

**Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting held on the 30th of May 2023
in St. Nicholas Church, Fyfield at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr B Vickers – Outgoing Chairman
Cllr P Boyes – Chairman
Cllr V Philips
Cllr S Saggars
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Member of the Public - 2

Apologies: County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Borough Councillor
Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME.

Mrs B Vickers welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

Cllrs P Boyes, V Philips and S Saggars signed the 'Declaration of Office'.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllrs P Boyes, V Philips and S Saggars completed and signed the 'Declarations of Interest'. There were no declarations of interest recorded.

OUTGOING CHAIRMANS REPORT.

Mrs B Vickers reminisced on the 20+ years as a Fyfield Parish Councillor, many of those years as Chairman.

- For many years Fyfield and Redenham were one Parish, before Redenham moved to Appleshaw in the late 1990's.
- The Parish Council leased the Scout Hut (now the Akido Centre) from Test Valley Borough Council and ran it as a Village Hall. With constant Vandalism and essential repairs, the cost was too great for the Parish Council, and it was handed back to TVBC, who subsequently leased the building and eventually sold the freehold to the Akido Trust.
- Meetings were held in the Church and then the Parish Office at the Fairground.
- Aster approached the Parish Council and offered to gift the land on the right-hand side of the road when entering the village from 'White House'. After many years of negotiating and the selling of part of the land for a new dwelling, a greatly reduced parcel of land was transferred to the Parish Council in late 2022. 'The Village Green'.
- After many years of problems with sewage blockages and surface water flooding Southern Water now have a plan in place to improve the system. A Parish Forum has been set up with the Villages along the Pill Hill Brook. Mrs B Vickers was keen to continue attending the meetings as it would be nice to see it through to its conclusion.

Mrs B Vickers wished to thank past and present Parish Councillors for all their time and effort and especially Richard Waterman the Parish Clerk for his 25 years of service.

Cllr Mr P Boyes thanked Mrs B Vickers for all that she has done over the years and hoped that she would still take an active part in Village Life.

FINANCIAL REPORT - END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023.

2021/2022		2022/2023
£	RECEIPTS.	£
9000.00	Precept	9,000.00
Nil	VAT Refund	574.59
Nil	Grants	1,000.00
	Solicitor Fee Refund	350.00
<u>9,000.00</u>		<u>10,924.59</u>
	PAYMENTS.	
3,996.48	Administration	1,403.94
	Clerk	3,180.00
1,141.00	Grass Cutting/Maintenance	783.00
220.56	Street Lighting	234.69
60.00	Storage	60.00
239.00	Notice Board/ Solicitors Fees	554.00
65.00	Christmas Tree	70.00
600.00	Section 137 Payments	500.00
126.00	Website Fees	
256.85	Flashing Speed Sign Maint	258.90
391.61	VAT on Payments	146.93
205.43	Dog Bin empty	
576.65	Insurance	576.65
<u>6,876.45</u>		<u>7,768.11</u>
	RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY	
7,591.53	Balance Brought Forward 1 April 2022	7,712.95
9,700.00	Add Receipts	10,924.59
	Add Cheque No 967 Written back in	209.00
<u>16,591.53</u>		<u>18,846.54</u>
8,878.58	Less Total Payments	7,768.11
<u>7,712.95</u>		<u>11,078.43</u>
	These Cumulative Funds are Represented by:	
8,223.47	Bank Account No 90359912 (Treasure)	11,217.39
510.52	Less Cheques 1006 not presented	138.96
<u>7,712.95</u>		<u>11,078.43</u>

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION – AGAR 2021/2022

The Parish Council agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption as the turnover was below £25,000.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021/2022

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022 ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statement.

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2021/2022

The Annual Accounting Statement 2021/2022 was approved by the Parish Council.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

CHAIRMAN – Cllr V Philips proposed Cllr P Boyes as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr S Sagers. Cllr P Boyes was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN – It was agreed that Cllr Sagers will take on the role of Vice Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES>

DEFIBRILLATOR – The Clerk reported that the second Defibrillator and Cabinet are due to be delivered within the next few weeks. Discussions are on-going with a resident on Fyfield Lane about the possibility of moving the Defibrillator from the Church.

The Clerk was confident that both Defibrillators will be in more accessible positions before the next meeting.

