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Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Tackley held in the Village Hall on Monday 14th May 2012 commencing at 7.30 p.m. under the Chairmanship of Councillor June Collier. In attendance were Councillor Paul Joslin (Vice Chairman), Councillor Robert Clow, Councillor Jim Howard, Councillor Les Summers and County Councillor Ian Hudspeth.

The Chairman welcomed the Parishioners to the meeting.

12/045 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th May 2011 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.

12/046 – ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillors June Collier, Paul Joslin, Robert Clow, Jim Howard, Les Summers and Robin Gibbons all signed the necessary Declarations of Acceptance of Office and the historical record book. These forms will be held by the Clerk.

12/047 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 the report will be published in the Tackley Newsletter.

TACKLEY CRIME FIGURES 2011/12

There have been 28 offences reported during this period, compared to 18 offences during the same period in 2010/011.

The offences are as follows:

- 1 x Burglary to a dwelling
- 3 x Burglary non dwelling
- 2 x Criminal damage
- 10 x Theft
- 2 x Vehicle crimes

2011-12 Figures show that:

- Dwelling burglaries are down from 2 to 1
- Burglary non-dwellings are up from 1 to 3
- Vehicle crime remains the same at 2
- Thefts are up from 4 to 10.

Reported offences have increased, and unfortunately this may be due in part to the economic climate. People must be more vigilant and not afraid to call if they feel something is wrong. The new non-emergency number is 101. There is also an increase in burglaries from non-dwellings and extra vigilance of outbuildings, especially during the summer months is required.

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Tackley and the neighbourhood in general is one of the safest places to work and live in Oxfordshire and the neighbourhood team will do their best to ensure that it stays this way.

12/048 – DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer sent his apologies and his report was read by Councillor June Collier.

The District Plan up to 2026 has been placed on hold, as the Ministry of Defence have stated that they no longer require as much housing in Carterton. This means that not as many green field sites will be required.

The Prime Minister's Party Agent has been asked for assistance over the railway fencing nationally as when the railways were built stock fencing had to be maintained by the railway for all times, which has not happened.

12/049 – COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth stated that he had enjoyed his year, as a non-cabinet member of the Council. He has gained experience in the field during this time.

Highways have continued to be a major issue, especially the potholes. Potholes continue to be patch filled and any member of the Parish need not wait for a Parish Council meeting to report a highways issue, they can call 0845 310 111. A reference number will be issued which will then enable tracking of the repair/problem.

On the whole this year roads have been good and the County Council have set a 0% increase in Council tax.

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth officially takes up his post as Leader of the Council on 15th May 2012, and although he may not be able to attend all Parish Council meetings he is happy for urgent items to be flagged up. He will continue to write his monthly report and will be available via email/phone.

As Leader of the Council he will be putting pressure on Thames Water to satisfactorily rectify the sewerage problems in the village.

Councillor Robert Clow asked what the difference was between Leader of the Council and Chair of the Council. He was informed that the Leader is in charge of the majority group and has a cabinet. The Chair represents the Council at ceremonial events.

Councillor June Collier congratulated County Councillor Ian Hudspeth on his appointment and thanked him for his report.

12/050 – PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor June Collier thanked the Councillors for their last years work. She paid a special tribute to Richard Banbury was a Councillor since 1976. She stated that his quiet common sense approach to the day to day workings of the Council, especially his expertise in all matters financial will be missed. He had been the Council's Chancellor and Advisor, had helped steer the Council through the building

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of the sports arena, the shop development, car park and many other major projects. She thanked him for his service, as did all Councillors present, and hoped that he enjoyed a new chapter in his life.

Councillor June Collier thanked Bill Denver (who served on the Council from 2002) for being the Council's link with the school and young people in the village. She thanked him for being the School Governor for the Council, a role which he is happy to continue.

Thanks were also given to Councillors Paul Joslin – Vice Chairman, Jim Howard (who has agreed to stay on for another term of office), Robert Clow who has been responsible for ensuring that the Queens Jubilee links were placed in the Chain of Office (funded by him and donates from the village) and Robin Gibbons the Council's railway representative, who unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting due to an urgent hospital appointment.

Councillor June Collier welcomed Councillor Les Summers to the Council.

Unfortunately not enough people stood for an election to be held this time, but there will be six Councillors for the term.

In addition thanks were given to Richard Macrory who jointly with Councillor Robin Gibbons are our Railway Representatives, Olive Richardson our Bus Representative, Mark Crocker our representative on the Airport Consultancy Committee and John Harding for again organising footpath week. The Parish are fortunate that our footpaths are some of the best in the County and thanks were given to the landowners and their tenants who keep them in good order and also Dan Weeks, Oxfordshire County Council's Field Path Officer, who is always on hand with help and advice. Lastly she thanked Linda Jones the Clerk for her hard work.

