

SHEET NO. 41 – 2012

Minutes of a meeting of Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on Monday 3rd December 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

June Collier (Chairman)

Paul Joslin (Vice Chairman)

Councillors Robert Clow, Les Summers, John Cook

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

12/120 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Neil Wilson

12/121 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robert Clow declared an interest in all items on the agenda.

12/122 - 44a ST JOHNS ROAD

Councillor John Cook handed out details of the planning application for this property. There is an issue of non-compliance with the application. The planning officer from West Oxfordshire District Council agrees, but feels that in this instance it is not worth pursuing. There was a lot of discussion with District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer who informed the Council that if enforcement action is taken and an appeal is made, which it is unlikely the District Council will win, then it is not in the Council's interest to pursue the non-compliance.

It was agreed that Councillor John Cook would draft a letter for the Chairman to sign to the new Chief Planning Officer asking for her professional opinion on this application.

12/123 - 44 ROUSHAM ROAD – 12/1540/P/FP

The Council wish to object to this application on the basis that it will create a precedent. If permission was granted, it should be personal to the applicant. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer informed the Council that the District Council did not encourage personal permissions. He thought that the application would be heard at Committee in January.

12/124 – PARISH MATTERS

Councillor Robert Clow asked why chains had been welded to the gates at the level crossing.

Councillor Les Summers to email Councillor Robin Gibbons asking him to raise this issue at the

railway meeting tomorrow night. Councillor June Collier also asked that Andrew Peake, as

landowner, be invited to the railway meetings. Councillor Les Summers to also request Councillor Robin Gibbons to invite him to future meetings.

Councillor Robert Clow asked what the current situation was with regard to the street lights at the village hall. Clerk reported that this was in hand with the County Council.

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Councillor Robert Clow asked if the Clerk had any further information with regard to the reinstatement of the pothole outside the Gardiner Arms. The Clerk has asked the Highway Authority to update her on the current position and also reported the pothole on Churchill. Councillor June Collier asked that the pothole outside the Old School House be reported.

The dates for next year's meetings were agreed and are as follows:-

28th January 2013

4th March 2013

22nd April 2013

13th May 2013 Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting

8th July 2013

9th September 2013

7th October 2013

2nd December 2013 – Finance meeting

Councillor Paul Joslin passed on thanks from Jean Baker to the Parish Council for undertaking the reinstatement work to the footpath outside her property.

12/125 – MATTERS OF FINANCE

Precept – Councillor Robert Clow had circulated a document breaking down the Council's finances this year and the expected expenditure next year. The current precept of £22K has been held for the past two years, but due to the increase in costs it is not possible to set the precept at this amount again. After much discussion it was proposed by Councillor Robert Clow and seconded by Councillor John Cook that the precept for next year be set at £25K. All in favour.

Councillor John Cook raised the issue of the commercial fee paid by the Council for hire of the village hall as the land on which the village hall stands is owned by the Council and no rent is paid by the village hall. Councillor Les Summers to raise this issue with the Village Hall Committee, suggesting that no fee is paid by the Parish Council for use of the facility.

It was agreed that the Tackley Playground project will need to wait until the Parish Council is in a position to raise money. The Parish Council will not be able to allocate the £7,500 immediately. This would need to be done over the next 2/3 years. There is a possibility that £1,500 could be provided this year. The Council would need to be made aware of the sums raised and what the costs are. Further liaison with the Council and Playground Committee are required on the grant application. In principle the Council are willing to provide some funds, but require more financial details. The Council also need to know the results of the consultation day.

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Ratification of payments:-

23	101306	HMRC PAYE	139.00
24	101306	Green Scythe Ltd	938.51
25	101308	Soc Local Council Clrks	30.00
26	101309	Clerks Wages	211.94
27	101310	Tackley Village Hall	80.00
29	101312	Green Scythe Ltd	1,705.67
30	101313	June Collier (Expenses)	85.35
31	101314	Clerks Wages	170.95

Councillor Paul Joslin proposed that the above be ratified for payment. Seconded by Councillor Robert Clow. All in favour.

Audit – All Councillors had looked at the recommendations made by the Auditor and it was agreed to sign off the audit for 2011/12.

12/126 – OTHER MATTERS

Councillor Les Summers agreed to provide a summary of each Council meeting for the Tackley Newsletter.

It was agreed that Councillors Robert Clow and John Cook would be added to the signatories for the Council bank account.

Councillor June Collier asked Councillor Les Summers for an update with regard to levelling of the playing field where the ground source heating was installed. Councillor Les Summers informed the Council that the ground will be levelled in the Spring during the grass growing season at the expense of the Village Hall.

Councillor June Collier informed the Council that Giffords Circus have asked to return to the Village in 2013. It was agreed that they should return, but that they must approach Andrew Peake to discuss emergency car parking arrangements first.

12/127 – MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

Meeting closed 8.40p.m.

Signed

Date