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Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Tackley held in the Village Hall on Friday 13th May 2011 commencing at 7.30 p.m. under the Chairmanship of Councillor June Collier. In attendance were Councillor Paul Joslin (Vice Chairman), Councillor Robin Gibbons, Councillor Robert Clow, Councillor Jim Howard, District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer, County Councillor Ian Hudspeth.

The Chairman welcomed the Parishioners to the meeting.

11/043 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th May 2010 were circulated and approved. Councillor Robert Clow proposed that the minutes were signed as a true record. This was seconded by Councillor Jim Howard and the motion was carried. Councillor June Collier signed a copy of the minutes.

11/044 THAMES VALLEY POLICE REPORT

PSCO Phil Workman sent his apologies and Councillor June Collier read out the Police Report for Tackley on his behalf. A copy of which will be published in the Tackley Newsletter.

TACKLEY CRIME FIGURES, APRIL 2010/11

There have been 11 offences reported during this period, compared to 14 offences during the same period in 2010/011.

The offences are as follows:

- 4 x Criminal Damage
- 2 x Burglary to a dwelling
- 1 x Burglary non dwelling
- 2 x Theft other
- 1 x Theft of vehicle
- 1 x Theft from motor vehicle

The main areas they would like to draw the community's attention to are bogus telephone calls and bogus callers. Anyone receiving a telephone call requesting bank details should put the telephone down. Bogus callers are charging large amounts for doing little work if any at all. They often provide a low quotation, do something, and then charge more than they initially quoted.

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Parishioners were also reminded to ensure that:

- When going on holiday houses were secured , valuable were not left on display, and that car/house keys were not left near open windows or doors, or where they could be seen.
- Valuables are not left on display in parked cars, this included sat navs, bags, telephones, cameras and anything else which might attract attention.

Tackley is a very safe, low crime village. If anyone has any concerns they should contact PCSO Phil Workman or the neighbourhood team on by telephone 08458 505 505 or email Woodstockneighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

11/045 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer had nothing new to report, as he regularly attends the Parish Council meetings and provides updates. He therefore invited questions .

Councillor Robert Clow asked if West Oxfordshire District Council are sharing a Chief Executive with Cotswold District Council why they need one at all. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer inform him that someone was needed to take control of the day to day workings of the Council. West Oxfordshire District Council also share a Chief Accountant with Cotswold District Council and this is extremely successful. Councillor Robert Clow was not in agreement.

Councillor Robert Clow stated that he was pleased with the report that District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer provided with regard to the money lost due to the collapse of the Icelandic banks.

Councillor Robert Clow asked if District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer knew who was responsible for producing the email publication RSN Online (weekly email) as he felt it was a waste of money. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer and County Councillor Ian Hudspeth had never seen this publication. Clerk to forward latest edition to them both.

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11/046 – COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth reported the main item this year had been setting the County Council budget which had been very tight.

Councillor Robert Clow asked when the County Council were taking over the provision of bus passes from the District Council. County Council Ian Hudspeth informed him that the County Council took over as of 1st April 2011, but that the District Council will continue to provide the administration this year, with any shortfall in funding being made up by the County Council. Currently bus tokens can still be used. It is hoped that a system will be in place for a County wide scheme which will reduce staffing costs across the County by next year. There are currently no plans to change the age at which people become entitled to a pass.

Councillor Robert Clow asked County Councillor Ian Hudspeth if the X59 service was still being subsidised. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth did not think so.

Councillor Paul Joslin enquired why when a gang come to the village to repair potholes in a certain vicinity they might only do one or two, when it is obvious there are several more and leave these unfilled only to come back the following day to the same vicinity and do the same. Councillor Ian Hudspeth advised that an inspector identifies the potholes for repair and programmes them for either 2 hours, 24 hours or 28 days. If the gang stopped to repair all the potholes in one area of the Village then the other 2 hour, 24 hour emergency repairs would not get done as they simply do not have the time or funding.

Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer asked how the gangs were paid for the repair of potholes and was informed by County Councillor Ian Hudspeth that they were only paid for those which they fill. Also if a pothole falls-out then the contractor has to repair it at no expense to the County Council.

