

Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th March 2026.

1. Present.

Mrs. Penny Budgen – Chair.
Mrs. Claire Cable-Alexander.
Mr. Nicholas Keene.
Dr. Sarah Stanhope.
Dr. Stephen Fraser – Clerk.

Four members of the general public.

2. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from

Dr. Dimitrios Hatzis.
Mr. James Plumb – OCC Councillor.
Mr. Mark Coleman – VofWH Councillor.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising.

1. Blocked Drain opposite No. 8 Abingdon Road.

The repair had been done. It remains to be seen if it cures the flooding problem.

2. 30mph Road Markings in 20mph area Digging Lane..

The 30mph markings had been changed to 20mph. The Fix my Street issues on the other road markings had not been addressed.

3. Graffiti in the A420 Underpass.

This had been removed.

4. Communication of PC achievements/plans.

Dr. Hatzis's document had been circulated on the PC email list and placed on the web site.

5. Weed Clearance from footpaths and Deep Clean events.

There seemed to be no resolution of the disconnect between Council responsibilities for keeping pavements clean and free from weeds and vegetation growth. The Deep Clean event did not allocate enough days to the parish to bring all areas up to an acceptable standard.

6. Fyfield Bus Stop Light.

Highways had replaced the light with a brighter lamp. User feedback was awaited as to how effective this had been.

5. Proposed Hills Quarry & Tubney Action Group.

Hills had still not responded the the latest request for information by the Planning Department. Nothing could be done until this was received.

6. David Wilson Homes.

The Boundary Review process had been started by District to move the site into KB&S Parish.

Mr. Varney stated that he had been given notice that the electricity cables across the site were scheduled to be buried. He queried when construction work would begin. As far as was known, this would be in June or July.

He also queried if there was any written output from the recent meeting of the council with DWH. **The Clerk to forward the email statement from the DWH Technical Director to Mr. Varney.**

Mr. Varney also queried if the council had received notification of any Traffic Management Plan as there did not appear to be any information on the web site. **The Clerk to enquire of DWH if such a plan has been agreed.**

7. **Produce Show.**

Two options were presented for future shows given that the team providing the marquee last year were unwilling to repeat the offer:

1. Hold the show entirely within the church with some gazebo stands on the entrance path. The church was keen for this option but space usage would require careful management.
2. Hold the show at the White Hart using their marquee but we would need to make it clear this was a Parish Council event, not one organised by the pub.

A further issue was the potential date.

Firstly, should there be a show this year or leave until next year. Consensus was that we should go ahead this year.

The village fete was earmarked for the 23rd August. This would mean that the show would be on the 5th September if after the fete. Concern was expressed at the closeness to the fete given that many people would be involved with both events. A later show date would probable be impractical. An earlier date, though not mentioned at the meeting, might be a better option.

Councillors to review the options above including whether the show is held this year or delayed until next year. Responses to the Clerk by the end of March.

8. **Play Area**

Dr. Hatzis's paper suggesting that the St. Johns triangle be used as a play area had been rejected by St. Johns and the tenant. Mrs Budgen had made enquiries concerning alternative locations. Mr. Gillet unfortunately needed all his grazing fields whilst the pub garden was rejected by St. Johns.

Mr. Daley had offered to propose that one of the allotments be used and would propose such at the next meeting of Fyfield United Charities in April.

9. **Planning.**

The following applications have been returned Supported.

- P24/V2698/FUL Willowfields Energy Park
- P25/V2598/FUL Westbury House, Fyfield Wick
- P26/V0385/HH Bluebell House Frilford Heath

The following application was returned Objected.

- P25/V2702/MPO Land East of Kingston Bagpuize

The following applications were Time Expired with no response.

- P25/V2700/S73 Land East of Kingston Bagpuize
- P25/V2746/RM Land East of Kingston Bagpuize
- P24/V2698/FUL – FRI Willowfields Energy Park

The following application was Responded to with comment.

- P25/V1677/FUL – FYF Land at Digging Lane, Fyfield

Ms. Roberts informed the meeting that there was a notice on the gate by the proposed Dog Walking Field implying that the development would affect nearby listed buildings. There was no such information on the planning web site but the application timeline had been extended which had delayed residents tabling further objections. Ms. Roberts would seek clarification as to the meaning of the notice and inform the council.

10. Finance.

The current balance of accounts was as follows:

Precept Account brought forward.	£12,521.78
S Fraser – Easyspace SSL Hosting	£46.30
Mrs Budgen – Dataprint Footpath Signs	£100.80
Available Precept	£12,374.68
 CIL Account brought forward.	 £15,290.90
No transactions since the last meeting.	
Available CIL	£15,290.90

No further transactions were anticipated before the financial year end.

11. Adoption of Internet Banking.

The Clerk informed the meeting that, at last, a current account and a savings account had been allocated by HSBC to the council. He had just set up internet banking for himself and had started the process to add Mrs. Budgen. One added, then dual authorisation would be initiated. During the application, a Visa card had been offered but this had not yet been received. The Clerk stated that any card transactions would not require dual authorisation. The only anticipated use of the card was to formalise the regular payment of web and email hosting charges but these would immediately be visible to the authorised internet users. The council was happy for a card to be used for this purpose.

12. AOB.

There being no AOB items, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting Thursday 7th May 2026.