

Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2024.

1. Present:

Mrs Penny Budgen – Chair.
Mrs Cable-Alexander
Dr. Sarah Stanhope.
Mr Alan Woodward.
Mr Nicholas Keene.
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.

10 members of the general public.

2. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from

Dr Dimitrios Hatzis.
Mr Mark Coleman, District Councillor

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising.

i. Replace Gate between A420 and Old Oxford Road.

This is due to be installed shortly.

ii. Sight Lines at intersection of Main Road and Digging Lane.

No update since the last meeting and no action by OCC until the next financial year.

iii. Registration of Village Greens.

The Clerk had now managed to produce maps and would submit shortly. As the applications needed countersigning by a solicitor, there would be an incurred charge.

iv. Parish Council Website.

The Clerk would be calling a meeting of the sub-committee shortly.

5. Planning.

The following applications have been returned with No Objection.

- P23/V2778/LB Tubney Warren House, Tubney
- P23/V2776/HH Tubney Warren House, Tubney
- P23/V2859/HH Fyfield Grange, Fyfield
- P24/V0023/HH Cornerstone, Fyfield Wick

6. Finance.

The Clerk reported the financial position as follows:

i. Precept Account.

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| • Precept brought forward; | £10,172.18 |
| • Payments made since last meeting: | |
| • Clear Insurance Management Ltd | £469.20 |

- Mrs Budgen – Neighbourhood Priorities Art Work £30.00
- Duplicate payment of web fees reversed with credit of (£140.41)
- Available Precept £9,813.39

ii. CIL Account.

- CIL brought forward £14,484.97
- Payments made since last meeting:
- D MacElvogue – Memorial Garden £1,096.07
- Available CIL £13,388.90

The Clerk reminded council that a CIL payment had been deferred until next financial year to avoid being capped by District. In addition, he had received notification of another payment becoming due. It was **resolved** to accept these payments when they became due.

- Deferred CIL Payment until April 2024 £6,796.72
- New CIL Payment April 2024 £8,003.89

The Clerk explained that he had inadvertently charged the web fees due in April 2023 in this years accounts as well as last financial year. This charge had been reversed by a credit in this financial years statement of the Precept account.

The financial position had been further confused as the November bank statement had been lost in the post and two cheques had not been presented.

Cheque 000082 to Mrs Budgen to cover Coronation Drinks and Posters had been lost. It was **resolved** to issue a new cheque to Mrs Budgen to the amount of £201.13.

A second cheque for £450.00 payable to Fyfield United Charities to cover the costs associated with a feasibility study to supply mains water to the allotments had not been presented. Mrs Lauren Small, chair of the charity, explained that they were having issues with the bank over authorised signatures and if the cheque was paid in, they would be unable to access the money. The Clerk suggested that if the council was presented with an invoice, it could pay the fee direct and the existing cheque could be cancelled. **Mrs Small to provide the Clerk with the necessary paperwork.**

7. Tubney Speedwatch

The Clerk reported that to date 10 police letters had been sent to speeding motorists and the fastest speed captured was 52mph. The lead coordinator, Mr Jeremy Roche, had found it difficult to get a team out very frequently as all the current volunteers work. In addition, he felt an assistant coordinator would be useful to cover times when he was unavailable.

It was also noted that the SID at the eastern end of Abingdon Road was not active for much of the winter. This was due to the large trees to the south of the device preventing the solar panel from working at maximum efficiency. **The Clerk would enquire if the batteries would still charge if the panel was switched off. If not, then the only solution would be to purchase a bespoke battery charger.**

8. Allotments Mains Water Survey

There had been no progress to date because of the banking issues covered under Finance.

9. Neighbourhood Priorities Statement.

The council had prepared a statement and were awaiting feedback from District concerning format and content before it could be published.

10. MP's Road Survey.

Mr Hatzis had submitted a response on behalf of the Parish Council and a number of residents had also responded in a personal capacity.

11. Kingston Bagpuize PC Neighbourhood Area Designation.

This was subject to an ongoing public consultation until the end of the month.

12. Neighbourhood Watch Update.

Mrs Cable-Alexander had found little interest in pursuing further residential involvement. The residential Facebook pages were effective of warning people of strange activity in the locale and were very timely.

13. A420 Issues.

iii. Coach Road / A420 Tubney Pavement Extension / Tubney A420 Speed Limit Reduction.

There would be no progress from OCC on these issues until the new financial year.

iv. Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee (FATAC).

Mrs Budgen and the Clerk had attended this meeting as observers last week. It was chaired by our District Councillor, Mark Coleman, and also attended by Lee Turner, OCC, and the police. Representatives of other Parish Councils along the A420 also attended and it became obvious that we all had the same major issues safety, traffic volumes and speed. These had been raised with both our current and previous MPs in the past.

We were awaiting a copy of the minutes.

A local resident had asked Mrs Budgen if lighting could be provided at the Fyfield bus stop on the north side. The lighting in the shelter was defective and in the dark, it was difficult to let bus drivers see potential passengers at the stop. **Mrs Budgen to seek feedback from OCC re lighting at the stop.**

14. Tubney Quarry.

The news that Hills were about to seek planning permission for a soft sand quarry in Tubney and seemed to be circumventing the OCC process for developing the next Minerals and Waste Strategy had caused considerable disquiet in the parish. Hills were arranging a local consultation on their plans to be held in Appleton Village hall the next day, 8th February, which would be attended by members of the council and concerned residents.

The proposal was a restricted version of that rejected in the previous iteration of OCC's strategy being solely the field south of the A420. However, it was unclear why all the reasons for rejection of the site which were valid then do not still apply.

The plans seemed to exclude any site access from Abingdon Road, Tubney, but clarification would be sought at the meeting. The impact on the water table to the adjacent SSI and noise and dust on local residents would need careful assessment.

Considerable discussion was held on possible grounds for objection and external parties who might be useful in supporting such.

It was decided that a working group of concerned residents and the council be set up to formulate what should be done next once Hills' proposal was better understood. Mrs Emma Parmenter offered to host a meeting on PharmaGenesis premises and a date was provisionally set for February 19th at 6pm. This would be advertised through the Tubney Facebook pages.

15. AOB.

Mr Varney thanked the council for their assistance regarding the flooding at his premises and on Digging Lane. Mrs Budgen stated that Stuart Walker was the principal officer for the Lioncourt development and that she would raise concerns with him over the impact of waste water from the site impacting further on adjacent property.

Mrs Budgen reported that work would resume shortly on the Memorial Garden by the War Memorial shortly now that the heavy frosts were over.

Mrs Budgen also informed the meeting that the church had raised sufficient funds that building work on the Community Space in church would commence this year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00pm.