

## **Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

### **1. Present:**

Mrs Penny Budgen – Chair.  
 Mrs Claire Cable-Alexander.  
 Dr Dimitrios Hatzis.  
 Mr Nicholas Keene.  
 Mr Alan Woodward.  
 Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.  
 Mr Mark Coleman, District Councillor  
 1 member of the general public.

### **2. Apologies.**

Apologies had been received from Dr. Sarah Stanhope.

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

These were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

### **4. Matters arising.**

- i. Coach Road.**
- ii. A420 Pavement Extension.**
- iii. A420 Speed Limit in Tubney.**

These three items are inter-related and are still awaiting scheduling by OCC Highways. We have been informed that nothing will happen until the new financial year. These items will be returned to when further information is available from OCC.

Meanwhile, Mr Woodward informed the meeting that the trees have ben cut back along the Coach Road though this does not reclaim the roadway lost under the encroaching verge.

- iv. Copse Cottage Drains.**

This work has now been completed and appears to be effective.

- v. Speeding on Main Road, Fyfield.**

Mrs Budgen had spoken to the units in St Johns Yard and there had been some success with vehicles slowing down along the road. Mrs Cable-Alexander was waiting for a response from the White Hart.

- vi. Additional SIDs for Tubney.**

These have been purchased and erected. All three poles on Abingdon Rod now carry a SID. The data from the central pole for the last two months had been passed to the police to assist them in determining common times for excessive speeding.

- vii. Replace Gate between A420 and Old Oxford Road.**

This would be purchased shortly.

- viii. Sight Lines at intersection of Main Road and Digging Lane.**

White lining at junction has been completed and Give Way sign replaced. OCC have scheduled the erection of a ‘crossroads ahead‘ warning sign for next year to be located for vehicles using slip road from A420.

OCC felt that a mirror on the junction was impractical given the difficulty in siting a pole. The Clerk wondered if marking the junction as a mini roundabout would alleviate the problem as it would warn all directions to give way to the right. **Mrs Budgen to explore the possibility with OCC.**

**ix. Registration of Village Greens.**

The Clerk was progressing this action.

**x. Parish Council Website.**

Mr Hatzis had been preoccupied with the imminent birth of a son so no meeting had been called to date. Realistically, there would be no meeting before the new year.

**5. Receive District Councillor's Report.**

Mr Coleman's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Minister of State for Housing and Planning had decided not to designate the Vale's panning service. Consequently, planning decisions would continue to be made by the council as normal.

The Local Authority Boundary Commission was conducting a periodic review of ward populations and councillors. Because of recent population growth there was considerable variance in ward sizes. The number of District councillors would be increased by 3 and ward boundaries would be modified to even up the population in each ward. District would consult on boundary changes in the new year.

Changes would not come into effect until the next District Council elections.

**6. Planning.**

The following applications have been returned with No Objection.

- P23/V2274/FUL Marsh Cottages, Netherton.

**7. Finance.**

The Clerk reported that a minor error in the accounts spreadsheet had been found such that the Precept Account had been overstated by £60.72. Corrected totals were presented at the meeting.

The financial statement was as follows:

• Precept Account brought forward.	£10,762.59
Payment made:	
• Fyfield United Charities – Allotment Water Study	£450.00
• Available Precept	£10,312.59
• CIL Account brought forward.	£16,029.07
Payments made:	
• Parochial Church Council of Fyfield	£5,000.00
• Elan City – 2 Speed Indication Devices	£4,547.99
Receipts:	
• CIL Payment	£8,003.89
• Available CIL	£14,484.97

The Clerk stated that in consultation with the Chair, a further CIL payment of £6,796.72 had been deferred until the next financial year. If it had been taken, we would have exceeded the CIL limit for the parish in this financial year and the payment would have been capped leading to a loss of income of £649.98. The retained amount, uncapped, would be credited to the parish in April 2024.

The Clerk presented an invoice for £469.20 to cover the parish council's insurance for the next 12 months. The chair countersigned the cheque for this amount.

## **8. Neighbourhood Priorities Survey.**

Mrs Budgen had prepared a draft document that reflected the views of the parish as determined by recent surveys and personal interviews.

It was **resolved** to submit this to District for comment. If amendments were suggested, these would be applied before circulating to the parish at large.

A copy of the document was passed to Mr Coleman.

## **9. Kingston Bagpuize PC Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Mrs Budgen had met with Mrs Grant, chair of Kingston Bagpuize Parish Council.

KB&S Parish Council was concerned about the number of new developments being proposed around the village. Lioncourt in the east was moving towards planning permission and yet more applications had been made for land to the west. To counter this rapid growth the parish were in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan intending to limit the scope of further development applications. This plan could, with the permission of adjacent parishes, include land outside of their parish boundary.

They were concerned to protect from development an area of land bounded by the A415 and the C road past the old Pig Improvement Headquarters which lies in Fyfield and Tubney parish.

It was **resolved** to grant KB&S Parish Council permission to include this land in their plan on the understanding that it would remain in our parish and any planning application would be for us to consider on its merits.

## **10. Meeting Diary for 2024.**

The Clerk proposed to book the White Hart for the following dates in 2024.

Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>

Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> – Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting

Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup>

Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **11. AOB.**

Mrs Budgen, Dr Hatzis and the Clerk had met with Gemma Chandler of Savills to discuss items identified by the recent priorities survey, namely:

- Circular walking routes in the parish.
- a Play Area for children.
- Permissive Access between Fyfield and Tubney via the A420 underpass.

Ms Chandler had been open and willing to share college plans regarding the parish with the council. At that point in time the only development plans involved the renovation of Marsh Cottages and the new kitchen at the White Hart.

She would explore the above topics with the college and tenants.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

**Next Meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**