

2013 – SHEET NO. 27

Minutes of Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor June Collier (Chairman)
Councillors Robert Clow, Les Summers, John Cook, Robin Gibbons and Neil Wilson
County Councillor Ian Hudspeth
District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

13/061 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Paul Joslin

13/062 - CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 22ND APRIL 2013 and 13TH MAY 2013

Councillor Les Summers proposed that the Minutes of 22nd April 2013 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Seconded by Councillor Robert Clow. All in favour.

Councillor John Cook asked for an amendment to be made to Section 13/054 as he did not feel that these were an accurate reflection of the meeting. Councillor Robert Clow felt the outcome would be exactly the same and all other Councillors abstained. Therefore, Chairman Councillor June Collier made the decision to accept the amendment and the Minutes will be amended accordingly to reflect this. The minutes were duly signed.

13/063 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

None

13/064 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

13/065 - COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth reported that the Spending Review had been carried out, but the effects had not yet been determined. A 10% reduction is anticipated which means budget cuts and 2015/16 will be a tough budget.

Councillor Robert Clow asked about Thornhill and Water Eaton Park and Rides. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth confirmed that facilities at Thornhill were nearing completion. Water Easting is awaiting Evergreen 3. Charges for both car parks are currently out for consultation.

Councillor Les Summers asked the County Councillor if salt boxes around the village will be replenished. He was informed that all grit bins will be refilled before the start of bad weather.

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Councillor John Cook complimented the County Council on the verge cutting work which had been undertaken, although Angelina's Corner still remains a problem and County Councillor Ian Hudspeth to follow the issue of poor visibility at this location up.

Councillor June Collier informed the County Councillor that potholes between the Village and Rousham Estate were again becoming a problem and he will also follow this up.

13/066 - DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer informed the Council that WODC had received a briefing from the County Highways and the issue of potholes was raised. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth stated that the way to avoid potholes re-appearing was to remove the surface and redo the foundations, but that this was cost prohibitive. Councillor Neil Wilson expressed the opinion that more money should be set aside for road repairs. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth agreed but felt that it was not necessarily feasible. Councillor Les Summers asked that Councillor Neil Wilson write a few words on this subject to go in the Newsletter.

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer had a meeting with Thames Water and Councillor June Collier asked that he provide the Council with a briefing of this meeting. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer had been informed by Thames Water that they never pump raw sewage into the stream. He was informed that this happens all the time. Councillor June Collier stated that the Customer Liaison team does not seem to be effective and certainly do not liaise.

13/067 - PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor John Cook asked if the Clerk had received a response from Astrid with regard to the letter which was send to her regarding planning issues. To date the Clerk has heard nothing.

13/068 - PARISH MATTERS

Railway – Councillor Robin Gibbons informed the Council that nothing as yet has been received from Network Rail. Currently marking out for gantries for electrification is being undertaken. Carnet tickets will cease in October as abuse of the system has occurred. A note to be written to First Great Western regarding Carnet tickets. Councillor Les Summers stated that there was no publication relating to this from First Great Western. Councillor Robert Clow asked if the Sunday summer train still operated and was informed that it did.

Play Area – Councillor Robin Gibbons stated that nothing currently to report. The quiz night was successful and further fundraising is planned. Councillor June Collier had been asked if the playing field could be used for a car boot sale and it was agreed that it could.

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Councillor Neil Wilson had investigated the issue of the electricity supply to the village. Power distribution was not an issue but in recent weeks a trip out had occurred due to damage or theft of cabling. Councillor Neil Wilson agreed to supply a note for the Newsletter providing telephone contact details for Scottish and Southern. Power distribution helpline 0800 072 7282 and Oxford number 01865 845800.

Councillor June Collier reported that Green Scythe have been asked to trim the foliage in St. John's Road layby to the Hadden Cave's fence line.

Councillor June Collier had been approached by Deddington Football Club asking to hire our pitch for 3 Friday matches. Tackley football club is in limbo at the moment and these matches will not have an effect on them. Councillor June Collier to discuss with Craig Broome and Councillor Les Summers to discuss with Village Hall Committee.

Footpath Week – Councillor Neil Wilson completed his walk and has sent in his report. The Bridleway under the Railway Bridge needs resurfacing as it is in a bad state of repair. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Tackley Estates requesting that they undertake this work.

Vandalism – Councillor June Collier had been asked by the Local Police if a note could be put up in the Village to stress that anyone witnessing acts of vandalism in the village should as the first point of contact phone the police on 101 or 999.

13/069 - MATTERS OF FINANCE

101340	Green Scythe	£990.56
101341	HRMC – PAYE	£100.00
101342	Clerks Wages	£341.98
	Public Works Loan	£4,076.80
101343	Quartrac	£125.00

Councillor John Cook proposed that the above be ratified for payment. Seconded by Councillor Neil Wilson. All in Favour.

The following income had been received:

Allotment Rent	£160.00
SSE Wayleave	£37.42
Giffords Circus	£350.00
OCC Grass Cutting Grant	£974.63

13/070 - ANY OTHER MATTERS

Councillor John Cook raised the issue of the white van in the village hall car park which was for sale. It was agreed that Councillor John Cook would ring the number on the van and request the vehicle be removed.

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Councillor Les Summers informed the meeting that the Council photograph had been put in the Newsletter and he had a copy for framing. He was not happy with the photograph of the Chain of Office and this will be redone.

Councillor Robert Clow asked if the Clerk had reported the defect street light on Medcroft Road and was informed that she had.

Councillor Neil Wilson has looked into the issue of purchasing a computer for the Clerk and felt that the sum of £500 was insufficient and that a minimum of £1,000 should be made available for computer, printer and software. It was agreed that the issue would be discussed with Martin Edwards.

13/071 - MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

Meeting closed 8.30 p.m.

Signed

Date