

**Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> July  
2024 in St. Nicholas Church, Fyfield at 6.30pm.**

Present: Cllr P Boyes – Chairman  
Cllr V Philips – Vice Chairman  
Cllr M Hinds  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
Members of the Public – Two.

Apologies: The Chairman reported that he was not expecting Cllr Lashbrook after he took ill. The Chairman has sent our best regards following the email from his wife, Linda.

**WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

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

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.**

VILLAGE SIGNS: The Chairman reported that he had spoken with the owner of the land, Claire MacNamara. Claire believes that particular spot is likely highways as her land boundary isn't 100% to the road. - On the basis it was decided to proceed.

Cllr V Philips reported that the Planters have been purchased and need to be put together, put in position and planted up. Cllr V Philips and Cllr M Hinds undertook to do this. Once the planters are in place the Clerk will instruct Mr Brian Pearce to erect the signs.

Mr Diplock offered to supply the posts for the Village Signs at no charge to the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Mr Diplock for this generous offer.

PLAY AREA - The Chairman reported that he had spoken with Philip Dene, the Trust representative. - He provided a couple of standard clauses to be included in the Draft Lease. The Clerk will now contact the Parish Council's Solicitor so he can draw up a draft lease to send to the farm trust for approval. Once this has been agreed and signed the Parish Council can proceed to install the fence and gate.

Mr Diplock again offered to supply the materials for the fencing and gate. The Chairman thanked him again for this generous offer. Parish Funds are limited and only having to pay the labour costs for the fencing will free up funds for other projects in the Parish.

BENCH AND PICNIC TABLE – The Clerk reported that the bench for the Village Green and the Picnic Table for the Play Area have been delivered and he has instructed Mr Brian Pearce to install them.

HIGHWAYS – The Chairman reported that Various highway repairs in the village have been completed, including a couple of man hole covers (requiring a ½ day road closure). – The Chairman has received an update from Cllr Donnelly, surface treatment to Water lane, The Green, Kimpton Lane & Deacon Lane, Fyfield between Snoddington Road to Tidworth Road. This will involve Road Closures 0730-1800 during the week.

### **PLANNING.**

24/01056/PIPN – Permission in Principle for erection of a single dwelling, Land Rear of Bracondale, Fyfield Andover. Land Rear of Bracondale, Fyfield.

The Chairman reported that around 23 objections had been lodged. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, the application was refused, sighting various non compliances to local planning Policy. 17 June, appeal was lodged to the Secretary of State. 32 documents, 282 pages. 21 June Planning Inspectorate have confirmed they confirmed the appeal application is valid.

24/01345/TREEN - T1 - Maple - Reduce and shape by up to 3m, reduce all overhang back to fence line and reduce away from roof 3 Saddlers Mews Fyfield.  
Status: Decided, no objection.

### **FINANCE.**

Mr Diplock asked where the Parish Council got their income from.

The Clerk and Chairman explained that the Parish Council produce a budget each year for the running of the Parish and submit a request for the Precept to Test Valley Borough Council. The Parish Council get the precept in two payments in April and September of the following financial year. The Precept requested is divided by the various bands of properties in the Parish and is shown on the Council Tax Bill as Parish Precept.

### **Financial Report for 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2024**

#### **Income.**

VAT Refund	£ 836.08
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#### **Expenditure**

	<b>£</b>
Clerk	1,068.00
Village Maintenance	863.25
F.S.S. Maint 2023	348.00
FPCC Grant	500.00
Administration	142.00
Audit Fee	205.00
Storage	40.00
Bank Charges	47.00
Xmas Tree	75.00
Website Set-up/Fees	420.92
Bench and Picnic Table	777.60
	<b><u>£4,458.77</u></b>

Opening Balance 1/4/2024	=	£ 5,880.40
Plus Income TVBC ½ Precept	=	£ 4,500.00
VAT Refund	=	£ 836.08
	=	<b>£ 11,216.48</b>

Less Expenditure		
April and May	=	2,617.32
June and July	=	4,458.77

Money in Bank	=	<b><u>£ 4,140.39</u></b>
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VAT Refund to be reclaimed = £198.52

### **PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.**

CLLR P BOYES – Reported that the Church & Village Fete was a success, counting was taking place this evening limiting members of the public attendance. The Pillhill Brook Association, Janet Wright had a stand, talking about the testing of the waters, very well received building on the support the PCC had provided with the Southern Water projects.

The Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils & TVBC Joint Conference - 21 September 2024.

Rebecca D'Alcorn, Democratic and Corporate Business Manager, Legal and Democratic Services at TVBC had asked that the Parish Councillors confirm that no changes to their Councillors Declarations of Interests. The Clerk has responded.

Cllr P Boyes reported that he has been informed that the Board Walk on the Bridge over the stream in Rose Lane is broken and in urgent need of repair. The Clerk will report this to Hampshire Rights of Way and Hampshire Highways. Mr Brian Pearce would also be asked for a rough cost to repair should the PCC elect to commission the repairs themselves.

Cllr Mr P Boyes reported that the Parish Council information on the TVBC Website has been updated but they have not taken off the old Councillors. The Clerk will contact TVBC.

CLLR V PHILIPS – Reported that the trees belonging to Aster are again overhanging the footpath behind the Bus Stop and are a danger to residents using this footpath. The Clerk will report this to Aster.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Clare spoke about the poor state of the road through the village. The side of the road in areas has fallen away and there are many potholes. Residents are not cutting back their hedges and many are growing out into the road making it narrower so that two cars have difficulty passing. This also has safety implications for pedestrians.

Cllr V Philips reported that last year a leaflet was printed and distributed to householders reminding them of the riparian responsibilities regarding trees and hedges. The Parish Council have no powers to enforce and can only report issues to Hampshire Highways.

The Clerk was asked to report the overgrown hedges to Hampshire Highways. The Parish Council also encouraged Clare to also report the overgrown hedges to Hampshire Highways via their website. The Clerk explained that this is very easy to do, and they have an on-line form to fill.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATES OF THE NEXT MEETING – 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 at 6.30pm In Fyfield Church.**

**DATES FOR THE 2024 MEETINGS**

26<sup>th</sup> November – NOTE: This will be held in the Parish Office, The Fairground Craft Centre at Weyhill.