

Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting held on the 25th of July 2023 in St. Nicholas Church, Fyfield at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

The Parish Council have two vacancies.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported:

- Hampshire County Council have been awarded a Green Flag from many of their parks.
- The school vouchers for meals over the Summer Holidays will continue.
- Hampshire County Council now have a strict policy in dealing with illegal Gypsy Encampments on Council owned land. Hampshire County Council will provide an alternative site for them to stay. Further work is being undertaken on a policy to deal with illegal vehicle trespass on Council and Private land.
- Hampshire County Council have been given an additional £6.5 Million to assist with the repair of the potholes in the County.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES>

DEFIBRILLATOR – The Clerk reported that both Defibrillators are now in more visible and accessible positions at either end of the Village. One on the fence between the Glass Bus Shelter and turning into Grange Close, and the other on the wall of the garage of the last house on the left before the turning to Saddlers Mews.

WEBSITE – www.fyfieldparishcouncil.org.uk is up and running. The May Minutes and the Annual Accounts are on the website. The Parish Council will now start adding pages and filling the website with information.

The headings for the website were briefly discussed and it was agreed that Cllr S Sagers would compile a list of suggestions and send to the Parish Councillors for their comment.

FOOTPATH NR ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH -The Lengthsman confirmed that work will start in August weather permitting. The footpath will be closed for a few days while the work is being done.

PLANTERS AND VILLAGE SIGN.

It was agreed that a new Village Sign will be designed and costed. The Planters have been priced and range from £15 upwards. It was agreed to proceed. Cllr V Philips will organise the planters.

TREES.

The Clerk reported that after reading the letter to residents Shipton Bellinger sent out many years ago it is now out of date and he proposed that he consulted with County Councillor Mr C Donnelly to produce a letter with the backing of Hampshire County Council, to be sent out to residents reminding them of their responsibilities. The Parish Council agreed.

HIGHWAYS.

Cllr S Saggars gave an update on the issues relating to Highways:

- Potholes in Duncans close have been repaired.
- The flooding under the bridge to the White House has been bad over recent weeks and there are many parts from cars left in the area.
- The bent 30mph sign has been reported to Highways.
- A letter has been sent to Aster regarding unkept areas in Duncans Close.

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

FINANCE. 1st April 2023 – 25th July 2023

Income.

TVBC Precept = £4,500.00

TVBC Grant = £1,000.00

£5,500.00

Expenditure

£

Clerk 1060.00

Village Maintenance 560.00

Street Lighting 256.44

F.S.S. Maint 2023 258.90

FPCC Grant KC 750.00

Administration 201.00

Audit Fee 195.00

Storage 20.00

Bank Charges 39.00

Village Green 1,861.69

Dog Bin Emptying 255.14

Defib/Cabinet/Fitting 1,518.00

£6,975.17

Opening Balance 1/4/2023 = £11,058.43

Plus Income = £ 5,500.00

= £16,558.43

Less Expenditure = £ 6,975.17

Money in Bank **= £ 9,583.26**

Vat to be claimed back £749.44

SOUTHERN WATER.

Glen McCubbing reported:

- Southern Water have had a few technical issues with their vehicles which has held up progress on the planned work. Southern Water will now double their efforts to catch up.
- SSE have finished upgrading the Pump and will soon be reinstating the fencing around the pumping station.
- Southern water has installed a Water Garden at Kimpton School.
- Ground water levels have risen and are very high. Pumping at Kimpton, Fyfield and East Cholderton have resumed to help alleviate the effect on the sewers.
- The gel work on the sewers carried out in Kimpton has not been as successful as first hoped and is being assessed to make improvements.

VILLAGE GREEN AND PLAY AREA.

The Parish Council have looked at the green and the Play Area they currently rent from Manor Farm. A plan of action has been agreed:

Village Green.

- To meet the insurance brief the rope swing will be removed.
- A Parishioner has offered to donate a bench.
- Cllr S Saggars questioned if banning dogs from the Village Green was a good idea as it may restrict families using the space. This was discussed and it was agreed by a majority that for health and safety reasons the decision that no dog will be allowed on the Village Green stands. It was agreed that rings will be added to the fence so that dogs can be tethered outside the area.

Play Area.

- Fencing to match the Village Green will be priced. (Subject to agreement from Manor Farm).
- The old bench will be removed, and a picnic bench purchased.
- The hedge around the Playing Field will be cut back.

The Chairman will make contact with Manor Farm to discuss the proposals and to seek their permission.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR S SAGGERS – Reported that there has been a noise complaint regarding a Bird Scarer in the field at the bottom corner of the village heading into Stanbury Road. It was felt that as the crops are being harvested the problem will disappear. Contact numbers for local landowners will be compiled so that if a problem occurs in the future they can be contacted.

Cllr S Saggars reported that there have been several comments from parishioners on speeding through the village. This will be monitored.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mrs B Vickers reported that the bench on the track to the Church is in need of some maintenance. The Clerk will speak to Brian Pearce.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

START TIME.

It was agreed that from September 2023 the Parish Council meetings will start at **6.30pm.**

DATES OF THE 2023 MEETINGS – In Fyfield Church.

26th September

28th November