Councillor Robert Clow stated that he deplored the switching off of all street lights on roads such as the M40. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth stated that those which had been removed from West Way, were initially taken down as one of the lighting columns had rusted and fell down causing long delays. As the removal had not caused any accidents it was decided not to reinstall them, which has meant a big cost saving.

Councillor Robin Gibbons asked about the new recycling plant for Kidlington. Councillor Ian Hudspeth stated that it is hoped that this will be open in April 2012, at which time the refurbishment of Redbridge recycling centre will be undertaken. Dean Pitt recycling centre will close on 30th September and Ardley in 2014 for the new incineration plant.

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11/047 PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor June Collier reported that this year had proved to be fairly uneventful, with only the usual planning applications for extensions/conversions to properties as Parishioners seemed keen to enlarge their houses rather than move out of the Village.

The new waste recycling service which has been introduced is working well and the bins at the Village Hall are being used regularly. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer stated that since the introduction of the new system recycling has gone up from 30% to 60% and County Councillor Ian Hudspeth informed the meeting that the food waste recycling is currently provide enough electricity for 4,000 homes.

Last year's Footpath week went well and the footpaths in the Parish appear to be in a far better condition than those of other neighbouring parishes. Councillor June Collier thanked the local farmers for their help in maintaining the footpaths and also thanked the County Council for repairing the old stone bridge between Tackley/Rousham and Northbrook. Councillor June Collier also thanked District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer for cutting back trees/bushes that were creating a problem at this location. Thanks were also given to the County Council for clearing the Green Lane from Woodstock after three years of complaining by the Parish Council.

Grit bins have now been installed at the bottom of Balliol Close and the top of Chaundy Road which it is hoped will be of particular benefit to the residents during adverse weather.

We are extremely lucky to have such good public transport in the village and the new bus stops seem to be proving a great success.

All the allotments are currently being used and a new one has been created .

Thanks were given to District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer, County Councillor Ian Hudspeth, Richard Macrory, Mark Crocker, John Harding, Olive Richardson, Judy Robson, Jim Pitts, Philip Plumridge and the Green Scythe team and all the Parish Councillors and Clerk for their hard work over the past year ensuring that we continue to have an efficient and effective Parish.

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11/048 OXNAG REPORT

There were three meetings of the Oxford Airport Consultative Committee over the past year and no major changes in the number aircraft have taken place. A new Constitution has been drawn up but this does not affect the way the Committee is run.

- The airport is currently trying to raise funds for a radar which will improve safety.
- Complaints continue to be under represented within the village. During 2010/11 only two were logged. If anyone complaining does not receive a response or a complaint number they are asked to contact Mark Crocker (331820).
- A new hanger has been erected which has highlighted the fact that airports are not required to apply for planning permission as they are not subject to planning legislation. The Parish Council will consider this matter at its next meeting and may write to Eric Pickles as it was felt that Parish Councils should at least be informed of developments.

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer asked why Kidlington Airport had objected to the windfarm at Fewcott. Mark Crocker informed him that this was due to windfarms creating blind spots on radars.

11/049 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT 2010

Councillor Bill Denver sent his apologies and Councillor June Collier read out the School Governor's report on his behalf.

Tackley Church of England Primary School has a current role standing at 125 pupils with 68 boys (55%) and 57 girls (45%).

Over the past year considerable changes have taken place at our school with the relocation and then removal of some of the temporary classrooms and the completion of the first phase of the building work, which has given us two new classrooms, a new, and greatly improved administration area with office space, head teachers office, staff room and a room dedicated for the staff to prepare lessons in as well as a multi functional area in the centre of the school for a library and additional teaching area. The outside area is due to be landscaped over the summer holidays and we look forward to the improvements to the outside area.

We have had 15 applications as first choice for children to start in the reception class in September this year which is good news for the school and keeps our numbers healthy, however there is still the possibility of a school being opened at Heyford Park and this would impact on the number of children that may attend our school in the future.

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Recently our head teacher, Debora Nind, has tendered her resignation and currently the governors are in the process of selecting and interviewing for a new head teacher. The Governors would wish to extend our thanks to Debora for her time here at Tackley and for her hard work and dedication to improve our school and wish her well in the future career.

