

SHEET NO. 8 - 2013

Minutes of meeting of Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on Monday 4th March 2013 at 7.00p.m.

Present:

Councillor June Collier (Chair)

Councillor Paul Joslin (Vice Chair)

Councillors Robert Clow, John Cook, Les Summers

District Councillor Charles Cottrell –Dormer

Councillor Robin Gibbons arrived at the meeting at 8.15. He apologised for his lateness - his heating had broken and the engineer had only just finished fixing it.

13/14 - Apologies

Councillor Neil Wilson, County Councillor Ian Hudspeth

The Minutes of 28th January 2013 had been circulated. Councillor Les Summers proposed that the Minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. Seconded by Councillor Robert Clow. All in favour.

13/15 - Matters Arising from the above Minutes

Councillor Robert Clow stated that he had attended the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee and raised the issue of the lack of heating in the Committee Room. He felt that the two heaters which had been provided were illegal and dangerous and should be fixed. The Committee agreed to investigate the matter but stated that the room could not be heated from the downstairs system. Councillor Les Summers to ask for an update at the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

Councillor John Cook asked how the rent was calculated for the use of the Village Hall. He felt rate should be negotiated based on the published room rates and recognising that the room is rented all year round. Councillor Robert Clow felt that the Parish Council should assist the Village Hall to run its business. Councillor Les Summers stated that the financial resources of the Village Hall would not be as healthy if it were not for the regular hiring of the Hall. If this disappeared then costs would need to be reviewed. Councillor June Collier stated that we should continue to pay for this year as agreed in previous minutes. All in agreement.

Councillor Robert Clow asked if Councillor John Cook had managed to obtain the utilities information for the Village. Councillor Cook reported that he had received the information from Southern Electric, Thames Water, Public Rights of Way and Bridleways, Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas, but was still awaiting the information from British Gas and Telecoms if available.

Councillor Cook will initially produce two maps for of the village which he will make available for Councillors to look at. Councillor June Collier said that the Rights of Way map would be useful before the next footpath week. Councillor John Cook to bring the maps to the next Tuesday surgery.

Councillor Robert Clow asked if the Clerk had asked Green Scythe to undertake pruning of the Millennium tree. The Clerk reported that she had.

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Councillor June Collier reported that Jim Pitts had now removed the noticeboard doors from the boards at the little green and the school as they were beyond repair.

13/16 -Declarations of Interest

Councillor Robert Clow declared an interest in everything on the Agenda.

13/17 - County Council Matters

Councillor Les Summers asked about the puddle by the school. Councillor June Collier stated that she had had a meeting with the County Council highways engineer and that County Councillor Ian Hudspeth has now received two quotes. One was for the repair of the whole stretch of footpath and the other for the repair of the hole. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth will now see if finances can be obtained to undertake this work.

Councillor June Collier had walked around the village with the engineer and various potholes etc. had been identified around the village for reinstatement. She has now received job numbers and timescales from the County Council for the undertaking of this work.

Councillor Robert Clow asked about the flooding which occurs outside Mrs Ackrill's house. The County Council are to pursue this issue with the landowner and Councillor June Collier has forwarded the addresses of Tackley Estate, Little Manor and the bungalow across the road where the water flows onto the footpath and road so that they can pursue the owners.

Councillor Robert Clow asked about the village sewerage system. Councillor June Collier informed the Council that lots of conversations had taken place over the last few weeks with Thames Water who had informed her that it was better for individuals to report problems rather than just the Parish Council as the more reports the more likely the matter would be resolved. Councillor June Collier to produce an item for the next newsletter giving the relevant contact details for all the organisations concerned.

13/18 - District Council Matters

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer stated that the budget had been set by West Oxford District Council this week and that there would be no change in the band D rates. They would be set at the same rate as in the previous 3 years. Councillor Robert Clow asked if this meant it would lead to a big price increase in subsequent years, but was informed that this would not happen as savings had been made by sharing services with other District Councils.

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer reported that the cemetery at Upper Weaverley Farm had been deferred and would now be going to appeal. He also informed the Council that the planning application for the bed and breakfast at the old pub had been approved.

