

**Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September.  
2023 in St. Nicholas Church, Fyfield at 6.30pm.**

Present: Cllr P Boyes – Chairman  
Cllr S Sagers – Vice Chairman  
Cllr V Philips  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly  
Member of the Public - 2

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

**WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Cllr V Philips declared an interest in the Planning Application 23/01754/FULLN.  
Cllr P Boyes declared an interest in the Planning Application 23/02003/CLEN.

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.**

The Parish Council have two vacancies.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY**

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported: County Councillor Mr C Donnelly reported:

- None of the schools in Hampshire had to shut as a result of the recent issue with concrete that was reported in the National Press.
- The Cango Bus service was recently put forward to be cancelled. Cllr Mr C Donnelly found out about it by chance. After several weeks of negotiating a limited service will still be provided and Hampshire have agreed that this will be backed up with a taxi scheme. More details will follow in due course.
- Covid Vaccinations are starting again, and details should be forwarded by the Doctors Surgeries.
- Hampshire County Council are facing a large deficit in the Budget as 85% of their budget goes on Adult and Children Social Care. There will be many cuts in the HCC Budget for the next financial year.
- HCC are looking at the litter problem that is escalating due to the use of single vape inhalers.
- Hampshire Police are looking at reintroducing Neighbourhood Policing to tackle the increase in rural crime.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The Chairman signed the July 2023 Minutes as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.**

WEBSITE – Cllr S Sagers sent a list of suggestions to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting and will now start putting together content for the Website.

It was agreed that content will be forwarded to the Parish Councillors for approval before being added to the website.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES – There were no new issues to report. Reporting potholes is on-going.

VILLAGE SIGN – It was agreed that the Clerk will investigate getting a sign made that can be placed over the existing sign with the wording:

**FYFIELD  
PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY  
THROUGH THE VILLAGE**

A proof of the design and costing will be viewed by the Parish Council before an order is placed.

FOOTPATH NR ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH -The Lengthsman has completed the work. It was reported that there is a pile of rubble that has been dumped (nothing to do with the Lengthsman). This was thought that this a case of fly-tipping and will be reported to Test Valley Borough Council.

PLANTERS AND VILLAGE SIGN.

A budget of £200 was agreed for the Planters. Cllr V Philips will organise the planters.

TREES.

The following statement on Trees will be printed and delivered to residents of Fyfield:

Dear House Holder

Fyfield Parish Council have noticed that this summer there have been a significant number of trees in the area that have suffered with what tree surgeons call "Summer Branch Drop".

Several of our neighbouring parishes have had large branches falling from trees causing damage to property, resulting in insurance claims. In several cases the householder was not adequately insured and has been considerably out of pocket.

The Parish Council urge you to look at your insurance cover if you have large trees in your garden or grounds. You might also consider getting your trees surveyed for your own peace of mind and for insurance purposes, this may assist you if you ever need to put in a claim.

It may also be worth your while checking the Government Web Sites regarding Householders responsibilities regarding overhanging trees, damage to neighbouring properties can be very expensive and you need to make sure you are covered.

The Parish Council would like to point out that this is just a round robin letter for your information.

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An up-dated poster that was used for the Village Fete will be on the reverse.

MINUTES – The Parish Council Minutes are now displayed on the Church Notice Board.

VILLAGE GREEN.

- The rope swing has been removed.

- It was decided to leave placing a bench on the Village Green until the Spring. A new bench recently installed in Kimpton Play Area will be viewed to see if it is felt suitable, it can then be ordered and stored ready for installation in the Spring.
- It was also agreed that moving the Notice Board can wait until the Spring.
- A quote to add some steps up the bank from the entrance gate will be obtained.

#### Play Area.

- The old bench has been removed and a new and a picnic bench will be purchased in the Spring.
- The hedge around the Playing Field has been cut back.
- The Chairman reported that he has made contact with Philip Dean from Manor Farm to discuss the proposals and to discuss the tenancy.
- Cllr S Siggers will get brochures and prices for Play Equipment to give some idea of cost and size. The decision on how to use this land will depend on the discussion with Manor Farm.

#### **PLANNING.**

23/02215/TREEN – Fell 1 Yew Tree and 1 California Lilac Tree – Rose Cottage, 1 Rose Lane, Fyfield – CONSENT with NO OBJECTION.

23/01754/FULLN – Construction of access – Jasmine Cottage, Fyfield – Concerns have been raised on safety – OBJECTION.

23/02003/CLLEN – Application for lawful development certificate for an existing change of use of land to residential garden – Bracondale, Fyfield.  
NO COMMENT.

23/02400/FULLN – Demolition of two semi-detached bungalows and erection of three detached dwellings – The Wayne, Grange Close, Fyfield.

The Parish Council discussed this application, the applicant has addressed all the points raised at the previous application. It was noted that Concerns have been raised regarding visitor parking by neighbouring residents. The Parish Council agreed that this will only exacerbate the parking issue in Grange Close, which has been previously highlighted during Parish Council Meetings. OBJECTION.

#### **FINANCE.**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

##### **Income.**

TVBC Precept = £9,000.00

TVBC Grant = £1,000.00

**£10,000.00**

##### **Expenditure**

|                     | <b>£</b> |
|---------------------|----------|
| Clerk               | 1590.00  |
| Village Maintenance | 1018.00  |
| Street Lighting     | 256.44   |
| F.S.S. Maint 2023   | 258.90   |
| FPCC Grant KC       | 750.00   |

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Administration    | 342.00                  |
| Audit Fee         | 195.00                  |
| Storage           | 30.00                   |
| Bank Charges      | 65.00                   |
| Village Green     | 1,861.69                |
| Dog Bin Emptying  | 255.14                  |
| Defib/Cab/Fitting | 1,518.00                |
| Church Footpath   | 890.00                  |
| Insurance         | 682.65                  |
|                   | <b><u>£9,712.82</u></b> |

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Opening Balance 1/4/2023 | = £11,058.43               |
| Plus Income              | = £10,000.00               |
|                          | <b>= £21,058.43</b>        |
| Less Expenditure         | = £ 9,712.82               |
| Money in Bank            | <b>= <u>£11,345.61</u></b> |

### **SOUTHERN WATER.**

- Ground water levels are still very high. Pumping at Kimpton, Fyfield and East Cholderton have been cut back as the sewers seem to be coping at the moment.
- The gel work on the sewers is continuing. 76 properties in Fyfield have been completed with a further 56 to go. 11 properties can not be done for various reasons. The temperature in the sewer pipes is still being monitored for data collection.

### **PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.**

CLLR S SAGGERS – Reported:

- That the noise from the Bird Scarer in the field at the bottom corner of the village heading into Stanbury Road will be monitored next year
- Cllr S Saggars suggested that steps to the Defibrillator from the Fyfield Road are added to make access easier. This was agreed and will be investigated.
- Aster Housing have not yet addressed the Rat problem in Duncan's Close. The Clerk was asked to send a follow up letter.
- A complaint has been received from a resident that Dark Lane is being used a Scramble Track. This will be reported to Hampshire Rights of Way.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

- It was reported that speeding through the village is still a major concern of residents. This was discussed and it was agreed that purchasing an additional flashing speed reminder sign will be investigated and Hampshire Highways will be asked to conduct a speed survey.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

### **DATES OF THE NEXT MEETING – 6.30pm In Fyfield Church.**

28<sup>th</sup> November 2023