

## **Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

**Present:** Mrs Jean Burley.  
Mr. Jonathan Greaves.  
Mr Ben Lay.  
Mr Julian Mellor.  
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.  
Mrs Melinda Tilley - OCC Councillor.  
Seven members of the general public.

### **Election of Chairman for the Meeting**

In the absence of Mr. Watts, Mr. Mellor was nominated as chairman by Mr. Lay, seconded by Mrs Burley, and elected unopposed.

### **Apologies**

Mrs Shirley Collins and Mr John Watts.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

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

### **Matters Arising.**

Mr. Mark Baker talked the council through his draft paper on the Lioncourt development and asked two basic questions:

What do the parishioners feel about the development?

What is the councils position on the development?

The general consensus was that this development would not benefit Fyfield despite being within the parish boundary and was unlikely to be of benefit to Kingston. Mrs Tilley stated that if the council wished to oppose the development, then they should take action now rather than wait for the formal planning application to come through.

It was **resolved** that the councillors would informally canvas opinion within the parish. Mr Mellor would also seek the opinion of the Kingston Parish Council.

Mr Baker stated that he would work on his draft paper which could form the basis of a formal objection. The council should then write to the various stakeholders, namely: District Council, our District Councillor, Savills and St. Johns College. It was **resolved** that any such objection be raised during the first week of December.

Mrs Tilley and Mr. Lay had to leave the meeting at 7:55pm.

Mr Jonathan Greaves had duly signed the Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Chairman and completed the Register of Interests which the Clerk had forwarded to the district council. The Chairman welcomed him to the parish council.

Mr. Mellor had arranged to meet Harry Davis of OCC Highways to discuss the A420 traffic with reference to the Lioncourt development and would raise the issue of a refuge to easy bus passengers crossing the road at Fyfield.

The Clerk reported that the bus shelter repair had been completed.

The Clerk informed the council that there would be a meeting to discuss the Comet Service next day. Unfortunately, none of the councillors was available to represent Fyfield.

The Clerk had received a letter of acknowledgement from South & Vale Young Carers following the recent donation.

The Clerk had stated that four reports concerning roadside vegetation and one concerning the subsidence on the A420 had been submitted to OCC Highways. To date, there was no evidence on the OCC web site that action would be taken. It was reported that parishioners were finding it difficult to use the underpass footpath because of vegetation. As this was a metalled bridleway it should be maintained by OCC. The Clerk would contact OCC.

Mr Baker stated that he would continue to provide informal lifts to Abingdon following the withdrawal of the direct bus service as the number of elderly residents requiring the assistance was very small. He could also confirm that the Appleton car service was available for residents to access the doctor's surgery in Appleton.

### **Planning.**

The following applications had been approved with No Comments

- P16/V2386/LB Pear Tree Cottage Netherton
- P16/V2391/FUL PIC UK Fyfield Wick

### **Finance.**

The Clerk reported that only one transaction had occurred following the previous meeting and the statement of accounts was as follows:

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| • Balance brought forward.          | £2,837.79 |
| • Record payment of the following.  |           |
| • Grant – South & Vale Young Carers | £50.00    |
| • Balance carried forward.          | £2,787.79 |

### **Field Footpath to PharmaGenesis.**

Mr Lay had submitted a tender to PharmaGenesis for the footpath which had been accepted. Subsequently, a meeting had been held with the University Estates where it now appeared that committee approval would be required and that this was unlikely to happen before March 2017. In the mean time PharmaGenesis had instructed their surveyors, Bidwells, to progress planning permission, ownership etc..

### **Village War Memorial.**

The Clerk had not made any progress on this matter to date.

### **Public Access Defibrillator.**

The Clerk had been informed that the application for a grant of £1,658.00 to SSE had been successful and he was awaiting receipt of the money. In the mean time, it had been confirmed that Faculty permission would be required to install the cabinet in the church porch and that details of the electrical connection and cabinet size were required. The Clerk had emailed the manufacturers for information.

**Meeting Diary 2017.**

The Clerk nominated the following dates for 2017:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Parish meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

The Clerk to book the room with the White Hart.

Mr. Greaves tendered his apologies for the next meeting.

**AOB.**

The Clerk had received notification that the telephone box in Tubney, which had made no calls in the last year, would be removed in three months.

The Fyfield notice board had suffered UV damage to the insert and was breaking up. It was **resolved** that the Clerk could arrange for a cork insert as the manufacturers did not supply spare parts.

The meeting closed at 20.45.

Next meeting Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.