

## **Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 in Fyfield Church at 6.30pm.**

Present: Cllr P Boyes – Chairman  
Cllr V Philips – Vice Chairman  
Cllr M Hinds  
Cllr R Gimlette  
Cllr F Jefferies – Footpath Officer  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
Members of the Public - 5

Apologies: 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.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The Chairman signed the January 2025 Minutes as a true record.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.**

PLAY AREA – Mr Philip Dene, the Manor Farm Trust representative has not yet made any comment on the Draft Lease. Cllr Mrs R Gimlette will contact Mr Philip Dene. 35 4" nails have been removed from the cross bar of the swing. It is proposed to install bird spikes.

ASTER TREES – Aster have confirmed that they will look at the issue and take the necessary action, it is believed that they have carried out some clearance work in this area.

PILLHILL BRROK - The Pillhill Pan Parishes want to change building regulations in chalk catchments to ensure all new or modified sewage installations use PVC piping instead of traditional cast iron or clay pipe sections. This is crucial to prevent groundwater from entering the sewage system. They have prepared a generic letter that each parish can use when reviewing planning applications to support this aim.

HIGHWAYS – The Chairman spoke about Flooding Issues – The 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.

Suggestion received via social media as to feasibility of installing a raised walkway alongside. Unlikely for Lenham bridge, but the Ludgershall Road bridge (white house) already has sides.

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY.**

The Parish Council briefly discussed affordable housing and agreed to proceed with the Affordable Housing Survey, working with TVBC and English Rural Housing to establish if there is a need in the Fyfield Parish. The Clerk will confirm via email to Lisa Kerr from TVBC.

### **PLANNING.**

**24/01056/PIPN** – Permission in Principle for erection of a single dwelling - Land rear of Bracondale

Following our last meeting, the Planning Inspectorate have refused the appeal 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 25. As mentioned as an after note on the minutes.

**24/01897/FULLN** – Demolition of three existing agricultural building and erection of five dwellings

- 2<sup>nd</sup> December 24, HCC stance stated:

*'the proposal is considered to not presently demonstrate an acceptable proposal and as such a standing objection is maintained'*

- Additional drawing uploaded 'ACCESS ARRANGEMENT 11.2M RCV SPA' additional Refuse Collection Vehicle (RCS) illustration.

- HCC then confirmed 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 24, their concerns had been addressed.

- Cannot see the response we drafted from a Parish perspective.

- Additional public comments, including a good explanation of refuse lorry vs construction lorries, echoing concerns about access. Also concerns about the future expansion, which as we know aren't strictly valid in planning consideration terms. Access remains a significant concern for what is a very small access road, used by residents, families and pedestrians.

Further impact when parking restrictions are introduced compounding the existing parking constraints.

**24/02387/FULLN** - Creation of vehicular access – Highland Wedding.  
Withdrawn.

**25/00335/TREEN** - T1 Ash - Fell to ground level, G1 - Hornbeam - Reduce lower lateral by up to 3m, Bracondale

Received: Tue 11 Feb 2025 | Status: Decided / No objection.

**25/00322/DDCA** - Fell dead Cherry tree to ground level, Fyfield House

Received: Mon 10 Feb 2025 Status: Decided / No objection, requires replacement tree planting of same species.

**DISCUSSION:** Previous concerns raised to the Chairman via Borough or County councillors, may have been a member of the public reference land/garages at the top of the village, off Duncans Close near the Akido centre.

The Chairman has spoken to the new owner of the garage, Claire MacNamara who has categorically confirmed the purchase is to provide further access to fields from Duncans Close.

The purchase is for her own usage/enjoyment, no development plans expected. The purchase of the garages is being operated as a small business- garage/storage rentals.

Claire also mentioned we will be approached as to the installation of a gate, where garage ends, and her fields begin for easier access.

Claire is extremely approachable; I can attest to this as Claire approached her neighbours and the Parish council prior to her residential development welcomes any residents to make contact if they have any questions or queries over her land ownership.

## **FINANCE**

**1<sup>st</sup> of April 2024 – 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2025**

### **Income.**

Precept	£9,000.00
VAT Refund	£1,061.84
	<b><u>£10, 061.84</u></b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Clerk	3,180.00
Village Maintenance	1,732.25
F.S.S. Maint 2023	276.11
FPCC Grant	500.00
Administration	413.00
Audit Fee	275.00
Storage	60.00
Bank Charges	115.00
Xmas Tree (2 Years)	150.00
Website Set-up/Fees	576.92
Bench and Picnic Table	801.60
Insurance	634.13
Street Lighting	230.10
Water Testing Kit	19.54
	<b><u>£8,963.65</u></b>

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 = £ 8,963.65

Money in Bank **= £ 6,978.59**

### **PARKING IN DUNCAN'S CLOSE.**

CLlr Chris Donnelly 12/03/25 stating 'had some correspondence from villagers about general parking in Duncan's Close.'

*HCC won't put lines down there, as it would open the floodgates for just about every residential street which we [HCC] cannot afford.*

*I can ask the emergency services to do a visit to see if cars need moved, but it's going to be a tricky one to resolve.*

The Chairman reported that he has visited the area on several occasions, it is clearly congested; however, he was able to navigate through with a vehicle.

One property appeared to have 4-6 vehicles, difficult to ascertain which vehicles belong to each property.

Large number of vehicles and simply not enough space to accommodate them.

Some of the residents grievance may be due to inconsiderate parking which hinders other road users and pedestrians.

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

CLLR V PHILIPS – Reported that she has been informed that a house sale in the village fell through due to the proposed development in Grange Close.

CLLR F JEFFERIES – Spoke about the state of some of the footpaths in the parish. There were several reports that footpath signs are missing and that there is no longer a sign indicting Dark Lane at the top end of the Parish. Cllr Mrs F Jefferies will review the footpaths and report and missing signs to the Clerk, who will then inform Hampshire Rights of Way.

The Clerk gave Cllr F Jefferies the official Hampshire County Council Footpath Maps for Fyfield.

CLLR R GIMLETTE – highlighted the need for the white line on the road through the village to be removed. Residents are letting their hedges grow into the already narrow road. It was felt that removing the white line will stop the impression that the road is wide enough for two vehicles to pass.

The Clerk will again relay this to County Councillor Mr C Donnelley to put to Hampshire Highways.

The Parish Council agreed to putting up some Road Narrows Signs. The Clerk will organise for the signs to be made by Bulpitt Print.

CLLR P BOYES – Reported on the VE Day 80th Anniversary Grant Scheme - Communities across Test Valley are being encouraged by the borough council to mark a special Victory in Europe (VE) Day anniversary in May. Thursday 8 May 2025 will mark 80 years since Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces, bringing the end of World War Two in Europe. To honour this, Test Valley Borough Council have set up a scheme, which will enable communities to apply for up to £500 towards local celebrations to mark the historic event.

Consideration subject to volunteers. Securing the venue etc.

**Test Valley Civic Service 2025:** Sunday 1 June at 3pm in Romsey Abbey. Invite distributed via email.

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

The Parish Council were asked if a link to current planning applications could be posted on the website?

The Chairman reported that there is a link already on the Website to Test Valley Borough Council. All current Planning Application reference numbers are noted in the minutes. If you follow the link to the TVBC Planning Portal and put in the Planning Reference Number you should get direct access to the plans and comments.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

27<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 in Fyfield Church at 6.30pm

**WEB SITE.**

**[www.fyfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.fyfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)**.