

Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Annual General Council Meeting held on the 26th of May 2026 in The Truxton Memorial, Thruxton at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr P Boyes – Chairman
Cllr M Hinds – Vice Chairman
Cllr V Philips
Cllr R Gimlette
Cllr F Jefferies
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 31

Apologies: County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

CHAIRMAN – Cllr R Gimlette proposed Cllr P Boyes as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr V Philips. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr P Boyes was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Cllr P Boyes proposed Cllr M Hinds as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr R Gimlette. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr M Hinds was elected Vice Chairman.

CHAIRMAN' REPORT.

The Chairman wished to record a word of thanks, to our parish councilors who devote their valuable and personal time to this council, remembering that we are all volunteers. It's a testament to how a parish council can work, with the right people ensuring we don't find it burdensome and hopefully enjoying contributing to our community.

My thanks also extend to include our long-standing clerk, Richard, keeping us organized and valuable insights/contributions during the year, often acting as the focal contact point to the Parish, but also to our Borough and County councilors for their updates, attendance and support. Congratulations to HCC Mr C Donnelly for his recent re-election.

Of course, we can't forget our members of the public that attend, playing an active part in our community and village life.

Over the last 12 months, we have continued to contribute to community projects and issues that may affect Fyfield. These include:

- Working with Test Valley Borough Council a housing survey to assess the need in Fyfield was completed and the results published.
- The Parish Council are represented on the A342 Working Group. Neighbouring parishes have come together over concerns of the large-scale development in Ludgershall, Kimpton and Weyhill and the effect they will have on our village roads.
- Fencing in the Play Area/Open Space to make it safer for children. A big thank you to Mr Diplock for supplying the materials was noted.
- Two Freedom of Information requests were received and information provided.

- Supporting the church- ensuring its broader community use and of course our annual village Christmas tree sponsorship which never ceases to bring enjoyment at that time of year.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNT FOR 2025/2026

FYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

SUPPORTING STATEMENT/NOTES ATTACHED TO THE PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/3/2026.

ASSETS.

Movements in the year:

- No Assets were purchased during this financial year.
- No Assets were disposed of during this financial year.
- On 31st March 2026 the following assets were held: -

Play Equipment- 2 Swings	Insurance Value	£ 1377.54
Bus Shelter	Insurance Value	£ 1610.53
Gates and Fences	Insurance Value	£ 3000.87
2 x Defibrillators and Cabinets	Insurance Value	£ 3961.60
Bench and Picnic Table	Purchase Value	£648.00
		£10,598.54

BORROWINGS.

At the close of business on 31st March 2026 there were no loans to the Parish Council.

LEASES.

At the Close of business on the 31st of March 2026 there were no Leases in operation.

DEBTS OUTSTANDING.

At the Close of business on the 31st of March 2026 there was a debt of £217.48 VAT outstanding to the Parish Council.

TENANCIES - Privet Lane Play Area - Manor Farms, Fyfield - £50 P.A.

SECTION 137 PAYMENTS.

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to spend up to the product of £11.10 per elector for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorized by other powers.

The limit for this Parish Council in the year of account was £3,907.20 (352 X £11.10)
- Payments made were: -

Fyfield PCC – Community Grant £500

AGENCY WORK - Nil

ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY - Nil

SUPERANNUATION - Nil

**Fyfield Parish Council - End of Year Financial Report
1st of April 2025 – 31st of March 2026**

Income.

TVBC Precept = £11,000.00
Lengthsman = £ 1,000.00
£12,000.00

Expenditure	£
Clerk	3,690.00
Village Maintenance	2,045.00
Street Lighting	250.14
Dog Bin	236.65
Defibrillator Electricity	600.00
Flashing Speed Sign	307.98
3 Village Sports Trust	500.00
FPCC Grant	500.00
Christmas Tree + Lights	225.00
Insurance	684.18
Administration	279.32
Audit Fee	225.00
Storage	60.00
Website Set Fees	434.00
VAT	195.77
	<u>£10,233.04</u>

Opening Balance 1/4/2025 = £ 6,274.76
Plus Income = £12,000.00
= £18,274.76

Less Expenditure = £10,233.04

Money in Bank **= £ 8,041.72**

Bank Account Balances 31/3/2026

HSBC = £7,110.97
Lloyds = £ 995.75
£8,106.72

Less unpresented cheques:

No 098 = £ 65.00

= £8,041.72

The Parish Clerk ran through the accounts explaining each item. The Parish Council agreed to adopt the 2025/2026 Accounts. Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice Chairman.

