

Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2024.

1. Present:

Mrs Penny Budgen – Chair.
Dr Dimitrios Hatzis.
Mr Nicholas Keene.

Mr Mark Coleman, District Councillor
2 members of the general public.

2. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from

Mrs Cable-Alexander
Dr. Sarah Stanhope.
Mr Alan Woodward.
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. Budget 2024.

The Clerk anticipated a Year End balance in the Precept Account of **£9,726.79**.

Whilst there was some outstanding expenditure on the Memorial Garden, this would be paid from the CIL Account.

Known expenditure from the Precept Account for the 2024-5 financial year was stated as follows:

05/24	Comet Bus Subsidy	£650.00
11/24	Insurance	£475.00
03/25	Web Fees – Two years	£100.00
03/25	Domain Fees – 1 year	£40.00
03/25	Clerk's Expenses	£50.00
	Total Minimum Spend	£1,315.00

Other expenditure was recognised as being non repetitive and unpredictable.

It was **resolved** to accept these budget figures as representing the predictable expenditure to be incurred in the next financial year.

5. Precept 2024.

It was **resolved** that the Precept for 2024 be kept at £5,000. This corresponds to £20.42 for a Band D property (2023 level £20.19).

The Chair completed the required form to be sent to the Finance Team of the VofWH DC.

6. AOB.

i. A420 Issues.

Progress regarding the footpath extension in the vicinity of the church cottages on the Oxford bound side of the A420 was discussed. The Chair explained that this will be revisited in April when the OCC start their next financial year and are through an internal reorganisation. This issue has now

become part of a wider discussion about possibly introducing a 40mph speed limit on this section of the A420.

Mr Coleman informed the meeting that there is a committee that involves representatives from different bodies, including the Police, the DC and the CC, called the Farringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee that is considering the safety along the A420. Mr Coleman chairs this committee and will be inviting the Fyfield and Tubney PC to participate. In this way the issue of speed restrictions in sections of this road going through our Parish can be included in their deliberations.

ii. DC Joint Local Plan.

It was noted that the Joint Local Plan (JLP) Preferred Options consultation started on 10 January and will be running for six weeks to 21 February. The consultation presents an opportunity for residents to give their thoughts on the options the Vale is proposing to tackle in order to address the issues faced by the district.

iii. OCC Minerals and Waste Plan.

The Chair reported that Savills acting as agent for Magdalen College had confirmed the trenches in the field near PharmaGenesis are excavations for the next Minerals and Waste Plan. It is expected that Halls, the firm carrying out the work, will be in touch with the PC towards the end of February to arrange a consultation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:15pm.

As this meeting considered a reduced Agenda as a result of the unavoidable absence of a number of Councillors and the Parish Clerk, another Meeting will be convened in the coming weeks. Date TBC.