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Minutes of Meeting of Tackley Parish Council held on 7th July 2014 at 7.00 p.m in Tackley Village Hall

Present:

Councillor June Collier (Chairman)

Councillor Paul Joslin (Vice Chairman)

Councillors Neil Wilson, Les Summers, John Cook, Robin Gibbons

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

14/059 – APOLOGIES

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth

14/060 – TACKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head Teacher, Judith Chalmers, addressed the meeting about two matters.

1. School engagement with Tackley community in order that children are part of the community in a more obvious way. She has already spoken to Silver Threads about them attending the Nativity and the children serving tea/coffee, but how do they get the community into school to share knowledge, time etc.
2. The school has an amazing building but do not have surrounding grounds to match the building. No budget is available to develop the grounds. How do they raise money to develop the outside area and how do they go about raising funds.

Councillor Robin Gibbons said he would attend an assembly. He also stated that Network Rail have provision to come into school and wondered if this was something which would be useful and create an interest in the station. Junior Friends of Tackley Station might be worth considering.

Liz Marshall asked when the station bridge was discussed there was talk of a garden. Councillor Robin Gibbons informed the Council that the garden area has been used for electrification of the line but might be worth them assisting with planting on the platform, eg. pots.

The Head said it would be lovely to have someone in to do gardening around school grounds.

Various clubs within the village were mentioned by Councillors. **Councillor Paul Joslin** to ensure that the school receives a copy of the Newsletter. **Councillor June Collier** to provide the Head with various contact details.

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Councillor John Cook said he may be able to assist with providing plans of whole area of Tackley School by providing base on which to produce ideas for the grounds. Councillor John Cook to pass on to Liz Marshall

Councillor Les Summers asked if they had buildings in mind for the fields and was told no, just beds, seating, pond maintenance.

Councillor June Collier asked if an article could be written for the next Newsletter and was told this would be done. Councillor John Cook asked about a school section in the Newsletter suggesting that the children put in a contribution for each edition.

Head asked if she could come back and address meeting at a later date.

Councillor June Collier asked if the Head had been in touch with Naomi Boulton .Head stated that she had been informed that the best way to get grants was to have plans and drawing available first.

14/061 MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 12TH MAY & 24TH JUNE 2014

The Minutes of the above meetings had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor John Cook and seconded by Councillor Paul Joslin that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting.

14/062 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

14/063 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minutes 12th May 2014 – Councillor John Cook raised the following:

Tackley Heath – Councillor Neil Wilson informed the Council that last Monday Thames Valley Environmental Records Unit carried out a survey. They will, at end of summer , write up reports so by October there will be a summary and early next year a full report about the state of wildlife on the Heath and recommendations.

Street Lights to Remain on – Councillor Neil Wilson has produced a list of lights to be left on but these needs agreed by Council. Seven to be left on in total at bends and junctions. The other sixty to go off. Councillor Neil Wilson passed around plan around of proposed lights. Councillor Les Summers proposed that we take Neil's plans forward. Seconded by Councillor Robin Gibbons.

Councillor Neil Wilson to speak to County Councillor Ian Hudspeth.

Defibrillator – The Clerk has written to the company placing the Council's request and is awaiting a response.

Enforcement Action – **Clerk** to chase as no response received from West Oxfordshire District Council.

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Ditch at back of playing field - Councillor June Collier has discussed this with Alan James and he will undertake the work as soon as he can, but there is concern about lorries being brought on to site currently. Councillor June Collier stated she also need to find out how access can be gained to the section alongside the school as unsure if County own access or not. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer suggested using a tractor and trailer with wide wheels.

Moles on allotment – **Councillor June Collier** has reminded Philip about this issue and will ask him again.

Hazards to pedestrians on overgrown hedges – **Clerk** still to do this.

Lightsource Community Meeting was held in the village.

Councillor Neil Wilson raised the issue of the Jubilee Garden area and the Crab-apple Tree. The area needs improvement as not a pleasant place to sit. **Councillor Neil Wilson** to continue to work on this. Councillor John Cook met with the tree surgeon and walked him around to the area. Councillor Les Summers suggested that the Council take Will up on his offer to prune the tree at the appropriate time.

Councillor Paul Joslin raised the issue of noticeboards. The frames are sound, and just the casements need replacing. Councillor June Collier suggested that **Councillor Paul Joslin** look at Woodstock Advertiser to see if he can obtain quotes to rebuild them. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer suggested Robin Tucky in Rousham be contacted . **Councillor June Collier** will supply Councillor Paul Joslin with the contact number.

14/064 ADOPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Liz Marshall was proposed by Councillor Robin Gibbons and seconded by Councillor Les Summers. All in favour. Councillor Liz Marshall signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed on to the Council.

14/065 TO CONSIDER COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor John Cook stated that the Council were going to ask what the situation was with regard to solicitor's negotiations on piece of land by the school. This might bring resolution of this land to a head. Planning officers informed as the original planning application was never fulfilled. A decision which the Council does not think is right but as West Oxfordshire District Council consider the parking spaces have been provided they will not pursue this. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth to be written to in order that the Council can obtain an update on the legal situation with regard to the sewer. **Clerk** to do this.

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14/066 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Neil Wilson stated that the hedge around the burial ground being cut before 31st July 2014 seems to be an illegal act. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer was unable to answer this question as does not know if the legislation applies to sites like this. He suggested that the County Council be contacted and Councillor June Collier suggested Wayne Barker be contacted in the first instance. **Councillor Neil Wilson** to contact Wayne in the Highways Department of County Council.