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION – AGAR 2025/2026

The Parish Council agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption as the turnover was below £25,000.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2025/2026

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026 ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statement.

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2025/2026

The Annual Accounting Statement 2024/2025 was approved by the Parish Council.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH BDO LLP.

There were no conflicts of interest recorded with BDO LLP the external Auditor.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The Parish Council were asked if there was any news on the problem with the three bridges flooding after heavy rainfall, especially the bridge on the road to the A342 and the Bus Stop?

The Chairman reported that County Councillor Mr C Donnelly has been working hard to get this issue resolved. The latest information is that work needed to help with the drainage system to cope with the road surface water has been identified. Cllr Mr C Donnelly hopes to secure funding from Hampshire County Council and hopes that work will start sometime in May 2026.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman closed the AGM.

FYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MAY 2026 MEETING.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the Minutes of the March 2026 Meeting as true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

'GOV.UK' Address of FyfieldHants.gov.uk – Hugo Fox will be engaged to set up the Gov.UK email address and a new website. This will make the Parish Council fully compliant under Assertion 10. The emails should be in place by the next Parish Council Meeting with the Website to follow.

HIGHWAYS – Potholes are constantly reported to Highways.

VILLAGE GREEN AND PLAY AREA – Rings will be installed so that dogs can be tethered outside the Village Green and Play Area.

PRESENTATION FROM CAMBIUM DEVELOPEMNTS ON PROPSAL FOR 50 DWELLINGS IN FYFIELD.

The Chairman stated that due to the limited time of this meeting and a full agenda there may be a further dedicated developer meeting held, A questionnaire was distributed to local residents, when intent was given to submit a formal planning application.

The Chairman introduced Mr M and Mr N Pratt from Cambium Developments.

CAMBIUM DEVELOPEMNTS.

Mr M Pratt addressed the meeting. Points noted:

- Cambium Developments are a small building firm that are based in Four Marks in Alton Hampshire.
- Cambium Developments propose to apply for outline planning permission for 50 dwellings on the land at the rear of Grange Close.
- Approval for 5 houses has been approved. The proposal is to build a further 45 dwellings of which 18 will be affordable housing – identified in the recent housing survey and discussions with the TVBC Housing Department
- It is proposed to demolish the 'Wayne' to improve access to the proposed development.
- Within the development, there will be Allotments, Village Green, Play Area, a dedicated parking area for residents of Grange Close, a new footpath from the development giving access to the surrounding countryside and space for a Village Hall (Funded as a joint venture (50/50) by the Developer and with Grants.
- Mr M Pratt stated that he has been in consultation with Hampshire Highways pre application and is aware of the transport problem that face Fyfield.
- Mr M Pratt confirmed the Cambium Developments already owned the land.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The Chairman invited the members of the public to ask questions. A lengthy discussion took place, the chairman having to bring the meeting to order on several occasions. Points raised included:

- Physical access via neighbouring villages and the narrow entrance via Grange Close.
- Getting materials to the site during the building process due to the low and often flooded bridges. Noise and pollution during construction. The narrow road through Fyfield was also of concern.
- What type of affordable housing will be provided – sale or rented? The limited local services are not conducive for encourage affordable housing.
- Major concerns about the additional vehicles the proposed development will bring to the narrow road through the village.
- Access onto the A342 at peak times is a problem now, additional traffic from the village will only increase the problem.
- Having a Village Hall is an attractive option but in reality, the cost of running and maintaining a building will fall on the Parishioners through their Council Tax Bills. Surrounding Village Halls are struggling and take a considerable effort to manage.

The Chairman brought this section of the meeting to a close and confirmed that a further dedicated public meeting would be held with Cambium Developments to discuss the proposed development further. Mr M Pratt confirmed that he would work with the Parish Council to get a flyer and questionnaire out to the Village prior to that meeting.

The Chairman thanked Mr M Pratt and Mr N Pratt for attending the meeting.

THRUXTON DISTRICT PRESERVATION SOCIETY.

The Chairman reported that there have been complaints over the noise level of a recent event weekend on the 15th/16th of May festival/event. TDPS contacted the circuit resulting in a sincere apology. This was published on social media. The three main factors for the disturbance:

1. Westerly Wind
2. Stage was erected indirectly 180 degrees resulting in Fyfield Village being in the direct line of sound.
3. A new entertainment provider using upgraded more powerful sound system. Assurance has been given that this will not happen again.
4. Air Show Traffic Road closures raised by a resident are being investigated.

RESILIENCE.

