

Minutes of the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting held on the 27th of May 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 - 4

Apologies: Cllr F Jefferies, Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook, County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Mr T Diplock.

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 March 2025 Minutes as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

PLAY AREA – Mr Philip Dene, the Manor Farm Trust representative had sent back his comments on the Draft Lease, the Clerk made the suggested amendments and returned the Draft Lease back to Mr Dene. There has been no further correspondence. Cllr Mrs R Gimlette stated that she has also contacted Mr Philip Dene and has had no response.

Bird Spikes have been fitted to the swings. The Clerk reported that a new contractor has taken over the grass cutting of the Village Green and Play Area.

ASTER TREES – Aster have been out to look at the trees and will add programmed work to their maintenance schedule.

HIGHWAYS – Potholes are being reported as they appear. The Clerk has had two 'Road Narrow' signs made and these will be installed at either end of the chicane through the village.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY - The Parish Council delivered the Affordable Housing Survey to all properties in the Parish. The Clerk reported that Lisa Kerr from TVBC has confirmed that survey returns were slow, so the closing date was extended. It was also noted that the open evening for both Fyfield and Penton Grafton Parishes only had three attendees. TVBC will report back to the Parish Council before the July Meeting.

PLANNING.

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

The Chairman reported that Highways made no objections to the planning application and the TVCB Planners have granted permission for the 5 houses.

Mr Brian Fraser Stated that he had attended the Planning Meeting and had booked 3 minutes to address the meeting to put his points across. Mr Fraser Reported that the meeting did not go well and the planners did not take into account concerns he raised and stuck to Planning Policy. It was noted that there was no objection logged from the Parish Council.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council did log an objection, and this was also copied to Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook who acknowledged receipt. This issue was discussed at length.

It was agreed that an information flyer would be drafted, printed and distributed around the whole village to encourage each resident to consider the broader impact on the community with details on how to contact TVBC with their comments.

LAND AT THE BACK OF STANBURY ROAD.

It was reported that a Developer has gained planning permission for 14 houses at the back of Stanbury Road in Thruxton. The Chairman stated that he will speak to the Chairman of Thruxton Parish Council for more information.

FINANCE

1st of April 2025 – 27th of May 2025

Income.

Precept	£5,500.00
	<u>£5,500.00</u>

Expenditure

	£
Clerk	600.00
Village Maintenance	339.98
Defibrillator Electric	600.00 2024 and 2025
Audit Fee	225.00
Storage	10.00
Website Fees	38.40
Road Narrow Signs	56.40
	<u>£1,869.78</u>

Opening Balance 1/4/2025	= £ 6,014.28
Plus Income TVBC ½ Precept	= £ 5,500.00
	= £ 11,514.28

Less Expenditure	= £ 1,869.78
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Money in Bank	<u>= £ 9,644.50</u>
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PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR R GIMLETTE – Spoke about the expansion plans for Thruxton Airfield. It is planned to improve the facilities to attract larger events and to increase visitor numbers. Proposals include building a hotel, entertainment/corporate venue and

increasing the capacity for visiting helicopters on race days. It is also proposed to update the runs way to allow for larger planes to land.

Cllr R Gimlette was concerned of the effect large planes flying over the village would have on residents. The Parish Council will enquire if there is an independent body who would oversee such a change to the Airfield.

CLLR M HINDS – Reported that he will erect the 'Road Narrow' Signs and ask if there was any news on the steps up the grass bank to the defibrillator. The Clerk reported that he is going to get the Lengthsman to install the steps but had no date for the work to be done.

CLLR V PHILIPS – Asked if there was any news on when the Fyfield Fete will be held? Mrs Hinds reported that the Fete Committee are meeting soon to confirm details. The Fete date and times will then be published on social media and around the village.

CLLR P BOYES – Reported that the Three Village Sports Trust are requesting £500 from each parish towards the cost of maintain the Sports Field. The Clerk confirmed that the finances would allow for the payment, but it had not been budgeted for. The Parish Council all agreed to make the £500 contribution. The Clerk will make sure that £500 a year is put into the budget each year.