WEBSITE – The Fyfield Website has been taken down and is no longer available. The Parish Council discussed the way forward. Several of the neighbouring Parishes have used a web designer to set up and maintain their website. The website can be tailored to the Parish Council's needs. The Websites are with IONUS 1+1.

The Clerk will speak to Michelle Shill to see what domain names are available. Fyfield.Life is a dormant site, intended to be populated and used by the village events committee which could be used in the shorter term if needed in order to meet compliance obligations.

FOOTPATH NR ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH.

The Clerk has placed the order for the Footpath with Premier Grounds and Garden Maintenance (The Lengthsman). A start date has yet to be confirmed by the Lengthsman.

SOUTHERN WATER – Ground water levels have risen and are very high. Pumping at Kimpton, Fyfield and East Cholderton have resumed.

The Chairman explained the work that has been carried out in Kimpton and Planned for Fyfield to stop Ground Water entering the sewer system.

PLANNING.

23/00691/FULLN – Retention of external store enclosure – Snowdrop Equestrian, Stanbury Road, Fyfield – PERMISSION subject to conditions.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

FINANCE. 1st April 2023 – 30th May 2023

Income.

TVBC Precept = £4,500.00

TVBC – Grant = £1,000.00

= **£5,500.00**

Expenditure	£
Clerk	530.00
Village Maintenance	300.00
Street Lighting	170.88
F.S.S. Maint 2023	258.90
FPCC Grant KC	750.00
Administration	166.00
Storage	10.00
Bank Charges	10.00
New Fencing	1,861.69
Village Green	
	<u>£4,057.47</u>

Opening Balance 1/4/2023 = £11,058.43
 Plus Income = £ 5,500.00
= £16,558.43

Less Expenditure = £ 4,057.47
 Money in Bank **= £12,500.96**

VILLAGE GREEN.

The Fencing and gate have now been erected. Brian Pearce has now started cutting the Village Green. The Parish Council discussed the Village Green and Play Area. It was agreed that:

- A site meeting will take place to look at the space available on the Village Green and what could be done. The siting of the Notice Board will be agreed.
- The possibility of removing the old play equipment, levelling the area and placing Picnic Benches to provide an open space will be looked at. Fencing to match the Village Green will also be considered (Subject to agreement from Manor Farm).
- A bench will be purchased for the Village Green
- Dogs will not be allowed on the Village Green.

KINGS CORONATION.

The weather held for the Kings Coronation Celebrations and the event was a great success. Approximately 130 people attended, and a good time was had by all.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

- One of the 30mph signs at the entrance to the village has been hit and is not facing oncoming traffic. Cllr S Sagers will report this on the Hampshire Highways website.
- The Fyfield Village Sign is obscured by vegetation. The Clerk will get the Lengthsman to clear vegetation from all of the road signs. The Parish Council discussed the first impressions when entering the village and having a new Fyfield Village Sign and Planters. The cost will be investigated.
- An abandoned car will be reported to the Police to investigate.
- Cllr V Phillips was keen on pursuing a letter to residents reminding them of their responsibility for overhanging trees.
- Concerns were raised about overgrown areas belonging to Aster in Duncan's Close. Rats have also been seen in the area. Cllr S Sagers will write to Aster about this issue.

- Cllr S Sagers suggested that a poster is put together with the Parish Council Contact Details for display at the Village Fete. This was thought a good idea. Cllr S Sagers will produce a poster that could be displayed on an 'A' Board.

CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman stated that he was looking forward to the next chapter in the Fyfield Parish Council history and that he wished to improve on inclusivity and would welcome any feedback from the village. His aim is to improve communication within the village, promoting an inclusive and positive place to live and work.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

- The Parish Council were sorry to hear that the Coffee Morning float had been taken from the Church and urged that it be reported to the Police.
- A comment on what a shame the Cow Parsley on the road verges leading to the village was cut down was noted. It was felt that the Cow Parsley should have been left as it encourages wildlife. The Chairman agreed that it was a difficult decision taken by Highways and thought that road safety may have been the deciding factor.
- The issue of rats in the village was raised again and noted.

PARISH CLERK.

The Chairman was pleased to report that Richard Waterman our Parish Clerk has withdrawn his Resignation and has agreed to continue and looking forward to working with the new Parish Council.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES OF THE 2023 MEETINGS – In Fyfield Church.

25th July

26th September

28th November