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer informed the Council that the District Council are waiting for the solar farm to come before committee.

14/067 PLANNING

None

14/068 PARISH MATTERS

Drainage – Meeting held with Thames Water, County Council on Friday 27th June 2014. Councillor June Collier informed Council that Thames Water doing a few things, one of which is to reline pipe on playing field. Unfortunately this work has caused damage to the field. Thames Water will pay for remedial work to be undertaken. Green Scythe to undertake work and invoice Thames Water direct. Work is still on-going – looking at putting bund in at Rousham Road and Tackley Estate given copy of the report from Jim Wiltshire asking that they put things in order. Tackley Estates to be invited to the next Thames Water meeting.

44a St. Johns – already discussed.

Trees

St. John Road - complaint regarding trees by layby from Parishioner. Councillor Neil Wilson has taken photographs but does not feel that these trees are an issue. The Hadden-Caves employ a tree surgeon who inspects this site regularly and recommends when work needs to be undertaken. Currently he has not recommended any work to be carried out. Trees being monitored professionally and currently no work is being requested. Rep assured us currently no problems – **clerk** to write letter.

Ash Tree, Chaundy Road – Councillor John Cook has a report from a Tree Surgeon who states that the tree is healthy. He suggested a minimal amount of cutting but due to overshadowing etc. felt it could be cut back to about 50%. £575 plus VAT to undertake pruning work. Quote to trim walnut £45 plus VAT other Ash Tree to do decay test £85 plus VAT. Another Ash Tree on Jubilee Garden which will need looking at some point. To take Ash Tree down would cost £1,500 plus VAT. Visual health and safety check annually £350 plus VAT. Councillor June Collier felt the Council should obtain a further quote and it was suggest that Councillor John Cook be the contact point, **Councillor Paul Joslin** to pass on Bob Staig's number to Councillor Cook..

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Overhanging Trees – County Council to come and visit the village and perhaps drop letters asking that foliage cut back to boundaries.

Seat on Green – Councillor June Collier has looked at the seat on the green. It has a plaque on it and was put there to commemorate Mr Jenkins life. **Councillor June Collier** to talk to Mrs Davies as it was put there for her father.

Allotment Shed – The request to erect a shed was approved – **Clerk** to advice.

Councillor Les Summers raised the following issues:

A parishioner reported an incident at the crossing this morning. The driver remonstrated with the passenger was told he should not get on train. Councillor Les Summers has reported this and strongly feels the bridge needs to be pushed for. Councillor Robin Gibbons replied that instructions are very clear that passengers should not cross when the train is coming and had also reported the incident. Network Rail continually being told about incidents. Councillor Robin Gibbons felt Network Rail should do a community safety evening. Richard McCrory and Councillor Robin Gibbons pursuing Network Rail asking that they undertake an event. **Councillor Robin Gibbons** to go back to Network Rail with regarding installation of locking gates.

Footpaths –The path that goes over the stone is becoming very overgrown. This issue will be dealt with when all the reports from footpath we are received.

Councillor Les Summers asked if the silage dumped on land on the opposite side of the railway was human waste, but was informed by Councillor June Collier that it was chicken muck and that farmers are entitled to put it on their land..

Playground – Councillor Liz Marshall stated that the bins are being emptied by members of the Playground Committee. She was informed that there has never been an agreement for emptying the bin on in the play area. Councillor June Collier suggested contacting the caretaker for the Village Hall as he use to do it out of kindness. Missing padlock key for double gates -Philip Plumridge has one key and the other key is kept in the shop Councillor June Collier suggested asking Emma or a paid employees of the shop about this. There was a discussion about outstanding invoices and monies and **Clerk** to send an update of account to Councillor Liz Marshall.

14/069 MATTERS OF FINANCE

101387	511.15	Nicholsons
101388	600.00	Eynsham Park Sawmills
101389	42.00	OALC
101390	402.06	Aon Insurance
101391	240.00	N M Lutton

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101392	899.15	Green Scythe
101393	386.98	Clerks Wages
101395	125.00	Quatrac
101396	20.00	Oxfordshire County Council
101397	899.15	Green Scythe
101398	150.77	HMRC PAYE
101399	78.00	Boward Tree Surgery

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

Play Area Payments – Councillor John Cook stated these payments were very intertwined with the Council’s finances and were not very clear cut. Clerk informed Council that she has a separate record of payments.

Accounts – Councillor John Cook felt he was persuaded to agree to approving audit at the last meeting. He was concerned about receiving and approving the audit in one night. He has some questions to raise regarding this audit with regard to payments and differing amounts. **Councillor John Cook** will speak to the internal auditor with regard to these.

14/070 CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

None

14/071 TO CONSIDER MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Parish Council PR – we need to publicise what we are doing. Minutes to go on the website as none since January – **Clerk** to rectify. Difficult for Parish Council to say what we do as it is done because it is the usual mundane day-to-day running of the Council. It was felt that the Parish Council should “blow their own trumpet”. Councillor June Collier said it would be useful for people to come to meetings, to a Tuesday surgery or the Annual Parish Council meeting which gives an update of what has gone on for the year. It is difficult to find the balance as people complain when something is wrong but never when something good happens. Council would like people to attend the meetings.

Meeting closed 9.20 p.m.

Signed

Date