

Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th of November 2023 in St. Nicholas Church, Fyfield at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr P Boyes – Chairman
Cllr S Saggars – Vice Chairman
Cllr V Phillips
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Glen McCubbing - Southern Water.

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook, County Councillor Mr C Donnelly, Mrs B Vickers and several Parishioners.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr V Phillips declared an interest in Planning Application 23/02522/TREEN.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

The Parish Council have two vacancies.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

WEBSITE – The Clerk reported that he has started to action the list of suggestions for the layout of the website to the web master. Photographs are needed to add to the site. The Chairman will have a word with a local photographer to see if she could help.

Cllr S Saggars felt that the Parish Councillors needed access to the website to add content and needed to take control.

The Chairman agreed that content needed to be added to the website and this is in hand. The Chairman referred back to the May 2023 Minutes:

'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.'

Cllr P Boyes and Cllr V Phillips voted to leave the website as it is for the time being, gradually adding content and updating the Minutes and legal requirements for Audit. The website will be reviewed in six months.

Cllr S Saggars was not happy with this decision and said she will resign at the end of the meeting. The Chairman stated that he was sorry to hear her decision but accepted her resignation.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES – There were no new issues to report. Reporting potholes is on-going.

VILLAGE SIGNS: The following signs were agreed.

1. Two signs with black lettering on a white background with a black border.



2. Two signs with black lettering on a white background with a red triangular border.

PEDESTRIANS IN THE ROAD

3. One sign with black lettering on a red background.



4. Two 20MPH signs with Black Lettering on a white background within a red border.

PLANTERS - Cllr V Philips will organise the planters ONCE THE Village Signs have been made.

TREES - The Tree Flyer has been delivered to the village and will be put on the Website.

VILLAGE GREEN – Cllr S Saggars reported that she has spoken to four Landscape Design Companies for a price to undertake a site visit, discuss our ideas and have them put into a draft design to work with will range from £700 - £1000 plus VAT. The quotes were sent to the Parish Council prior to the meeting.

The Chairman and Cllr V Philips thanked Cllr S Saggars for undertaking this investigation. However, this was not what had been agreed at a site meeting earlier in the year. The Parish Council had agreed that they would wait to see the outcome of the question of the field belonging to Manor Farm before any project is considered. As the 'Village Green' is such a small area it was agreed to try and keep it as open as possible for the enjoyment of the village. Also, a big factor in any plans for the future will be budgetary restraints. To spend up to £1000 on a design plan is a waste of Parishioners money.

It was agreed by majority that at this moment in time the Parish Council will not be proceeding with a Landscape Design Company.

The Clerk reported that he has ordered the Bench for the Village Green.

PLANNING.

23/02400/FULLN – Demolition of two semi-detached bungalows and erection of three detached dwellings – The Wayne, Grange Close, Fyfield.
This planning application has been withdrawn by the applicant.

23//01754/FULLN – Construction of access – Jasmine Cottage, Fyfield – PERMISSION.

23/02215/TREEN – Fell 1 Yew Tree and 1 California Lilac – 1 Rose Lane.
– NO OBJECTION.

23/02522/TREEN – Tree works - Highland Wedding, Fyfield – NO OBJECTION.
Cllr V Phillips had declared an interest and has made no comment.

23/02003/CLEN – Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing change of use of land to residential garden – Breacondale, Fyfield – CERTIFICATE ISSUED.

HEDGE REMOVAL.

Cllr V Phillips stated that the hedge adjacent to the Fyfield Road outside The Highland Wedding is to be removed. Test Valley Borough Council have been consulted and confirmed that Planning Permission is not required.

FINANCE.

1st April 2023 – 28th November 2023

Income.

TVBC Precept = £9,000.00

TVBC Grant = £1,000.00

£10,000.00

Expenditure

£

Clerk 2120.00

Village Maintenance 1485.62

Street Lighting 256.44

F.S.S. Maint 2023 258.90

FPCC Grant 500.00

Administration 399.80

Audit Fee 195.00

Storage 40.00

Bank Charges 75.00

Village Green 1861.69

Dog Bin Emptying 255.14

Defib/Cabinet/Fitting 3136.50

Church Footpath 890.00

Insurance 682.65

Kings Coronation 772.35

£12,929.09

Opening Balance 1/4/2023 = £11,058.43
Plus Income = £10,000.00
= **£21,058.43**

Less Expenditure = 12,929.09

Money in Bank = **£ 8,129.34**

2024/2025 PRECEPT.

The Clerk produced a Balance Sheet showing the Estimated Results for the Year 2023/2024 and the Budget for the Year 2024/2025. Each item was explained. The Parish Council agreed that there would be no increase in the Precept for the next Financial Year. The Fyfield Parish Council Precept was set at £9,000.

SOUTHERN WATER.

Glen McCubbing from Southern Water reported:

- Pumping at Kimpton, Fyfield and East Cholderton have been cut back as the sewers seem to be coping at the moment. Tanker operations have been reduced from 7 a day to 2.
- Work has been on going at Thruxton over recent weeks and is nearly complete.
- The Team is due to re-start work in Fyfield with in the next few weeks. Unfortunately, there will be road closures while work is undertaken.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR S SAGGERS – Reported:

- Dark Lane being used as a Scramble Track has been reported to Hampshire Rights of Way and the Police. This is being monitored.
- Fly Tipping reported to TVBC has been removed.
- The Bus Service has been removed and replaced by a 'Dial a Ride Taxi' Service. Details can be found on the HCC and TVBC Websites.

CLLR V PHILLIPS – Reported:

- Concerns about the energy cost of running the defibrillator cabinet have been raised by Mr and Mrs Miller. The Clerk reported that the cabinet only uses the power of a 60Watt bulb to power the light and a small heater. The defibrillator takes no power from the cabinet. This was discussed and it was agreed that a £120 a year payment would be offered to both residents that host the Defibrillator cabinets.
- A resident who owns a garage on the track to the Church has reported that the structure was recently damaged by the TVBC Vehicle that empties the Dog Bin. The Parish Council were sorry to hear this, but this issue needs to be taken up with TVBC.
- A complaint has been received from a parishioner regarding the car parking on the road outside Jasmin Cottage.

CLLR P BOYES – Reported:

- The TVBC Website is still showing the contact details for the previous Parish Council. The Clerk will contact TVBC.
- The lighting of the Christmas Tree will be on Sunday 3rd December with Christmas Carols. The Parish Council will share the cost again with the PCC. The Clerk will pay £75 into the PCC's Bank Account.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

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

30th January 2024.

DATES FOR THE 2024 MEETINGS.

30th January

26th March

28th May

30th July

24th September

26th November