CLOSE OF THE MAY MEETING.

The Chairman closed the May Parish Council Meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

29th of July 2025 in the Fyfield Church at 6.30pm

AGM

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.

Welcome, fellow councilors from Fyfield, Borough and County, and of course members of the public who we serve.

I'd like to start with 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. Starting from when I first became Chair we had minimal quorum and struggled to gain traction with the community; we've had changes along the way but I'm proud of our cohort and recognising most of what we do is thankless- my express gratitude to you all.

My thanks also extend to include our 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.

Of course, we can't forget our members of the public that attend, playing an active part in our community and village life including Beryl who kindly attends and contributes to the Pillhill Brook Association undertaking water sampling as part of our broader commitment to the Pan Parish Forum following the extensive Southern Water upgrades.

Over the last 12 months, we have continued to contribute to community projects such as the three villages sports field, ensuring the area is maintained; 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.

I'm sure the majority of the village aren't aware of the maintenance we arrange to be completed, sometimes outside of our remit for the continued enjoyment of its residents; the addition of planters at the entry to the village and signage hopefully mitigating some of the speeding vehicles by providing additional warnings.

Our broader remit continues to include the monitoring and responses to planning applications with consideration to the parishioners' views and opinions, whilst engaging with our surrounding parishes.

We are at the final stages of formally securing the small piece of land at the top of the village from the farm trust which will enable us to fence it, upgrade some play equipment, adding to the local amenities albeit limited. We are disappointed it's taken this long, but it was somewhat out of our control.

Finally, we've undertaken a housing needs survey with the help of TVBC to solicit the true feelings of the village when it comes to housing needs in the area. As we know, planning can be a contentious topic, at least we can refer to the findings in future responses.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNT FOR 2024/2025

FYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

SUPPORTING STATEMENT/NOTES ATTACHED TO THE PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/3/2025

ASSETS.

Movements in the year:

- Bench and Picnic table were purchased during this financial year £648
- No Assets were disposed of during this financial year.
- At 31st March 2025 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
Defibrillator and Cabinet	Insurance Value	£3961.60
Bench and Picnic Table	Purchase Value	£648.00
		£10,598.54

BORROWINGS.

At the close of business on 31st March 2025 there were no loans to the Parish Council.

LEASES.

At the Close of business on the 31st March 2025 there were no Leases in operation.

DEBTS OUTSTANDING.

At the Close of business on the 31st March 2025 there was a debt of £21.74 VAT outstanding to the Parish Council.

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

NOTE: The amount has not been called upon and is subject to current negotiations.

SECTION 137 PAYMENTS.

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to spend up to the product of £10.81 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 £3,805.12 (352 X £10.81)
- 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 2024 – 31st of March 2025

Income.

TVBC Precept = £9,000.00

VAT Refund = £1,061.84

£10,061.84

Expenditure

£

Clerk	3,180.00
Village Maintenance	1,912.25
F.S.S.	647.16
Street Lighting	230.10
FPCC Grant	500.00
Administration	483.00
Audit Fee	205.00
Storage	60.00
Bank Charges	115.00
Christmas Tree (2 Yrs)	150.00
Website Set Up and Fees	634.52
Picnic Bench and Bench	672.00
Insurance	634.13
Water Testing Kit	19.54
VAT	485.26

£9,927.96

Opening Balance 1/4/2024 = £ 5,880.40
Plus Income = £10,061.84
= £15,942.24

Less Expenditure = 9,927.96

Money in Bank **= £ 6,014.28**

Bank Account Balance 31/3/2025 = £6,274.76

Less unrepresented cheques:

No 73 = £130.48

No 33 = £130.00 = £ 260.48

= £6,014.28

The Parish Clerk ran through the accounts explaining each item. The Parish Council agreed to adopt the 2024/2025 Accounts. Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice Chairman.

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION – AGAR 2024/2025

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

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2024/2025

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025 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 2024/2025

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.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

WEB SITE.

www.fyfieldparishcouncil.org.uk