

2014 - SHEET NO. 49

Minutes of Meeting of Tackley Parish Council held on 8th December 2014 at 7.00 p.m in Tackley Village Hall

Present:

Councillor June Collier (Chairman)

Councillor Paul Joslin (Vice Chairman)

Councillors Les Summers, John Cook, Elizabeth Marshall, Neil Wilson, Robin Gibbon

14/100 – APOLOGIES

None

14/101 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER 2014

Proposed by Councillor Cook that these be accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 6th October 2014. Seconded by Councillor Joslin. All in favour

14/102 – MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTES

- Situation with regard to sewer by school – outstanding. Clerk to chase County Councillor Ian Hudspeth
- Hedges and footpath walkabout – on-going, although some work has been done on cutting back foliage, further work needs undertaking. Clerk to ask if Council have the right to cut back as footpath blocked at top of St. John's Road.
- Ditch on School boundary. Clerk to chase County Council for a response.
- Defibrillator now installed. Training is taking place as we meet.
- Street lights switch off – they are now going off/on. Two complaints received about footpath light going off in Lower Hades. Councillor Wilson to ask to have it switched back on.
- Tree survey - Councillor Cook requested plan showing the PC trees. Chairman will advise.
- Green Scythe. Councillor Cook agreed to undertake a review of the invoices prior to the review of the contract.
- Road signs – West Oxfordshire have been given the information relating to the two signs.
- Planning applications for 41 St. Johns Road/42 Rousham Road, withdrawn.
- Village Hall Trustees – on-going. Original deeds to be located from the archives. Barbara Vaughan to be invited to next meeting to talk about Charities Commission.
- Sewage issues – on-going another meeting planned early in the New Year.
- Notice boards Councillor Joslin to seek new quotes.
- Hard surface play area. Councillor Marshall has obtained two quotes but because of the significant variation in price will make further enquiries. Chairman explained that the Council always needs to obtain three quotes.
- Play Area Trees - Mark Hilton had carried out work with regard to obtaining a quotation for the trees to screen the play area from the residents whose gardens backing on to it.

14/103 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Joslin in the Planning Application for Ball Lane.

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14/104 – PLAY AREA PROJECT – TREE PLANTING

A debate took place about tree planting along the boundary of the play area. Councillor Cook proposed that the Council donate £1,000 towards tree planting proposal put forward by the Play Area Committee seconded by Councillor Joslin. An Amendment was tabled by Councillor Marshall that the Play Area Committee be given £650 towards the cost of the trees which was seconded by Councillor Les Summers. The Amendment was agreed by 4-2 that they receive £650. Councillor Marshall will feed back this information to the Committee.

14/105 – PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Planning Application - 14/01847/HHD 5 Nethercote Road – No adverse comments relating to actual plans, although concerns over loss of parking.

Planning Application – 14 Ball Lane – No adverse comments.

Repeater Station – No adverse comments

Wootton Balk Solar Farm – Appeal Thursday 11th Dec. Councillor Cook hoping to attend.

14/106 – MATTERS OF FINANCE

Council Precept 2015/16 – Discussion regarding the precept for 2015/16 took place and Councillor Cook made a proposal that the Council apply for £20,000 which was seconded by Councillor Marshall. Councillor Joslin tabled an Amendment that the precept should be reduced more gradually and the application should be £22,500. Councillor Summers seconded this amendment and it was carried 4-3 with the Chairman's casting vote.

The Green Scythe Grass Cutting Contract due for renewal later in 2015. Councillor Joslin suggested that the previous invoices be checked for details. Councillor Cook will undertake this and advise at the next meeting.

Councillors' Wilson and Summers' agreed that the Parish Council should go ahead with the purchase of a laptop and printer for the Clerk. The Chairman requested this be done before the next meeting at end January and Councillor Liz Marshall agreed to source and purchase one.

Internal Audits. The clerk will discuss with Judy Robson to have internal audits on a regular basis.

Donations 2014/15

- Tackley Car Scheme £100 Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Summers. All in favour.
- Councillor Cook proposed that the council make further donations to village organisation. The Chairman explained that we do this already for specific projects subject to a written request.

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Ratification of Payments

101412	Tackley Village Hall	90.00
101413	Boward Oxford Ltd	846.00
101414	Tackley Village Hall	130.00
101415	Green Scythe	947.15
101416	Alan James	583.20
101417	R D Cartwright	250.00
101419	Royal British Legion	100.00
101420	BDO LLP	240.00
101421	N M Lutton	332.40
101422	Tackley Village Hall	130.00
101423	Green Scythe	947.15
101424	Clerks Wages X2	346.08

Councillor Joslin proposed ratification of the above payments. Seconded by Councillor Gibbon’s. All in favour

Income

29.04.14	Tackley Playground Proj	5000.00
04.11.14	HMRC VAT Reclaim	11262.56
08.09.14	Barclays Interest	0.21
15.10.14	WODC Precept	12,500.00

14/107 – CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

Councillor Cook suggestion that we increase the number of PC meetings, the majority of councillors are happy that they stay as they are with the regular Tuesday surgery.

Next year’s meeting dates:

26/1/15, 9/3/15, 13/4/15, 11/5/15, 6/7/15, 7/9/15, 5/10/15, 7/12/15

Councillor Wilson to discuss the speed indicator with Councillors in the future.

Meeting closed 9.00 p.m.

Signed

Date

