

Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th of January 2025 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
Clare Jenkins and Lisa Kerr – TVBC
Janet – Secretary to the Phill Hill Brook Association.

Apologies: Apologies Cllr V Philips – Vice Chairman, Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook and County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESENTATION – TVBC.

Clare Jenkins and Lisa Kerr introduced themselves and spoke about a Housing Survey for Fyfield. Points raised included:

- A rural exemption site has been put forward by a landowner for an affordable housing scheme in the Parish of Fyfield. At present the position of the site cannot be identified.
- The development will be a small local site with a local connection criteria.
- English Rural Housing a registered provider has been contacted to manage the provision of shared ownership houses.
- TVBC have been contacted to work with English Rural Housing and to assist with completing a housing survey.
- English Rural Housing are keen to meet with the Parish Council to discuss this matter further and answer any questions.
- The Parish Council were asked if they supported a Housing Survey? TVBC will assist with the housing survey, this will be delivered to every house in the Parish by the Parish Council. The whole process should take 6 to 8 weeks.

The Parish Council were all in agreement that a Housing Survey should be done and would be keen to work with TVBC and English Rural Housing.

The Chair thanked Clare and Lisa for coming and looked forward to further discussion on this matter.

PHILL HILL BROOK ASSOCIATION.

Janet spoke about the continued work of the Phill Hill Brook Association. A Team of volunteers are continuing to take water samples to monitor the condition of the water flowing in the Phill Hill Brook.

The issue of insurance has been raised and needs clarification from each Parish Involved. The Clerk reported that he has spoken to the Parish Council's insurers and volunteers working in the Fyfield Parish will be covered under the Parish Council

Clerk	2,650.00
Village Maintenance	1,732.25
F.S.S. Maint 2023	348.00
FPCC Grant	500.00
Administration	313.00
Audit Fee	205.00
Storage	50.00
Bank Charges	96.00
Xmas Tree (2 Years)	150.00
Website Set-up/Fees	576.92
Bench and Picnic Table	777.60
Insurance	634.13
Street Lighting	121.39
Water Testing Kit	19.54
	<u>£8,173.83</u>

Opening Balance 1/4/2023	= £ 5,880.40
Plus Income TVBC ½ Precept	= £ 9,000.00
VAT Refund	= £ 1,061.84
	= £ 15,942.24

Less Expenditure = £ 8,173.83

Money in Bank **= £ 7,768.41**

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR F JEFFERIES – Spoke about the state of some of the footpaths in the parish and stated that she would be willing to take on the responsibility of Footpath Officer.

The Parish Council thought excellent news. The Clerk will look though the Parish Files for Footpath Maps. Cllr P Boyes explained how the 'What Three Words' App worked as he was sure this would assist Cllr F Jefferies when identifying issues on the footpaths.

CLLR R GIMLETTE – Spoke about the lack of repair to the Fyfield Road through the village, despite regular reports to Hampshire Highways. Cllr R Gimlette also spoke about the white line on the road through the village, the white line gives the impression that the road is wide enough for two cars to pass, it is not, and this is why all the verges through the village are being eroded. Cllr R Gimlette suggested that the Parish Council ask for the white line to be removed.

The Parish Council thought this a sensible solution. The Clerk will relay this to County Councillor Mr C Donnelley to put to Hampshire Highways.

CLLR P BOYES – Reported that Kimpton Primary School are looking for School Governors. Cllr F Jefferies stated that this is something she may be interested in and asked for further information. Cllr P Boyes provided Cllr F Jefferies with a contact email.

Flooding Issues – Pillhill Pan Parishes. The Pillhill Pan Parishes met with Hampshire County Council (HCC) Flood and Water Management (FWM) on Wednesday the 27th of November to discuss the flooding hotspots of which Fyfield flooding featured. HCC Highways conducted a tour of the Pillhill Pan Parish catchment in May 2024 with

multiple actions, many of which remain outstanding. Pumping arrangements are being discussed and HCC have been asked to provide a formal response to what the drainage assets/arrangements are at the hot spots.

CLLR V PHILIPS – had raised two issues by email for the Parish Council to discuss:

1. After recent heavy rainfall all of the bridges out of the village flooded. The water was very deep and not suitable to drive through.

The Parish Council all agreed that something needs to be done. Hampshire Highways need to sort this problem out. Cllr Mr C Donnelly will be asked to escalate the problem with Hampshire Highways. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook will also be copied into any correspondence.

2. Many residents through the village are not cutting their hedges back and they are now protruding so far into the road that it is making the already narrow road even narrower!

The Parish Council agreed, and it was felt that a formal approach to homeowners was the best route if this did not result in action Hampshire Highways would be contacted.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

25th of March 2025 in Fyfield Church at 6.30pm

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