

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 15th January 2013.**

Present

Mr John Watts - Chair
Mrs Jean Burley
Mrs Shirley Collins
Mr Ben Lay
Mrs Valerie Maher
Mr Julian Mellor

3 members of general public

Apologies Dr Stephen Fraser - Clerk

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2012 were signed as a true record by the Chair

Matters Arising

2013 Meetings The Clerk has confirmed the dates (shown as provisional in the last minutes) for 2013 Council meetings and booked the White Hart accordingly.

Abingdon Road Potholes The large pothole close to Cedar House has been repaired.
Jean Burley undertook to 'map' and report all other potholes along Abingdon Road

Removal of Trees/
Shrubs Near Bus Stop It has been suggested that this work is carried out in conjunction with the erection of the Vehicle Actuated Sign. There is currently no date for this work

Tubney Bus Stop Seat The Chairman and Clerk have secured the necessary funding from the Area Stewardship Budget for the seat and it's installation. Payment of £472 is due within 28days, thereupon the seat can be ordered and arrangements made for its installation.
The seat proposed is a 150cm Grade A Classic Teak Garden Bench from Sustainable Furniture UK Ltd.
Installation will require an anchor kit

Planning

P12/V2434/LB
Old Farmhouse,
Fyfield No objections

P12/V2541/FUL
Appleton Upper
Common, Change of
Use of Land Objections raised, mainly regarding noise, number of pitches, car parking, wildlife, existing activities. None of which was adequately considered within the application

Finance

Current Situation

No transactions since last meeting	
Income to date:-	£500
Expenditure:-	£355.18
Balance:-	£1082.52
Forthcoming Clerk's expenses due:-	£50
Forthcoming charge for Web site & Domain:-	£80.45

Precept

The Council's expenditure for 2013/2014 was expected to be similar to the current year. Therefore it was proposed and agreed to set the precept for 2013/14 at:- £500.00

Fibre Optic Broadband

Gigaclear Progress

The main fibre optic cabling has been installed in Fyfield. Current operations are in Netherton.

Boxcom were installing individual property connections in Fyfield

First connections could be live by the end of the month

Discussions with OCC/BT

Both the Chairman and Clerk had had separate discussions with OCC/BT regarding the community's decision to go with Gigaclear. The OCC/BT process follows recent Government grants to enable 'superfast' broadband to rural communities to give a minimum speed of 2Mb/sec by 2015. The BT standard is to lay fibre optic cable to new street cabinets and thence connect properties via their existing copper phone lines. Prices from OCC/BT have not been forthcoming. However they were not in existence when the Gigaclear initiative was taken up.

It should be noted that the Gigaclear fibre optic option is a community initiative rather a PC initiative.

Accident on footpath between Old Coal Yard and Church

Following an accident where a parishioner slipped and fell, the Clerk has sought ownership details of the footpath to enable remedial action.

Some ownership details of the path still remain in doubt:-

- From Main Rd north to the church green - OCC
- Short section from Old Coal Yard to first bend - Coal Yard residents
- Connecting East West section at rear of old vicarage - unknown, but may, by default, belong to St Johns College

In the mean time Bruce Harris and John Bradley undertook to salt both 'their' and the 'unknown' sections. Ben Lay would provide the

salt from the parish's road salt supply. OCC would salt their section.

Any Other Business

Strategic Housing

Land Availability

Assessment (SHLAA)

Consultation

Identifies the potential of sites to accommodate housing - it does not allocate land, which is done through the emerging Local Plan

Certificate of Lawful

Development

Loft Conversion at 2, The Ride

An application for this conversion had been received that sought a Certificate of Lawful Development which, if granted, would mean that there would be no need for a planning application and thus the development could be carried out as a permitted development.

VofWH Building Plan

and Threat to Small

Villages

A proposal for joint action by CPRE and the Small Village Alliance.

Meeting at Longworth, Village Hall on 30/1/13.

3 from our parish expect to attend.

Gate at West End of

Main Road

Val Maher requested an update on condition/repair of the gate

New Electricity poles

Julian Mellor queried the existing poles that had been left in place after new taller electricity poles had been installed throughout Fyfield and Netherton. It was thought that the old poles would be removed once the phone cables had been transferred to the new poles.

The Elms

No further developments had been received by the PC, however Mark Baker thought that the development might be on hold until May pending a St. Johns College review after they had, reportedly, received outline planning for a large development in Kingston Bagpuize adjacent the A420/A415 roundabout.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th March 2013

Meeting closed at 8:30pm