

Minutes of the Fyfield & Tubney Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 7 September 2010.

Present: Mr John Watts – Chair
Mrs Jean Burley
Mrs Shirley Collins
Mrs Valerie Maher
Mr Ben Lay
Mrs Rosemary Kitto – Acting Clerk
Dr. Stephen Fraser - Clerk-elect

One member of the public

The Chair proposed that Dr Stephen Fraser be appointed Clerk to the Parish. Mr Ben Lay seconded the proposal. All members voted in favour.

Introduction of the new Clerk. Dr Stephen Fraser accepted the post of Clerk to the Parish Council. He lives at Walnut Tree Cottage, Fyfield, Abingdon, Oxon. OX13 5LN. Telephone: 01865 390 582, Mobile: 07770 561 290. E-mail s.fraser@woofter.net.

Minutes of the last meeting: These were signed as a true record by the Chair. The only change being the date of the meeting which had been brought forward by two weeks.

Matters arising: A415 bridge at Newbridge. Owing to Government cuts this has been put on hold for the time being.

Finance: A letter has been received from the Church thanking the PC for their proposed donation.

With the new Clerk now in office, the proposed change to Parish's banking facilities can proceed. It was resolved that the Parish would open an account with National Westminster Bank PLC. (the bank) in accordance with its mandate:-

- The Chair (Mr. John Watts) and the Clerk (Dr. Stephen Fraser) would be the authorised signatories for all banking matters and as such may, in accordance with the bank's signing rules, sign cheques and give instructions for standing orders, direct debits, electronic payments, bankers drafts and other payments on the accounts provided it does not cause the account to be overdrawn.
- The authorised signatories may give other instructions or requests for information to the bank in relation to the accounts, opening accounts with the same signing rules and authorised signatories; closing accounts or other banking services or products.
- The bank may accept instructions that do not have an original written signature provided the bank is satisfied that the instruction is genuine and subject to any other agreement the bank may require for those instructions.
- The bank's mandate will continue until the Parish gives the bank a replacement mandate or the Parish passes a resolution changing the signing rules and/or adding or removing an authorised signatory by completing and returning the Change of Signing Authority form in which case this mandate will continue as amended.

Planning: An application has been received to remove a Norway Spruce from 30 Digging Lane. No objection was made to the removal.

Correspondence: The new Refuse system is due to come into force from 4 October. Information has been circulated by the Vale of the White Horse DC.

Details regarding changes to the Licensing Act were circulated – Comments are required by 11 October.

The PC were invited to send a representative to the ORCC Conference on 8 October and to the Community Awards lunch on 30 September.

Comments on the Budget Decisions for OCC were requested. A meeting will be held in Abingdon on 30 September. The Local Transport Plan are inviting comments between the 4 October and 9 January.

There is to be a Housing Information Day on 9 September.

Two requests for donations have been received – Ryder Cheshire and Oxford Association for the Blind. It was agreed to discuss these at the next meeting.

AOB: Fyfield/Tubney underpath. A tree has been removed and the Golf Club have kindly cut back the hedge alongside the path.

Dog Waste Bin. Two were requested – one on Marsh Lane and the other for the old A420 to Kingston Bagpuize. Quotes were provided should the PC wish to purchase bins but more details were necessary before a decision can be made. Mrs Maher to investigate details of the costs involved.

Highways and Footpaths. Mrs Maher had been in discussion with various Councils regarding the state of the footpaths and roads in Fyfield and agreed to continue contacting them in order to improve the condition of the local infrastructure. They have agreed to repair the bus shelter and to investigate the installation of solar lighting.

Mrs Burley asked if anything had been heard regarding the proposed speed limit for the A338 but nothing had. Hill's Aggregates are starting the entrance improvements on the A338 to the Upward Park site for sand extraction with a planned commencement date of September 2011. The Oaksmere pit has not yet been refilled and it is anticipated that an extension application will be received in the near future.

Newsletter. It was suggested that the PC created and circulated a Newsletter to everyone in the Parish. It was decided to discuss this at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.