13/19 - Planning Matters

Councillor John Cook reported that following the last meeting a letter had been written to the Chief Planning Officer at West Oxfordshire District Council in relation to 44a St. John's Road stating that the Council would no longer pursue the issues that it had at this address.

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Councillor John Cook raised the issue that he did not feel that the Council's comments were always taken into account by West Oxfordshire District Council. He felt that the Council should know why Planning Officers ignore the Parish Council's recommendations. This issue was raised at a recent Forum which he attended and he will draft a letter for Councillor June Collier to approve asking Astrid Harvey at West Oxfordshire District Council to pursue this issue on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillor Paul Joslin asked District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer for a response on this. He stated that all comments were taken into account but that comments may not fall within the Local Plan etc. If the Parish Council does not object to an application then this can be determined by the Planning Officer.

13/20 - Parish Matters

Councillor June Collier reported that Hatwells Fair had asked to come to the Village from 15th-22nd July 2013. Councillor Robert Clow proposed that we give them permission and this was seconded by Councillor Les Summers. All in favour.

Councillor Les Summers had put together a note for the next newsletter which he circulated. All Councillors were in favour of this being put in the newsletter. Councillor Summers hopes to produce regular reports for the newsletter.

Councillor Les Summers reported that a meeting of the Railway Committee and Network Rail would be held on 19th March 2013 and that it was hoped that the first consultation meeting would take place in the spring.

Councillor Paul Joslin asked the Clerk if Gifford's Circus had now paid the fees due for their visit to the Village last year. Clerk confirmed that this payment had now been received.

Councillor Robert Clow asked what the two poles in the play area were for and was informed by Councillor Paul Joslin that they were for a noticeboard advertising the proposed play area. Councillor June Collier informed the Council that a meeting would be held on Friday morning to display the plans.

Councillor Robert Clow asked if something could be put in the newsletter reminding parishioners to cut back overhanging foliage. Councillor Les Summers to add this to his report and Clerk to send him a copy of the Parish Council letter relating to this.

13/21 - Matters of Finance

St. Nicholas Church grant 12/13. It was agreed to provide the PCC with a grant of £200 for 12/13. Proposed by Councillor Paul Joslin, seconded by Councillor Robert Clow. All in favour.

St. Nicholas Church Floodlighting – Due to the current financial constraints the Council felt that it is currently not in a position to offer any funding for this project. It was proposed by Councillor Les Summers that they be asked to resubmit their request in six month's time when the Council has a clearer idea of whether financial support is available. Seconded by Councillor John Cook. All in favour apart from Councillor Robert Clow who abstained.

Play Bus – The Council were able to support this request for funding.

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Ratification of payments:-

39	101321	Green Scythe	103.20
40	101322	Clerks Wages	170.99
41	101323	Ox Play Field Assoc	35.00
42	101324	OALC	185.95
43	101325	Tackley Village Hall	70.00

Councillor Les Summers proposed that the above be ratified for payment. Seconded by Councillor John Cook. All in favour.

Income reported:-

9	Gifford's Circus	350.00
10	Barclays Interest	0.20

13/22 - Other Matters

Councillor June Collier informed the Council felt that parking in Nethercote Road was becoming an issue as some people were not being very considerate about how they parked or where. It was felt by the Council that this was not something they could pursue as it is public highway.

13/23 - Matters from the Floor

The local publicans were reported concerns about the speed of traffic travelling through the village towards the Church, as coming around the bend they are unable to see traffic exiting the pub and there have been several near misses. Clerk to the contact the highways department to ask if anything can be done to improve visibility at this point, such as a mirror. They also reported that they had been asked to remove notices erected around the village advertising the pub. As village trade is currently not enough to sustain the pub and it is in danger of being placed on a list for disposal they need to try and draw in custom from outside the village. Once this is achieved the boards will be removed. Councillor June Collier suggested that perhaps they move the boards around on a regular basis.

Councillor John Cook asked if a litter bin could be provided at the bus stop by the Village Hall but was informed that due to lack of finances this would not be possible.

Meeting closed 8.34 p.m.

Signed

Date