

Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting held on the 25th of November 2025 in the Fairground Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr P Boyes – Chairman
Cllr M Hinds – Vice Chairman
Cllr F Jefferies
Cllr R Gimlette
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Members of the Public – 4

Apologies: Cllr V Phillips and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

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 September 2025 Minutes as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

VILLAGE GREEN/PLAY AREA – The fencing, gate and 'NO DOGS' sign has been installed. The Basketball Hoop has not yet been fitted. AFTER NOTE: The Basketball Hoop was fitted the day after the meeting. The Parish Council are keen to install one additional item of play equipment as there is some funding available from St.Nicholas Parochial Council.

HIGHWAYS – Potholes are continuing to be reported to Hampshire Highways as the appear.

Two of road signs in Privett Lane have been knocked and damaged by the hedge cutter. This will be reported to Highways.

BUS SHELTER– The replacement glass panel has been fitted.

PLANNING.

- **25/02226/OUTN** - Land at Dauntsey Lane Weyhill, Outline - Erection of up to 20 dwellings, with associated access, parking, open space and landscaping, and associated works, all matters reserved except for access. The site is within the Parish of Fyfield.

Fyfield Parish Council supports the principle of sustainable housing delivery, particularly where it meets demonstrated local need and aligns with the adopted spatial strategy.

Acknowledges the applicants' efforts towards landscape-led design and affordable housing provision.

OBJECTS in its current form on grounds of policy conflict, landscape harm and limited pedestrian and ecological sustainability.

The response document from the Parish Council will be attached to the master copy of these minutes and will be available to view on the Parish Council website.

A planning application to reduce a crown of an Ash tree at 2 Sadlers Mews has been received. NO OBJECTION.

LOCAL PLAN

- The Chairman reported that Cllr Chris Harris (Amport PC) held a meeting with Andy Ferrier and Graham Smith at Test Valley Borough Council on the 7th of November to discuss the Draft Borough Plan. Report attached to these Minutes and available to view on the PC website.

POTENTIAL 'GOV.UK' ADDRESS OF FYFIELDHANTS.GOV.UK

The Government have sent a derivative to Local Government stating the Parish Councils must have a 'Gov.UK' address. The Chairman thought that this would make life a lot easier for communication and will look in having a 'Gov.UK' address.

The benefits for Parish Councils include:

- The trusted and professional.gov.uk brand that people will recognise.
- Increased transparency and security compared to personal email accounts.
- The ability to manage email accounts by removing people when they leave.
- Easy access to staff email accounts to fulfil FOI obligations.
- Continuous central government monitoring for potential security vulnerabilities.
- Better legal protection because it's based in a UK jurisdiction.

All permanent staff and councillors must use individual.gov.uk email accounts rather than free personal email accounts to improve professionalism, maintain transparency and to increase security within the parish council sector.

The Parish Council discussed the matter. The Clerk reported that other Parish Councils are pursuing the matter and that he would up-date the Parish Council on progress.

FINANCE.

1st of April 2025 – 25th November 2025

INCOME

Precept £11,000.00

Expenditure

	£
Clerk	2,400.00
Village Maintenance	943.00
Defibrillator Electric	600.00
Audit Fee	225.00
Storage	40.00
Website Fees	352.40
Road Narrow Signs	56.40
Street Lighting	298.85
3 Village Sports Trust	500.00
Fyfield PCC Grant	500.00
Fencing	407.00
Flashing Speed Sign	307.98
Insurance	684.18

£7,314.81

Opening Balance 1/4/2025	= £ 6,014.28
Plus Income TVBC ½ Precept	= £11,000.00
	= £ 17,014.28
Less Expenditure	= £ 7,314.81
Money in Bank	= £ 9,699.47

BANK ACCOUNT.

The Clerk reported that the opening of the new Lloyds Bank Account has still not happened due to a technical error. Lloyds Bank hope to have this sorted soon and have offered to credit the account with £100 as compensation, once the issue has been resolved.

In the meantime, the Clerk will get Cllr P Boyes and Cllr M Hinds added to the HSBC Bank Account.

