

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council  
held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

**1. Present:**

Mrs Penny Budgen – Chair.  
Mrs Claire Cable-Alexander.  
Dr Dimitrios Hatzis.  
Mr Alan Woodward.  
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.  
  
Mr Jerry Avery – District Councillor.  
22 members of the general public.

**2. Apologies.**

Apologies had been received from Mr Nicholas Keene and Dr Sarah Stanhope.

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

These were signed as a true record by the chair.

**4. Matters arising.**

**i. Coach Road**

Mrs Budgen had spoken to contacts in OCC Highways and had been told that any action was dependent upon new budgets in April.

**ii. Path Wardens report.**

The Clerk had received an apology from the Path Warden for not reporting this meeting. Meanwhile, an email from Paul Durrands stated that a footpath sign near his house was missing and a style on the A420 was broken. Mr Varney also reported a missing sign post and issues with livestock. He was requested to email a grid reference to the clerk.

**iii. First Aid/Defibrillator Course**

Mr MacElvogue stated that SCAS would be willing to provide training. This would be best performed in the Church so that attendees could be familiarised with our defibrillator. **The Clerk to email parishioners seeking best times for such a course and also numbers.** SCAS could cater for groups up to 20.

**iv. Cheque Signatories.**

Mrs Budgen is now an authorised bank signatory and Mr Mellor has been removed.

**5. Finance.**

The following transactions had occurred since the last meeting.

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| • Precept Account brought forward.           | £8,126.66 |
| • Record payment of the following.           |           |
| • Citizens Advice Oxfordshire South and Vale | £250.00   |
| • Available Precept                          | £7,876.66 |
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| • CIL Account brought forward.               | £8,788.02 |
| • Record Payment of the following:           |           |
| • Elancity-UK SID                            | £2,700.00 |
| • Available CIL                              | £6,088.02 |

The Clerk requested recompense for the following:

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| • Westfield Fasteners -Clips for the new SID | £36.10 |
| • Clerk's expenses 2022-23                   | £50.00 |

It was **resolved** to pay the Clerk £86.10.

The Clerk had received notification from District that the council confirm its intention to receive all CIL monies. It was **resolved** that all CIL monies should be paid directly to the parish council.

The Clerk understood that there would be further CIL payments in the next financial year to the value of £10,798.67 arising from developments at Fyfield Wick.

Mr Avery stated that irrespective of the passing of the Lioncourt development, there would be no boundary change for the next four years. It was not clear if this would impact any CIL payments to the parish and where S106 money would be spent.

## 6. A420 Tubney Pavement Work.

Work on the pavement by the church was due to begin next week. Mrs Jolly had expressed disappointment by letter that the work would not reach her driveway. When her husband was wheelchair bound, she had been unable to get him to the pavement because the path stopped at her steps. **Mrs Budgen to speak to Mrs Jolly and see whether the work could cover a short extension to her driveway.**

The church steps could not be replaced by a ramp at this time as in order to get a suitable gradient, the ramp would have to extend onto church property and the gate would need moving. **Mrs Budgen to speak to the PCC and to explore options.**

OCC had supplied a rough estimate of extending the footpath to the entrance to PharmaGenesis of £27k. This was currently well outside of the budget capabilities of the parish. A three way split of the costs between the parish, PharmaGenesis and OCC had been mooted. Mrs Parmenter, PharmaGenesis, had spoken to her finance director. As there were no staff using the bus as a means of getting to work since Working From Home had become commonplace, they were unable to justify any financial support. However, an extension to the footpath appeared to be a prerequisite for the reduction in the speed limit to 40mph. If such a reduction was guaranteed, then this would benefit PharmaGenesis and they would be prepared to offer some financial support.

## 7. Planning.

The following applications have been returned with No Objection.

- P22/V2873/HH Corfe Cottage, Tubney

## 8. Lioncourt.

This was passed at a meeting held earlier in the month. Dr Hatzis spoke against the application, as did the chair of Kingston Bagpuize. Despite parish opposition, the application was passed on the assumption that deficient infrastructure such as sewage, water and drainage would be made available by the relevant utilities as and when needed. Traffic on the A420 was out of scope for the planning committee but the Frilford Lights would be changed following a precursor decision in Lioncourt's favour.

Mr Avery was concerned that there was no allowance made for secondary school places, doctors, dentists or pharmacies to cover the new residents.

