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Minutes of Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on 7th September 2009, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor June Collier (Chair)
Councillors Jim Howard, Robert Clow, Richard Banbury, Bill Denver
District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

09/061 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Paul Joslin, Councillor Robin Gibbons and County Councillor Ian Hudspeth.

09/062 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

09/063 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK

The Appointments Committee recommended that Linda Jones be appointed to the post of Parish Clerk subject to a satisfactory conclusion as to how tax payments are dealt with and the salary being adjust accordingly to reflect this payment. Councillor Richard Banbury proposed the appointment and was seconded by Councillor Jim Howard. All agreed. The appointment is to take effect immediately and the outcome of discussions with regard to tax is awaited.

09/064 MINUTES

The minutes from the scheduled Parish Council meeting held on 6th July 2009 and the Planning and Finance Committee held on 28th July 2009 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. Councillor Richard Banbury proposed that these minutes be signed as a true record. Councillor Jim Howard seconded this proposal. All agreed.

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09/065 DISTRICT MATTERS

- Nominate a Neighbour Scheme for elderly and vulnerable. The Clerk read out an email from West Oxfordshire District Council advising that a scheme has been launched to protect elderly and vulnerable residents from bogus callers. It was agreed either West Oxfordshire District Council be asked to provide an information sheet for inclusion in the next Tackley Newsletter or that a copy of the email be included. Parish Clerk to pursue.
- Councillor Richard Banbury reported that the name sign at Lime Kiln Road was in need of repair. Parish Clerk to contact West Oxfordshire District Council to report and request re-erection.

09/066 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Tackley Bus Stops – Oxfordshire County Council bus stop upgrade proposals on route 59.

No objections were raised to the sighting of bus stops for Banbury or Oxford bound buses. Where possible existing poles should be used for the new flags. Where new poles are required these should be black.

No objection was raised to the kerbs being raised to 140mm at selected stops.

When responding to Oxfordshire County Council's letter the Parish Clerk was asked to request that when flag positioning is considered for the Oxford bound stop at Nethercote Road consideration is also given to removing some of the redundant and inappropriate signage at this location.

It was also agreed that County Councillor Ian Hudspeth should be sent a copy of the response.

09/067 PLANNING MATTERS

- Planning application 09/1066/P/FP – Alterations and erection of two storey rear extension, front porch and loft conversion to provide ground floor granny annexe at Willowdene, Lower Hades, Tackley. No objection was raised to this application. Parish Clerk to notify West Oxfordshire District Council of this decision.
- Planning application 09/0867/P/FP – Erection of conservatory at 38 Nethercote Road, Tackley. Granted subject to conditions.

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- Planning application 09/0650/P/CD3 – Relocation of two temporary classrooms, demolition of two existing prefabricated classroom buildings and the erection of single storey extension to provide two permanent classrooms, new school entrance (with canopy), and other staff and pupil accommodation at Tackley Church of England Primary School, 42 St. John's Road, Tackley. Granted

Councillor Bill Denver reported that he had had a meeting with school representatives and the architect to discuss plans for the two new classrooms in light of the objection raised by English Heritage relating to the fish ponds. This objection has subsequently been withdrawn as permission has only been granted for five years for the temporary classrooms. If, however, an application is made for an extension to this period or for the buildings to remain permanently on site then the objection will be raised again. In light of this objection it is unsure that permission will be granted for the development of the Pre-School building on the land and the other proposal is that the land currently used for staff parking is used for this building, which would mean the loss of five car parking spaces.

Councillors agreed that if this proposal was put forward they would have no objection to the Village Hall being used for five staff cars to compensate for the spaces which would be lost.

- Planning Appeal – Garage at 72 Nethercote Road, Tackley. The application was unsuccessful and the appeal turned down.
- Councillor Robert Clow advised that concern had been expressed to him by parishioners relating to planning application number 08/1685/P/FP at 44 St. John's Road as a concrete platform and fence have now been erection which parishioners were worried might lead to a further planning application being submitted. This is currently not the case, but Councillors agreed to keep an eye on the development to ensure that planning permission was adhered to.

06/068 PARISH AMENITIES

- Pruning of shrubbery at 30 Chaundy Road. A quote has been received and accepted from Green Scythe Limited for the undertaking of this work.

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- Update on level crossing warning lights. No update has been received. Parish Clerk to write to Network Rail requesting information on current position in light of the appeal decision for 72 Nethercote Road and also reiterating the request for lights to be installed.
- Swings in children's play area. Councillor Richard Banbury reported that one of the swings had been decommissioned due to a fault. In light of the safety check undertaken by ROSPA it was agreed that the swings should be replaced and that quotes would be requested from suitable companies.
- New Path. Councillor June Collier stated that the new footpath was almost completed but that an issue relating to flooding had been raised and she has therefore emailed Gordon Kelman asking that the contractor visit the site.
- Councillor Robert Clow reported that the gates from the entrance to the Village Hall, which are now obsolete, had been advertised locally but that no interest had been shown. Councillor Robert Clow agreed to advertise the gates for sale on Ebay or in the Oxford Mail.

09/069 MATTERS OF FINANCE

The following invoices have been received:

- OALC subscription - £173.36;
- Tackley Village Hall - £200.00;
- Tackley PCC - £200.00;
- Clerks wages - £164.76;
- Tackley Village Hall - £21.00;
- Green Scythe Limited - £975.19;
- BDO Stoy Hayward - £460.00;
- Green Scythe Limited - £740.59;
- Lexis Nexis - £59.05;

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- Tackley Village Hall - £28.00.

Councillor Richard Banbury proposed that the above be ratified for payment.
Councillor Bill Denver seconded. All agreed.

09/070 OTHER MATTERS

No issues raised.

09/071 MATTERS FROM FLOOR

No issues raised.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 08.02 p.m.

Signed Chair

Dated