

**Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting held on the 30th January
2024 in St. Nicholas Church, Fyfield at 6.30pm.**

Present: Cllr P Boyes – Chairman
Cllr V Philips
Cllr M Hinds
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public - 1

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

PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that due to the resignation of Sarah Saggars the Parish Council were no quorate and he had to contact Test Valley Borough Council to intervene. Test Valley Borough Council have appointed Cllr Mr P Lashbrook as a temporary Parish Councillor until the vacancy can be filled.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

The Chairman introduced Mr Matthew Hinds who as expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. The Chairman proposed that Mr Matthew Hinds be co-opted on to the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr V Philips. All agreed.
Mr Matthew Hinds signed the Declaration of Office. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mr Matthew Hinds on to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council still have two vacancies. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook agreed to continue in his role as temporary Parish Councillor until the Parish Council are back up to strength.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

WEBSITE – The Clerk reported that work has been ongoing on the website and it is looking better with more pages and several links have been added. Photographs are needed to add to the site. It was agreed to hold a separate sub-committee meeting to review the website in more detail at a later date.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES – There were no new issues to report. Reporting potholes is ongoing.

VILLAGE SIGNS: The Clerk reported that the signs have been ordered.

VILLAGE GREEN – Work on making the Village Green more usable for residents will resume in the spring.

PLAY AREA - Cllr P Boyes was pleased to report that Manor Farm Estate have confirmed the Trustees will grant an extended/long lease for the land with the caveat we pay any legal costs to put in place. They are investigating costs. The Parish Council thought this excellent news and they could now continue with their plans to open and tidy up the area.

PLANNING.

24/00058/TREEN – Crown life Sycamore up to 2m and Reduce crown of Cherry Tree by up to 1m – Lilac Cottage, Fyfield – NO OBJECTION.

23/02779/FULLN – Replace dark brown UPVC windows with dark brown timber flush casement windows – Spring Meadow, Fyfield – PERMISSION.

The Parish Council were made aware that outline planning permission has been submitted/granted for a small part of the field behind Standbury Close in Thruxton. The Parish Council were concerned that this would have an impact on Fyfield and will OBJECT.

FINANCE.

1st April 2023 – 29th January 2024

Income.

TVBC Precept = £9,000.00

TVBC Grant = £1,000.00

£10,000.00

Expenditure

£

Clerk 2650.00

Village Maintenance 1525.62

Street Lighting 386.29

F.S.S. Maint 2023 258.90

FPCC Grant 500.00

Administration 399.80

Audit Fee 195.00

Storage 50.00

Bank Charges 92.00

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

£13,895.94

Opening Balance 1/4/2023 = £11,058.43

Plus Income = £10,000.00

= £21,058.43

Less Expenditure = 13,895.94

Money in Bank **= £ 7,162.49**

PAN PARISH FORUM.

Mrs B Vickers attended a recent Pan Parish Forum meeting and provided a report that will be attached to the master copy of these minutes. The Chairman gave a summary of the report:

Groundwater levels have started to ease with the exception of the recent 20mm of rain.

The total number of tankers servicing the catchment is now 11: 5 @ Kimpton; 1 @ Mullens Pond; 3 @ Amport, 2 @ Manor Farm with the 2 @ Little Ann Bridge having been removed [as of 29.01.24].

3 weeks high likelihood of over pumping into Pillhill Brook @Kimpton (UV treated Sewage) being assessed at the Stanbury Road station by the bridge.

Assessment of repairs to be assessed 5th Feb across the villages. Beryl is down to attend 1030.

Previous solution to line pipes may not be suitable for all when they recommence due to 1bar of pressure in places.

Manhole sealing program continued team currently in Duncan Close.

Reassuring to know that if they hadn't have lined Fyfield, tanker issue would be worse.

Pill hill Brook Association - water quality testing kits.

Independent water testing along Pillhill Brook, initiative building on the Pan Parish Forum.

They are seeking funding for 3 kits which are unfunded. Vitacress, Amport Fisheries and SW have funded sets. Suggest of splitting the cost of the 3 kits across the 7 PPF members, Total of £92.14 (covers 2 yrs.) All data is captured and published.

The Parish Council agreed to this expenditure.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR P LASHBROOK

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported:

- The new Chief Constable is making major changes to the way Hampshire is to be policed. Andover has been up-graded and it is planned to restore the 'Police Bobby' on the rural beats.
- The Test Valley Draft Borough Plan is out for consultation and is available to view on the Test Valley Borough Council Website.

PARSIH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR P BOYES – Reported that a request for funding towards the maintenance of the Playing Field from Three Village Sports Trust. Thruxton, Fyfield and Kimpton are being asked for a contribution of £500 each. The Parish Council agreed to the contribution of £500.

It was noted that an increase in drug use at the three Village Sports Field has been reported to the Police. A centred effort on dog fouling is being undertaken and seems to be having an effect.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

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

26th March 2024.

DATES FOR THE 2024 MEETINGS.

26th March

28th May

30th July

24th September

26th November