## 9. Speed Limits.

The Clerk reported that the Abingdon Road SIDs had been moved. One to the central pole and one to Netherton Lane, Fyfield. It was a legal requirement that they be moved on a regular basis. They had been reprogrammed to show '20's Plenty' at speeds between 20 and 30mph and 'Speed

recorded' with a warning triangle at speeds over 50mph. Statistics for both locations were available on the Parish web site.

#### **i. Abingdon Road.**

During 2022 the SIDs had detected numerous vehicles speeding well above 30mph with a maximum recorded speed of 111mph. The Clerk had been in discussion with Thames Valley Police and after a protracted argument, had persuaded them to look at using an enforcement vehicle to deter the worst offenders.

Though mentioned in discussion, it was felt that the installation of average speed cameras was unlikely to be sanctioned.

#### **ii. Netherton Lane.**

The SID had only been in place for a short time but had recorded maximum speeds of up to 50mph.

#### **iii. Community Speed Watch.**

As part of the police correspondence, great emphasis had been placed on setting up a Community Speed Watch group on Abingdon Road. Mr Mellor shared his experiences of such a group in Shellingford and spoke positively of their impact whilst at the roadside. It was pointed out that passing motorists tended to warn approaching vehicles which cut down offences. In itself, a positive result. Equipment could be purchased relatively cheaply which avoided much of the bureaucracy of police loans.

The meeting felt that if such a group was to be formed, it should primarily come from residents of Abingdon Road. **The Clerk to seek volunteers from Abingdon Road to coordinate such a group.**

#### **iv. A420 at Tubney.**

Mrs Budgen would continue to push for a 40mph limit though it seemed that a footpath extension was a prerequisite. Assurances would be needed that if the footpath was extended then the limit reduction would be granted if any financial contribution would be forthcoming from PharmaGenesis.

### **10. Neighbourhood Planning Pilot.**

Mrs Budgen explained that this was part of an initiative from the government Levelling Up Department where a number of District Councils were working with parishes to produce a document detailing local priorities that would be used to influence planning decisions. We were one of six parishes participating within the auspices of the Vale and South Oxfordshire.

In order to produce the document, we need to engage with the community and to this end, a questionnaire would be circulated to seek residents opinions.

### **11. King's Coronation Celebrations.**

Mrs Budgen proposed that a gathering on Fyfield green be held on the Sunday after the coronation from 12am. Mr Buchan would erect gazebos and residents would be invited to bring a chair and food, similar to the arrangements for the Jubilee celebrations. The Parish Council would provide and serve fizz to toast the king. Mrs Budgen would wear a pinafore so long as the Clerk did likewise!

The Clerk had yet to receive any grant from Juliette Ash's Councillors Fund towards any celebration.

Dr Hatzis emphasised that advertisement of the event must ensure Tubney residents are included.

## 12. May Elections.

The Clerk had today posted notification of District and Parish elections on the noticeboards for the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

He emphasised that residents would need photographic evidence in order to vote. Residents without a suitable document, which need not be currently valid as long as the photograph looked like the resident, could apply for an document permitting them to vote.

## 13. AOB.

### i. Litter Bin at Fyfield West Bus Stop.

Litter was accumulating at the Fyfield west bust stop. It was suggested that a litter bin would alleviate the problem. It was felt that permission to erect a bin would be needed from OCC Highways but the District would be responsible for emptying the bin. **Mrs Budgen to make enquiries.**

### ii. Jubilee Tree Protection.

Several residents had suggested that the Jubilee tree needed some fence protection. Mr MacElvogue reported that this was in hand.

### iii. OCC Tree planting.

Dr Hatzis reported that OCC had planted a beech tree on the verge outside of his house. The Clerk had previously requested that the planting be in St Johns Close to replace the missing tree but OCC had stated that the variety was unsuitable for that location.

### iv. Church Community Space Report.

The Clerk had received a brief summary of applications for grant support for the Community Space from Mrs Greaves. These would take some time to materialise as they depended upon trustee meetings occurring. Also, it was unlikely that there would be any notification unless successful. The professional fundraiser was confident that the target would be reached.

### v. Bleed Control Kits.

Mr MacElvogue had procured two Bleed Control kits. One to be placed inside the defibrillator cabinet and one outside. It was **resolved** to reimburse Mr MacElvogue £223.66 for the cost of the kits.

### vi. Registration of Village Green

Mr MacElvogue had requested a Land Registry search for ownership of Netherton Green. This had found no record so it was reasonable to assume it belonged to the Parish. It was **resolved** to reimburse Mr MacElvogue £53.88, the cost of the search.

**The Clerk to proceed with registering both Fyfield and Netherton Greens as Village Greens with OCC.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:12m.

**Next Meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**