, the land on which the cherry stands is unregistered.

Discussion ensued regarding the trees removal and possible replacement. The Clerk to confirm what reserves were available to pay for:

- Removal of tree.
- Planting a new tree.

The Parish Council would then make a decision on next steps.

**AOB.**

Mrs Collins raised the following points:

- That the sight lines at the junction of the A420 and Abingdon Road, Tubney were obscured towards Oxford.
- A vehicle which regularly parks on the footpath outside 23/24 Digging Lane obstructs the road.
- Number 7, St. Johns Close has a tree root growing through the footpath.

The following was agreed:

- This is a matter that needs to be addressed by the County Council (OCC). Mrs. Collins would return to the parties concerned and assist in raising with OCC.
- It was agreed there was little that could be done to prevent anyone parking in a permitted place other than a quiet word to them regarding the obstruction they are causing.
- This was also a matter to be addressed by OCC. Mrs. Collins to assist in raising with OCC.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 10:19pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.