

**Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting  
held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012.**

**Present:** Mr John Watts – Chair.  
Mrs Jean Burley.  
Mrs Valerie Maher.  
Mr Julian Mellor.  
Dr Stephen Fraser – Clerk.  
  
Alison Wright, Savills & Architect  
  
Eleven members of the general public.

**Apologies**

Mrs Shirley Collins.

**Development of The Elms**

Alison Wright from Savills indicated that it was proposed to demolish The Elms and erect two houses on a parcel of land bounded by The White Hart car park and its kitchen gardens. A number of mature trees would be preserved. The houses would be of a traditional design with access from Netherton Lane. The back lane into The White Hart car park would be lost. It was hoped to apply for planning permission before the end of the year.

Initial plans for the site were circulated and resulted in a lively discussion.

Concerns were raised but not limited to the height of the buildings, vehicle access and maintenance of the wall belonging to The Old School. Ms Wright indicated that the concerns raised would be considered before final plans were produced. A copy of the plans was left with the Clerk and further feedback was invited.

**Minutes of the Last Meetings:**

Minutes for the meeting held on the 16th May 2012 and the extraordinary meeting of the 13th June 2012 were signed as a true record by the Chair.

**Matters arising.**

The Appleton Road had been resurfaced but concerns were raised that the culvert had not been reinforced. The repair would be monitored to see if a further collapse occurred.

The Clerk had been due to meet with Lee Turner to consider to positioning of the VAS on the A420. Mr Turner had been unable to attend due to personal reasons and another meeting was to be arranged.

Mr Watts had installed the Diamond Jubilee Plaque on the Millennium Stone.

The Cherry Tree had been trimmed by Mr Russel Gooding. He had removed an additional section from the crown of the tree where it had reverted. The extra work had increased the cost from £110.00 to £115.00. Mr Lay had disposed of the resulting cuttings.

The Clerk had made initial enquiries concerning the two Water Pillars with a view to obtaining a preservation order. Personal issues had prevented him from completing the task..

**Planning.**

The following Planning Decisions had been returned with No Objections

- P12/V1089 Heathside, Tubney
- P12/V1208/HH 4 South Cottages, Fyfield Wick
- P12/V1125 Sports Ground & Pavilion Abingdon Road. Comments were raised over increased traffic, the dramatic increase in the adult population of the parish and that the development would impact Kingston Bagpuize far more than this parish.
- P12/V1373/HH Boundary House Tubney

- P12/V1444/HH Overton House Fyfield
- P12/V1320/HH Willow Barn Netherton
- P12/V1523/FUL Stone Court Tubney. Comments were raised concerning both the height and the likely noise of the turbine.
- P12/V1461/FUL Stone Court Tubney
- P12/V1125 Sports Ground & Pavilion Abingdon Road – Revised

To record the following Planning Decisions Granted:

- P12/V1089 Heathside, Tubney
- P12/V1050 Pig Improvement Company Site
- P12/V1208/HH 4 South Cottages, Fyfield Wick

To record the following Planning Decisions Circulated:

- P12/V1800/FUL Craftmatic House Fyfield Wick

This application had not been returned to the Clerk and the date for replies had now been passed.

To consider the following Tree Felling:

- Sycamore – Lansdown House, Fyfield

The application was examined and it was resolved that there were no objections to the felling of this tree.

### **Finance.**

The Clerk reported that the following have been paid as resolved in the meeting of the 16th may 2012:

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| • Domain fees for web site | £22.28  |
| • Diamond Jubilee Plaque   | £117.90 |
| • Tubney Church Organ Fund | £100.00 |

As reported above, the cost of the Cherry Tree Surgery had increased by £5.00 as extra work had been done. This had been paid and the Chairman initialled the invoice and cheque stub in confirmation.

- Russel R Gooding – Cherry Tree Surgery      £115.00

The Clerk reported that the second instalment of Precept had been banked and that the bank balance was currently £1,085.52.

The Clerk reported that the External Audit had been returned. There was a comment concerning a £1 rounding discrepancy on the bank reconciliation but otherwise the audit was complete and no charge levied.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme was now active. He had been appointed Area Coordinator with nine local coordinators in addition to himself. A total of 80 households were participating being 61% of the properties within the scheme area..

### **Appleton Fibre Optic Broadband**

Gigaclear had received 31 confirmed orders towards the 46 required to activate the scheme. A further 12 who had expressed definite interest were being followed up. Gigaclear were now offering three months half price rental for the first 50 confirmed connections, including those that had already signed up. Another demonstration event was planned for Saturday 13th October in Appleton Village Hall.

### **AOB.**

Mr David Bellchamber from OCC had been in contact concerning bus signs and timetables to be erected at Fyfield crossroads and in Netherton to which the Council had no objection. A request for a seat at the stop on the A420 outside Tubney Church had been passed back and would be considered under the Area Stewardship scheme. A response was awaited from Laura Hutchins.

A letter had been received confirming the status of 'Southmoor, Kingston Bagpuize and Surrounds' as rural in respect to the granting of permission for a chemists business in Southmoor.

Mrs Collins had requested that consideration be given to clearance of the foliage at the exit of the Coach Road onto the A420. The Clerk to contact the Highways Department.

Mrs Maher commented that the latest Highways Newsletter referred to weed killing at various locations but that Mr Iain Brown had indicated that this was not possible in Fyfield. The Clerk to chase again to see if treatment could be done before winter. Mrs Maher also reported that a gutter sweep might take place in December.

.Mr Watts reported that the Tubney Woods gravel pit infill and restoration was on course to meet its dates of 2015 and 2016 respectively. However, this may be extended if the rubble from the Kidlington Cement Works was recycled rather than being sent to landfill.

The meeting was closed at 8:23pm.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012.