Fyfield Parish Council are talking to neighbouring villages with the view to using their Village Halls if there is a major incident. The Village Halls will be used as a 'Warm Hub' for the vulnerable of the village. The use of the Fairground Hall at Weyhill has been confirmed.

A342 WORKING GROUP.

Cllr M Hinds reported that there was good response to the recent A342 Traffic Survey, the results are being processed. Common themes were flooding and the ability to enter the road and volume.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

1st of April 2026 – 26th of May 2026

INCOME.

TVBC ½ Precept £6,000.00

Expenditure	£
R Waterman – Administration	600.00
Electric Workz – Def Electrics	105.32
C Wilkins - Bus Shelter Cleaning	56.00
PGPC – Hire of Office for 2025/26	120.00
Wel Medical - Defibrillator Battery	220.00
Michael Bailey - Grass Cutting	420.00
TVBC – Dog Bin Emptying	291.08
Fyfield PCC – Grant	500.00
P Reynolds – Audit Fee	235.00
SBPC - Storage	10.00
Sally Leech QPC Chairman – Plaque	22.00
Bank Charges	17.34
	<u>£2,596.74</u>

Opening Balance 1/4/2026	= £ 8,041.72
Plus Income TVBC ½ Precept	= £ 6,000.00
	= £ 14,041.72
Less Expenditure	= £ 2,596.74
Money in Bank	= <u>£11,444.98</u>

Bank Account Balances.

HSBC	= £ 8,054.40
LLOYDS	= £ 3,390.58
	= <u>£11,444.98</u>

ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS IN FYFIELD AND RESIDENT SUPORT FOR TRAFFIC CALMING.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council have received a letter from a resident requesting we consider the 20mph scheme after a recent resident’s poll was undertaken. The submission sets out:

- The recent incidents that have heightened concern
- The resident poll results.
- The main themes emerging from comments.
- The level of support for a 20mph limit and other traffic-calming measures.
- Not designed as a referendum
 - ii. The available answers were modified / added to during the course of it being live.
 - iii. No option for do nothing or provide any insight into the broader considerations cost and impact.
 - iv. Also allowed for multiple selections.
 - v. 1700 member of the 3 villages group, 171 selections. Could be 28 people responding to each of the 6 options. How many unique is unknown?

The Chairman reported that he has undertaken some initial research, £200 application, which can’t be made without evidence. Would mean we’d need speed and volume data for the village. The project would also be completely self-funded.

Depending on the extent of the area, surveys required and whether any traffic-calming measures are needed, costs can start from around £20,000 and potentially rise to £40,000–£50,000 or more where Fyfield Parish Council is required to fund. £150 per household based on 200 houses (30k)

The process also involves formal assessment and approval by the Highway Authority, so it is not a simple or quick application. That said, it is certainly something the Parish Council can consider again if there is sufficient local support.

The Chairman suggested that a Sub Committee of the Parish Council is set up to take this matter forward with residents joining and then Engagement with Highways and other villages to get a view of the practical process and costs. This was thought a good idea. Mr Ian Smith offered to join the Sub Committee.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

- Pillhill Brook: The next meeting of the Pillhill Brook Association is on the 3rd of June 2026. Fyfield Parish Council will continue with their support financially and resource wise.
- The Parish Council have been invited to a Planning System Presentation at TVBC Beech Hurst on the 17th of June 2026 – organised by Kimpton Parish Council.
- The Village Fete is on Sunday the 2nd of August 2026.
- Reports of a local individual with a flatbed unsafe load spilling material and debris throughout the village on a weekly basis has been received.
- The Parish Council will consider undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan – it was noted that this should be led by residents with the Parish Council's involvement. – For future discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Additional FoI requests which have been responded to concerning: Leased Land, Dog Control Measures, parcel of land, the green, we were gifted.

Meeting Notice and Democratic Participation Concerns. Notice of meetings will be published a few weeks prior to the meeting in future.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Issues raised included:

- The Fyfield Planters and the Fyfield Sign not being reflective. The planter has been re-planted and the comment on the reflective signs noted.
- A complaint about a big white van that parks on the village road, blocking sight lines. This need reporting to the Police with a note of the vehicle's registration number.
- Various hedges along the village road being overgrown and narrowing the road. This is causing issues for horse riders and a recent near miss.
- It was suggested that springs are put on the gates to the Village Green and the Play Area to keep them shut. This will be done.
- Annual Parish Assemblies. Suggestion of an annual event to be "focused on resident participation and wider community discussion"

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

28th of July 2026 in Fyfield Church at 6.30pm

WEB SITE.

www.fyfieldparishcouncil.org.uk.