11/050 RAILWAY REPORT

In September Councillor Robin Gibbons and Richard Macrory meet with Matthew Golpin (FGW), several senior and local figures from FGW and David Cameron's researcher . This was partly to meet the new team, but also to open up new channels of negotiation. Assurances were given that the Tackley line is not under any threat. Concerns were raised about connections with Network Rail (and also Cross Country), and it was also noted that goods traffic will increase from 140 trains per week to 200.

The railway proved its usefulness in the heavy snow this winter and passenger numbers increased. In general the numbers are up.

The new online traffic information boards were introduced, after an initial teething upset they are now working well.

A BBC report into passenger use of the stations mentioned Tackley and Richard Macrory went on BBC Oxford to point out our use was good in terms of total village population.

In January Councillor Robin Gibbons and Richard Macrory met with Alexander Christian (Network Rail) and David Cameron's Researcher to discuss safety improvements to the rail crossing. This is on-going and the latest report (this week) into Network Rail and the 300+ crossings that need improvement are of interest, and they are contacting Network Rail to see how this will affect us. Councillor Robert Clow asked if lights will be provided at the crossing in light of this report. Councillor Robin Gibbons stated that the recommendation mentioned this so it could have a knock on effect and a case will be made for lights.

It has been noted that trains sound their horns more frequently, but that Chiltern trains on weekend diversion often do not. A survey has been conducted of passengers and others using the crossing to work out the main issues and potential dangers, and it is not always the fault of the railway. The survey has been sent to Network Rail.

There have been changes in the personnel at Oxford, but our Friends of Tackley station is now proceeding and the garden will soon be under way.

We have retained our normal service and the Sunday service returns at the end of May, and an additional extra late night train from Oxford to Banbury which it is hoped people will use. The "easement" day return to London still applies on the 06:43 and the 07:45 morning trains.

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Network Rail is currently repainting the station and frequent checks are made by the Oxford FGW team.

A June meeting has been proposed with FGW and other operators to examine certain issues and keep good relations going. We would encourage everyone to use our trains when they can and as the Friends of Tackley Station gets underway to take an active interest in our "Didcot to Chester" mainline.

Councillor Robert Clow asked about the Memorial Fund for Margaret Evans and was informed by Councillor Robin Gibbons that this is currently in the Friends of Tackley Station Account . Councillor Robert Clow requested that consideration be given to using some of this money to provide a shelter on the Banbury side platform.

Councillor Robert Clow asked Councillor Robin Gibbons about the proposal for joint train/bus ticketing. He was informed that this proposal has been put forward and that a response it awaited. A request has also been made for the Village Shop to be allowed to sell Carnet tickets. This is also being considered.

11/052 END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2009/10

Annual Audit Return for the year ending 31st March 2010

	Year Ending	Year Ending
	31 st March 2009	31 st March 2010
Balance brought forward	£17,096.89	£4,499.96
(+) Annual Precept	£15,000.00	£20,000.00
(+) Total Other receipts	£45,872.82	£9,769.52
(-) Staff Costs	£2,352.68	£2,628.30
(-) Loan Interest/ Capital repayments	£0.00	£8,729.60
(-) Total other payments	£71,117.71	£10,769.88
(=) Balances carried forward	£4,499.96	£12,141.70
Total cash and investments	£4,499.96	£12,141.69
Total fixed assets	£7,4050.52	£58,747.49
Total borrowings	£40,000.00	£31,270.40
(-) Total other payments	£8,447.83	£71,117.71
(=) Balances carried forward	£17,096.89	£4,499.96
Total cash and investments	£17,096.89	£4,499.96
Total fixed assets	£29,353.55	£7,4050.52
Total borrowings	£0.00	£40,000.00

Audited accounts for year ending March 2010 were proposed by Councillor Robin Gibbons, seconded by Councillor Robert Clow and accepted and approved by all at the meeting.

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The Annual Governance Statement on the Annual Return was approved by the Council and signed by Councillor June Collier as Chairman and Linda Jones, Parish Clerk.

11/053 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

11/054 MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

There being no further business Councillor June Collier declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed

Date