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth was thanked for representing us as was District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer and his colleague Gillian Oldfield, who has decided to stand down. Derek Millard has taken over from Gillian and the Council look forward to working with him again.

The year has been a quiet one with no major projects. Battles continue to be fought with the holes in the road and there is an on-going sewage leak, and it is hoped Thames Water will make progress rectifying this. The Council has had a new street light erected in the Village Hall Car Park.

The school has had major upgrading works carried out, with the Pre-School being integrated into the main body of the school. A new headmistress started in September and with the added influx of children from Heyford the numbers are such that its future is safe for a good few years to come.

Giffords Circus and Atwells Fair had successful visits to the Village and both will be returning this Summer.

The allotments are being worked successfully and we still have a waiting list of prospective gardeners.

Although there has been no major housing development there has been the usual infilling and extensions. Proving, yet again, people want to live in our Village and will change their house accordingly to enable them to stay. Two/three families are in a position to move on from the shared

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housing on the Ridge enabling more of the young local people to buy an affordable house to get a foot on the ladder.

The Village has a very special community and Councillor June Collier hoped that the Council will be able to continue to keep it that way.

The next project is the celebration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee during the weekend of 2nd-5th June 2012

12/051 – OXNAG REPORT

Mark Crocker provided the report, but first explained that Oxmag no longer operates it is now Oxford Airport Consultative Committee.

The radar at the airport has now been installed. Planning permission was not required due to a legal loophole in the planning system.

The number of flight movement has risen by 10-15% over the year, but there has not been a significant increase in complaints. This could be a result of calls not being properly logged and all Parishioners making a complaint should ensure that they are given a complaint number.

Training planes should not fly over the Village, neither should helicopters unless they are military.

Mark is happy to carry on his duties as the Council representative.

12/052 – SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT

Unfortunately the Council were unable to give a report.

12/053 – RAILWAY REPORT

Councillor Robin Gibbons sent his apologies, but an urgent hospital appointment meant he was unable to attend the meeting. Richard Macrory attended and gave the report .

There have been a number of meetings with Network Rail and First Great Western during the course of the year about a number of issues concerning the railway (passenger use and the station, of particular importance the crossing). Our local MP is always informed regarding happenings and a good working relationship is maintained with the Constituency Office.

The Friends of Tackley Station (FOTS) officially started last year, but a series of changes both at local and regional level meant that contact people were not in place until recently. A Constitution has been adopted and a bank account started, which will allow monies to be transferred. The group will eventually become the main liaison point between the railway officials and our Parish Council Representatives. Chair Canon Dr Robin Gibbons and Treasurer Mr Timothy Chappel.

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There are several aims:

Monitoring of the station in various ways;
Responsibility for a garden behind the shelter;
Responsibility for the station in general;
Official liaison between rail officials and the Parish;
Safety checks;
Liaison with the school and safety campaign;
Monitoring traffic and a conduit for concerns.

The two representatives have responded on behalf of the Parish Council to the Rail Constitution. This is posted on the Tackley website and is an extensive response which has elicited broad support, it includes timetable requests and concerns, fares and future plans.

The crossing continues to be a cause for concern and following the official reports into the Soham accident action has eventually been taken to deal with the problem across the country. A formal meeting to start discussions with all concerned about the next stage in improving the crossing will be held shortly. It must also be noted that regular reports are sent to Network Rail and First Great Western.

It must be noted that we are due to have an increase in rail goods traffic as a major cross country route.

12/054 – END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2010/11

Annual Audit Return for the year ending 31st March 2011

	Year Ending	Year Ending
	31 st March 2010	31 st March 2011
Balance brought forward	£4,500.00	12,142.00
(+) Annual Precept	£20,000.00	£20,000.00
(+) Total Other receipts	£9770.00	£2,947.00
(-) Staff Costs	£2,628.00	£2,649.00
(-) Loan Interest/ Capital repayments	£8,730.00	£8,576.00
(-) Total other payments	£10,770.00	£12,231.00
(=) Balances carried forward	£12,142.00	£11,632.00
Total cash and investments	£12,142.00	£11,632.00
Total fixed assets	£58,747.00	£58,747.00
Total borrowings	£32,000.00	£24,000.00

Audited accounts for year ending March 2011 were proposed by Councillor Jim Howard, seconded by Councillor Robert Clow and accepted and approved by all at the meeting.

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

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12/055 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

12/056 – MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Richard Banbury stated that the Jubilee link and new plating on the badge of office looked very good. Councillor Robert Clow stated that he is still collecting donations if anyone wishes to make one.

There being no further business Councillor June Collier declared the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Signed

Date