

Minutes of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2025.

1. Present.

Mrs. Penny Budgen – Chair.
Mrs. Claire Cable-Alexander.
Dr. Dimitrios Hatzis.
Mr. Nicholas Keene.
Mr. Alan Woodward.
Dr. Stephen Fraser – Clerk.

One member of the general public.

2. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from

Dr. Sarah Stanhope.
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. Dog Waste Bin – Marsh Lane.

The Clerk reported that he had applied to the Vale District Council for a waste bin at the entrance to the lane. He had had no feedback to date.

2. Fyfield Allotments and PC Responsibility.

The Clerk reminded council that they had a duty under the Charity Scheme to nominate two trustees on a rolling basis. Each trustee to serve for a period of four years. Trustees may be re-appointed at the end of their term. Terms should be staggered such that one trustee is nominated every two years.

3. County Councillor's Priority Fund Application.

As no councillor had suggested an application to this fund, the Clerk had suggested that Mr. MacElvogue apply for a grant in respect to the Community Space in the church. He could do this without Parish Council involvement.

5. Produce Show Feedback.

Mrs Budgen had circulated detailed output from a Feedback Meeting prior to this meeting.

The day had been well received in the village and deemed a success. Mrs Budgen wished to thank all on the organising committee for their hard work.

A total of £1,287.37 had been taken on the day. Of this £901.16 had been donated to the NSPCC towards Childline and £383.21 towards the Community Space fund. (£200.00 had been taken on the PCC Sumup tablet direct to their bank account and thus only £186.21 appears in the PC accounts as transferred to the PCC.) The Clerk had received acknowledgement from NSPCC and had posted the letter on the web site.

Whilst the cost to the Parish Council exceeded the takings, this was never the intention of the event. In any case, a lot of the publicity material can be used again.

Regarding a repeat show next year, Mrs Budgen had spoken to The White Hart regarding using their grounds and Orangery. This had been well received and would avoid some of the issues regarding insurance, marquee erection/dismantling, power availability etc.

6. Proposed Hills Quarry & Tubney Action Group.

OCC still awaited Hills' response to the latest Section 25 request.

David Periam has replaced Mary Hudson as the lead Planning Officer for this application. No reason for the change was given.

The Clerk to arrange an evening meeting with James Plumb to discuss the application.

7. David Wilson Homes.

This development will be known as Ferris Green after Henry de Ferris of Fyfield.

Council had been asked to consider a boundary change such that this development be moved into Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor Parish. This because residents would naturally gravitate towards the larger village. In addition, Council was reluctant to take on maintenance of the open spaces whilst KB&S were able to perform this task in addition to existing maintenance tasks.

Mrs Budgen proposed, seconded by Dr Hatzis, that Council would support a boundary change application from KB&S Parish Council in respect to this development. The motion was carried unopposed.

Mrs Budgen had met an SSE Engineer surveying a route between the substation on Netherton Road and the development, passing along Netherton Lane. He estimated that if this route was chosen, work would last up to eight weeks causing considerable disruption.

Given that the lane is used by buses for school access, the Comet bus and farm access, it was felt that this disruption would be unacceptable. Representation was made to David Wilson Homes who pointed out that they had no control over the route taken, SSE decided that power should come from our sub-station and they would decide the route.

8. Memorial Garden.

Mr MacElvogue had presented an update on the garden and a final invoice covering planting. Because the garden had been extended this was greater than the estimate from several years ago as extra planting was needed. However, this did hide the unsightly area around the nearby pine trees making the garden much more attractive.

It was **resolved** to pay Mr. MacElvogue the outstanding balance of £2,698.09.

9. Planning.

The following applications have been returned Supported.

- P25/V2002/FUL Hog House, Fyfield Wick
- P25/V2188/HH 2 North Cottages, Fyfield Wick
- P25/V2207/FUL The Farmhouse, Fyfield Wick

The following was Objected to:

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

It was noted that the decision on this application had been delayed but that there was an objection from Highways and comments from the Environment Officer that supported resident's objections. Fyfield United Charities had indicated that such a change of use did fall within any lease covenant.

10. Finance.

The current balance of accounts was as follows:

Precept Account brought forward.	£14,269.01
Produce Show Fliers and Signs	£242.40
KB&S News Advert for Produce Show	£54.00
Dataprint Fyfield Produce Show	£337.20
Oxford Cow Fyfield Produce Show	£37.00
Sandwich Express Fyfield Produce Show	£73.50
Dataprint Fyfield Produce Show	£198.00
Receipts from Produce Show	£1,087.37
Donation to PCC	£186.21
Donation to Child Line	£901.16
Produce Show Prizes and Thank you's	£189.49
Clear Insurance Management Ltd.	£615.64
Available Precept	£12,521.78
 CIL Account brought forward.	 £20,988.99
PCC Grant for completion of Path	£3,000.00
Available CIL	£17,988.99

The Clerk had received notification that District Council required details of next year's precept. Budgeting for the forthcoming year was difficult as most expenditure was on an 'ad hoc' basis. Typical precept expenditure amounted to £6,000 with CIL expenditure as required. After some discussion Council **resolved** that the precept be increased to £11,000.

The Clerk completed the form which was signed by the chair.

11. Adoption of Internet Banking.

This was proving difficult as the online application process did not cater for organisations such as a Parish Council. The Clerk was unhappy responding with incorrect information to force the application through. Following discussion with his contacts at HSBC, he hoped to arrange a 'face to face' meeting with a Business Advisor so that the process could be completed without false statements.

12. Tubney Speedwatch Group.

The Clerk reported that he had attempted to find out if this group was still active with little success. There were three potential members and one inactive due to ill health. Tyrone Parkinson, the remaining administrator, was not responding to emails.

Dr Hatzis confirmed that all the equipment was stored at his house.

13. Deep Clean Event.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Biffa would be in the parish between the 24th and the 26th of November. He had requested that they concentrate on the pavements of Main Road Fyfield east of the crossroads and the path from there to the church.

The Clerk to notify residents in advance.

14. Meeting Dates for 2026.

The Clerk had booked the White Hart for the following dates:

Thursday 8th January 2026

Thursday 12th March 2026

Thursday 7th May 2026

Thursday 10th September 2026

Thursday 12th November 2026

15. AOB.

There being no other items, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:55pm.

Next Meeting Thursday 8th January 2026.