

**Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting held on the 26th March
2024 in St. Nicholas Church, Fyfield at 6.30pm.**

Present: Cllr P Boyes – Chairman
Cllr V Philips
Cllr M Hinds
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – Mrs B Vickers

Apologies: County Councillor Mr C Donnelly, Cllr Mr P Lashbrook and several Parishioners.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

The Parish Council still have two vacancies.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.

The Chairman reported that Cllr Mr C Donnelly had sent his Hampshire Report prior to the meeting. Points of interest included:

- Hampshire County Council have committed to investing £173 Million to provide 13 new Nursing Homes in the County. Cllr Mrs P West asked Cllr Mr Donnelly if he could provide further information on how this investment will be spent. Cllr Mr C Donnelly said he would investigate and report back.
- HCC have also committed to put a further £5.9 Million into Education to improve wrap around school clubs.
- 98% of school place application got their preferred school.
- HCC have increased their share of the Council Tax Bill by 4.99%
- Hampshire Highways are undertaking a major patching programme for the roads.
- Rainfall for February 2024 was recorded as being double for the reading taken in February 2023.
- There are grants available to help those struggling with energy costs. Details are available on the Hampshire County Council Website.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

WEBSITE – Cllr V Philips has obtained several photographs of the Parish and has sent them to the Clerk to forward on to the Web Master.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES – There have been several incidents of flooding during the recent wet weather. Reporting potholes is on-going.

VILLAGE SIGNS: The Clerk reported that the signs have been done and he asked the Parish Councillors to confirm their positions so he can get them erected.

PLAY AREA – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council’s Solicitor would draw up a draft lease for the land belonging to Manor Farm if this helped to speed up the process. Cllr Mr Boyes will relay this to the Farm.

3 VILLAGE SPORTS TRUST – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council paid their £250 towards the maintenance and this was matched by a £250 donation from the Old Fyfield School Foundation Charity.

The Clerk will get a quote for the fencing and gate. Order the replacement swing seats, Bench and Picnic Table. It was also agreed to get a quote for an additional Dog Bin.

PLANNING.

The Chairman reported that the outline planning permission for a small part of the field behind Standbury Close in Thruxton has been REFUSED.

23/02814/FULLN – Installation of 4 x additional static homes and 4 touring caravans for family needs and e x entrance gates and walling (Retrospective) – Land adjacent to Beechcroft, Andover Road, Redenham, Andover – NO OBJECTION.

FINANCE.

1st of April 2023 – 26th of March 2024

Income.

TVBC Precept = £9,000.00

TVBC Grant = £1,000.00

£10,000.00

Expenditure

£

Clerk 3180.00

Village Maintenance 1525.62

Street Lighting 516.77

F.S.S. Maint 2023 258.90

FPCC Grant 500.00

Administration 399.80

Audit Fee 195.00

Storage 60.00

Bank Charges 111.00

Village Green 1861.69

Dog Bin Emptying 255.14

Defib/Cabinet/Fitting 3376.50

Church Footpath 890.00

Insurance 682.65

Kings Coronation 772.35

Village Signs 389.40

3 Village Sports trust 250.00

£15,224.82

Opening Balance 1/4/2023 = £11,058.43

Plus Income = £10,000.00

= £21,058.43

Less Expenditure = 15,224.82

Money in Bank = **£ 5,833.61**

Vat to be claimed back £836.08.
(With VAT Claim year end carry forward Balance £6,669.69)

SOUTHERN WATER UP-DATE.

- Southern Water returned to Kimpton to carry out repairs to further leaks in the sewage system, this has now been completed and they are due back to continue work in Fyfield.
- Work is also to be undertaken to repair the main sewer pipe through the meadow between Kipton and Fyfield.
- The road between the two villages will be closed in April between 8am and 5pm. The date of the closure has yet to be confirmed.

PAN PARISH FORUM.

Mrs B Vickers attended a recent Pan Parish Forum meeting. The work Southern Water is carrying out on the Pillhill Brook is having an effect. There are less tankers over pumping. However, groundwater levels are still high for the time of year.

Independent water testing along Pillhill Brook has begun. Mrs B Vickers reported that she is now taking readings from the brook on the 1st Monday of the months and has been supplied with a Water Testing Kit. Cllr M Hinds offered to help if Mrs Vickers was away. Mrs B Vickers thanked him for his offer.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR M HINDS – Reported that some time ago the Parish Council had discussed and agreed that the website address would be displayed on the Bus Shelter, would it also be a good idea to have a QR Code. This was thought a good idea, the Chairman will take this on.

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

Mrs B Vickers spoke about the flooding on the corner of Dark Lane and suggested that this could be resolved by digging out the stream and raising the banks. This was briefly discussed and will be investigated. It was not sure if permission would be needed as there may be vertebra in the stream.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

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

28th May 2024.

DATES FOR THE 2024 MEETINGS.

28th May

30th July

24th September

26th November