THRUXTON PRESERVATION SOCIETY.

The Chairman reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Thruxton Preservation Society. Alex Thistlewayte the new owner of the circuit offered to come and talk to Fyfield and Kimpton Parishes about his plans for the circuit. The Chairman will liaise with The Chairman of Kimpton Parish Council for a suitable date.

The Chairman reported that the recent Firework display at Thruxton raised £7,500 for Local Charities.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported:

- Hampshire County Council have a new grant scheme for the repair or replacement of Bus Shelters. Application Forms are on the HCC Website.
- The Government will be consulting with the public on 4 options for the breakup of Hampshire under Devolution. Cllr C Donnelly will inform the Parish Council when dates have been finalized.
- A link for the consultation will be put on the Fyfield Parish Council Website.
- Cllr Mr C Donnelly will be organising a Local Government Review meeting for the Parish Councils in January 2026. Date to be confirmed.
- HCC and TVBC are promoting Resilience Hubs to assist the vulnerable if there is an emergency. There is a lot of information available on the HCC and TVBC websites. Cllr R Gimlette offered to investigate and report back to the Parish Council.

A342 WORKING GROUP.

Cllr F Jeffries gave an overview on the recent A342 Working Party meeting that she attended:

- The A342 is not classified as a Trunk Road, even though it is a route that links the A303 with the M4.
- Feedback from the Villages along its length through Hampshire is to be collated.
- Proposed development of up to 6,000 houses in the area will have a devastating impact on the A342.

- Improvements are needed to the existing road to enable the large increase in potential traffic movements. The Working Party are putting together an action plan.
- The TVBC Draft Local Plan has highlighted a lot of issues regarding the A342, that have not been taken into consideration when putting forward the large numbers of proposed dwellings in the Plan.
- With the large-scale proposed development, a lot of the Villages will see their roads being used as a 'Rat Run'.
- The A342 Working Group intend to hold regular meetings, they intend to keep the Parish Councils informed of proceedings.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR R GIMLETTE – Reported that she has reinstated the Flower Trough that was knocked over.

CLLR P BOYES – Reported that the minutes on the Parish Council Website do not correspond to the right year page. The Clerk will speak to the Webmaster.

The Christmas Tree switch on will be on the 6th of December 2025 at 5pm followed by Carol Singing. The Parish Council confirmed that they would fund 50% of the cost of the tree and 50% of the cost of the new lights.

After the recent heavy rain, the three bridges out of the village flooded, unusually the bridge by Lenham Storage was flooded and a lot of mud left after the water dispersed, the sump will now need to be cleared. Cllr C Donnelly noted this and will speak to Highways.

There is a new Notice Board on the Barn adjacent to the Church Track. The Parish Council can now display their minutes and agenda.

The Parish Clerk was asked to aim to publish the draft minutes within a couple of weeks of the meeting. This was noted by the Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Parish Council's are being encouraged to look at Resilience Plan in case of an emergency. Many Parish Halls are being set up as a warm hub for the venerable of the Parish. The Clerk suggested that as Fyfield do not have a Village Hall it may be worth speaking to Appleshaw and Penton Grafton (Weyhill) Parish Councils to see if they could also accommodate Fyfield Residents as both of their village halls have been equipped to provide power, water and heating.

The Parish Clerk being Clerk for both Appleshaw and Penton Grafton will speak to the Chairmans.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The issue of liability for house holders that put blocks in their driveways to stop parking/turning of vehicles was discussed. It was thought that this is a Highways and Police matter. It was believed that there is an 18inch rule adjacent to the Highway. Cllr Mr C Donnelly will investigate and report back to the Parish Council.

Recent damage to a vehicle during a minor traffic passing incident on one of the local rural roads between Fyfield and Thrupton was reported. The Chairman will mention this to the Chairman of Thrupton to seek his opinion.

CLOSE OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

The Chairman closed the November Parish Council Meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

27th of January 2026 in the Fairground Hall, Weyhill at 6.30pm

WEB SITE.

www.fyfieldparishcouncil.org.uk.