

## **Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 in Fairground Village Hall, Weyhill at 6.30pm.**

Present: Cllr P Boyes – Chairman  
Cllr V Philips – Vice Chairman  
Cllr M Hinds  
Cllr R Gimlette  
Cllr F Jefferies  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly  
Members of the Public – 4.

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

### **WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.**

Cllr P Boyes proposed that Mrs R Gimlette be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr V Philips. All agreed. Mrs R Gimlette signed the Declaration of Office and was welcomed onto the Parish Council.

Cllr P Boyes proposed that Mrs F Jefferies be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr M Hinds. All agreed. Mrs F Jefferies signed the Declaration of Office and was welcomed onto the Parish Council.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Cllr V Philips declared an interest in Planning Application 24/02387/FULLN/

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The Chairman signed the July 2024 Minutes as a true record.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.**

**VILLAGE SIGNS:** The Village Signs and Planters have been installed and received favourable comments from residents. It was noted that the old reflective Fyfield Sign now needs removing. The Clerk will organise this.

The Chairman thanked Mr Diplock for supplying the posts for the Village Signs.

**PLAY AREA –** The Clerk gave the Parish Councillors a copy of the Draft Lease for their comment before a final draft is sent to Mr Philip Dene, the Manor Farm Trust representative. The Parish Council discussed adding a litter bin in the vicinity of the Play Area/Village Green. The Clerk will speak to TVBC regarding the emptying of the litter bin and the cost involved.

**BENCH AND PICNIC TABLE –** The bench for the Village Green and the Picnic Table for the Play Area were installed over the summer.

**HIGHWAYS –** The Chairman reported that Various highway repairs in the village are still outstanding. Cllr Mr C Donnelly will chase Hampshire Highways for an up-date and time frame for the repairs.

FOOT BRIDGE – Mr B Pearce has repaired the footbridge over the stream in Rose Lane.

**PLANNING.**

24/01056/PIPN – Permission in Principle for erection of a single dwelling - Land rear of Bracondale, Fyfield. Refused by TVBC. Appeal remains under the review by Planning Inspectorate.

24/01897/FULLN – Demolition of three existing agricultural building and erection of five dwellings with hard standing, soft landscaping and associated works – Land Southeast of the Wayne, Grange Close, Fyfield. The Parish Council will make comment echoing resident’s concerns on access and limitations in that area.

24/02387/FULLN – Creation of vehicular access – Highland Wedding, Fyfield. Cllr V Philips reported that the application was withdrawn and will be re-submitted with full architect drawings following a complaint from a neighbour.

TREE WORKS – Routine crown reductions and removal of Ash Trees – Replace with fruit trees or smaller ornamental tree - 9 Saddlers Mews, Fyfield. NO OBJECTION.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING – The Parish Council have been approached by TVBC regarding a meeting to discuss Affordable Housing in Fyfield. The Chairman will contact TVBC to invite them to the January Meeting.

The Chairman reported that concerns have been raised over reports that land owned by Clare Macnamara has been sold to a developer along with the garages adjacent to the Aikido Centre. The effect on the local infrastructure and the additional traffic through the village are a few of the issues that will need to be addressed.

**FINANCE. 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2024 – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Income.**

Precept	£9,000.00
VAT Refund	£1,061.84
	<b><u>£10, 061.84</u></b>

**Expenditure**

	<b>£</b>
Clerk	2,120.00
Village Maintenance	1,732.25
F.S.S. Maint 2023	348.00
FPC Grant	500.00
Administration	313.00
Audit Fee	205.00
Storage	40.00
Bank Charges	77.00
Xmas Tree	75.00
Website Set-up/Fees	538.52
Bench and Picnic Table	777.60
Insurance	634.13
Street Lighting	121.39
Water Testing Kit	19.54
	<b><u>£7,501.43</u></b>

Opening Balance 1/4/2023	= £ 5,880.40
Plus Income TVBC ½ Precept	= £ 9,000.00
VAT Refund	= £ 1,061.84
	<b>= £ 15,942.24</b>
Less Expenditure	= £ 7,501.43
Money in Bank	<b><u>= £ 8,444.81</u></b>

### **2025/2026 PRECEPT.**

The Parish Council discussed the Precept for the financial year 1/4/2025 to 31/3/2026.

The Clerk reported that that budget will need to cover the following increase in costs for:

- Grass Cutting £640
- £60 Insurance
- £250 Maintenance
- £500 for the ongoing donation to the Church
- £420 - The Clerk asked that the Parish Council considered increasing his Administration fee to £300 a month in line with neighbouring Parishes of a similar size. The Clerk reported that he as of this meeting he has been Parish Clerk to Fyfield for 30 years.

The Parish Council agreed to increase in costs and the Clerks increase in Administration Fee. All agreed that the Precept for the year 1/4/2025 to 31/3/2026 will increase by £2,000 to £11,000. Proposed by Cllr P Boyes and seconded by Cllr M Hinds.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.**

Cllr Mr C Donnelley reported:

- HCC are holding a Flood Forum to look at water courses in Hampshire to identify responsibilities and to enhance their enforcement procedure.
- HCC are looking at their policies on Children with special needs.
- HCC are providing hubs for free school meals and activities during the Christmas Holidays.
- HCC and TVBC are working together to provide help to those struggling with the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel payment. Residents who have concerns should contact Citizens Advice.
- HCC are conducting a survey on the walking and cycling routes in the County.

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

CLLR P BOYES – Reported:

- Borough Councillor Mr and Mrs Lashbrook have been invited to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate, Ypres. They are dedicating the wreath to those from our local communities who lost their lives in the Great War. The Parish Council were asked to identify any names from the village who served and died in the Great War.
- Cllr P Boyes warned the Parish Council of an increase in spoof emails impersonation members of the Parish Council.

- Cllr asked the Parish Councils approval for the donation to the Christmas Tree. The Parish Council all agreed.
- Cllr P Boyes reported that Manor Farm have Ash dieback on trees bordering the A342 and will be felling several trees.
- Test Valley Borough Council are reviewing their Planning Enforcement Plan.

CLLR V PHILIPS – Reported that several branches have fallen from the trees belonging to Aster behind the Bus Shelter on the Village Road. The Clerk was asked to contact Aster to come and remove the branches and to inspect the trees they own.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

The proposed planning application for development in the field behind Stanbury Road was discussed. Those wishing to make comment have until the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2024. This was noted.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

28<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.

NOTE: This will be held in the Parish Office, The Fairground Craft Centre at Weyhill.

**WEB SITE.**

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