

Minutes of Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019

Present: Mr Julian Mellor – Chair
 Mrs Jean Burley
 Mrs Shirley Collins
 Mr Jonathan Greaves
 Mr John Watts
 Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk
 Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor – OCC Councillor
 Three members of the general public.

Apologies.

Apologies had been received from:

Mr Alan Woodward
 Mr Anthony Hayward – Vale of White Horse DC

Minutes of the Last meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters Arising.

Mrs Budgen reported that the Air Quality Measurement tubes had been installed on the speed limit sign in Digging Lane at the entrance to Fyfield and on the bus stop sign at Tubney Church.

Mr Greaves reported that some of the potholes in Netherton Lane had been filled but others had been left. He had commented appropriately on 'Fix My Street'. Mrs Budgen gave him a contact in OCC who may be able to expedite a full repair.

The Clerk reported that the noticeboards had not been repaired due to the adverse weather. A dry spell was required to seal the covers.

Mr Greaves reported that the new notice board for Netherton was under construction.

Lioncourt Development.

The Parish Council had had a meeting with DC officers in an attempt to understand CIL and its management. Should Lioncourt proceed then CIL payments would be made on completion of agreed construction stages. It is suspected that there would be competition between KB&S and ourselves for the money. It appears that we would have to let the money be paid to the DC and then instruct them to use that money to fund our designated projects.

Lioncourt had been in contact requesting a meeting with the council post the May election to let us know their current thinking. A meeting would be arranged at a mutually convenient date.

A420 Road Issues.

Mr Mellor reported that the consortium of A420 parishes would meet Ed Vaizey for a walkabout on the A420 this Friday. By using the buses it was hoped to emphasize the safety aspects of residents having to cross the road at various pinch points such as Tubney, Fyfield, Buckland and Littleworth.

He also stated that a meeting had been held with Yvonne Constance where various means of reducing the number of HGVs and also the speed of traffic were discussed. Mrs Constance definitely sees the issues from our perspective and appears to be in conflict with Ed Vaizey who sees the road as a strategic link to the Oxford & Cambridge Expressway.

Mrs Constance expressed concern that the A420 was not explicitly mentioned in the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 and urged the parish to respond pointing out our concerns for the road. Ms Elton had volunteered to begin a response which would also be circulated to other parishes on the route seeking similar response from them.

A meeting organised by Sunningwell PC concerning the Expressway and any potential bypass of Botley for the A34 had also been attended. Future meetings would be supported.

Local Road Issues – Abingdon Road, Tubney & Netherton Road, Fyfield.

Mrs Budgen had contacted Lee Turner to see what could be done to limit traffic on Netherton Lane but had had no response to date.

Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor had been in touch with Vanessa Buckley, OCC, in regard to the sight lines toward Oxford at the intersection of Abingdon Road, Tubney, and the A420.

Planning.

The following planning applications had been received since the last meeting and returned to the District Council.

- The following were returned with Objections:
 - P19/V0246/FUL Old Forge, Fyfield
- The following were returned with No Objections:
 - P19/V0224/FUL White Hart ,Fyfield
 - P19/V0225/LB White Har,t Fyfield
 - P19/V0378/HH Willows Edge, Tubney
- The following were returned with Fully Supports:
 - P19/V0406/FUL Tubney Warren Barn, Tubney

Finance.

- Balance brought forward. £848.07
- Record Intended Payment:
 - Mr. B Harris – Church War Memorial Addendum. £222.00
- Balance carried forward. £626.07

The payment to Mr. B Harris is awaiting the receipt of a ‘faculty’ which will give permission for the plaque to be erected within Fyfield church. Once obtained, the payment will be made.

The Clerk submitted a request for payment of expenses for the year 2018-2019. It was **resolved** to pay the Clerk £50.00.

May Elections for Parish Council.

The Clerk ran through the timetable for the upcoming elections. Because he was going to be away, it was imperative that potential candidates gave him their completed nomination forms by the 24th March so that they could be submitted by hand to the District Council with sufficient time to correct

any errors. The Clerk had a copy of the current electoral roll and could supply the roll number of individual's proposers and seconders.

Mr Woodward was on holiday and it was uncertain if he was aware that an election was coming. Mrs Collins would speak to his daughter to determine when he would return. Mr Mellor would attempt to contact him and ensure that he was aware of the election and the deadline for nominations.

Mrs Budgen indicated that she was willing to stand for election.

The Clerk outlined the election process should more than six candidates present for election, if there were exactly six candidates or if there were less. The quorum for the council was three and this represented the minimum number of nominations required for the council to exist as a body. The council was aware that the costs of an election with more than six candidates would be more than current funds and should be avoided if at all possible.

September Meeting Date.

The chairman had indicated that he would be away from the 1st to the 15th of September and thus unable to attend the scheduled meeting on the 11th September. It was agreed, subject to confirmation, that the Clerk move the meeting to Wednesday 28th August. Councillors to confirm their availability to the Clerk before moving the booking with the White Hart.

Deep Clean.

The Clerk reported that Biffa had been to the village for a 'Deep Clean'. Despite the list of places that he had indicated needed attention, in the three days they were present they only cleared the footpath to the Fyfield bus shelter from the corner of Digging Lane and ran the road sweeper around Main Road and St. Johns Close. The amount done was disappointing.

AOB.

Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor informed us that Matthew Barber had been selected as the Conservative candidate for Police Crime Commissioner.

Mrs Collins asked if any news had come through on the OCC Minerals Plan and the proposed quarry site. Mr Mellor said that some physical drilling surveys had taken place but there was no update from OCC at the moment. The web site needed watching.

Mr Mellor said that the parish had not been notified of the closure of the A420 for resurfacing the dual carriageway between ourselves and the A415. The diversion was between the A415 and the A338 via Frilford crossroads. The road would be closed to through traffic for the first week in June 2019.

There being no other items, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 8th May.