

2008/09 SHEET NUMBER 35

Minutes of a meeting of Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on 1st Dec 2008 commencing 7pm.

Present:

Councillor Paul Joslin

Vice Chairman

Councillors: Richard Banbury, Jim Howard, Robert Clow, Robin Gibbons

Cllr Paul Joslin declared the meeting open at 7.02 pm.

08/110 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr June Collier. In the absence as Cllr Collier as Chairman, Cllr Paul Joslin chaired the meeting.

08/111 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

08/112 SIGNING OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Richard Banbury and seconded by Cllr Robert Clow that the minutes of the scheduled meeting on 27th October 2008 and the extra-ordinary meeting on 18th Nov 2008 be signed as a true record. Cllr Paul Joslin signed and dated both sets of minutes.

08/113 MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETINGS

- Cllr Robert Clow reported that Olive Richardson and he had attended the meeting at Banbury Town Hall with reference to the Review of Subsidised Bus Service. He summarised that the total amount spent by O.C.C on subsidising the transport service is £6 million, with North Oxfordshire getting £500,000 of that budget. About two thirds of North Oxon services are commercially operated, and one third is distributed to enhance frequency of the buses and a possible Sunday service. The C.P.J. (cost per passenger per journey) is up to £3 - If the cost go over this then subsidies are not justifiable. At present the C.P.J. for the 59 service is 66 pence. This means that the 59 service is likely to continue.
- Telephone number 331266 – it was reported that as a result of the letter written to BT from the Parish Council the telephone number 331266 has been restored to the Gardiner's Arm Public House.
- The clerk also reported that the graffiti at the Jubilee gardens had been reported to W.O.D.C and acknowledgment of the complaint had been received. The street cleaning team were going to assess the problem and report back. Mrs Sale who reported the problem originally has been informed of the progress.

08/114 BUDGET FOR 2009/10

Cllr Richard Banbury presented the Council with the proposed budget for 2009/10. It was proposed that the precept be increase by £5,000 to £20,000. This will help towards the repaying of the Public Works Loan that will be taken out to pay for the Car Park Project. Cllr Jim Howard proposed that this budget be accepted and Cllr Robert Clow seconded. All were in favour. Cllr Paul Joslin thanked Cllr Richard Banbury for preparing the figures for the budget.

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08/115 OTHER MATTERS OF FINANCE

There were 4 invoices to pay:

1. Tackley Village Hall – Hall hire - £40.00
2. Oxfordshire Playing Field Association subscription - £32.00
3. Chairman’s allowance for providing refreshments at the Remembrance Service - £61.39
4. Travelling expenses for Cllr Robert Clow - £15.40

Cllr Richard Banbury that these invoices be paid and Cllr Robin Gibbons seconded. All were in favour.

08/116 MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

The clerk reported that the letter of borrowing approval had been received and the application for the Public Works Loan could now be sent off. The clerk will prepare the application form this week and liaise with Cllr Banbury before it is sent off.

08/117 OTHER MATTERS

The clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Tackley Village Hall management committee asking for permission to use the playing field for a Family Fun Day on Sunday 9th August 2009. All agreed that this would be granted.

Cllr Robin Gibbons reported that he had spoken to Nick Bucknell who is the Investigator who is producing the Independent Enquiry into the safety aspects of the Tackley Level Crossing following the tragic death of Mrs Margaret Evans. He is going to make recommendations for a red and green light system to be installed.

Cllr Richard Banbury reported that he had attended the inquest into Mrs Margaret Evans. The verdict recorded was accidental death. He also reported that Network Rail is waiting for the Independent Enquiry Report to be published before making any decisions on what improvements are needed. The assessment process is likely to be completed in Spring 2009 and should take into account the interests not only of pedestrian users, but also of horse riders, cyclists, and others.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no matters from the floor.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.02pm

SignedChairman

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