

2012 SHEET NO. 27

Minutes of a meeting Tackley Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th July 2012 at 7.00 p.m. in Tackley Village Hall

Present: Councillor June Collier (Chairman)
Councillor Paul Joslin (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Robert Clow, Robin Gibbons and Les Summers
County Councillor Ian Hudspeth
District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

12/076 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Jim Howard

12/077 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robert Clow declared an interest in all the items on the Agenda.

12/078 – MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 14th May and 12th June 2012 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Robert Clow and seconded by Councillor Paul Joslin that the Minutes be signed as a true record of the meetings. All in favour.

12/079 – TACKLEY PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY PROJECT

Representatives of the Tackley Playground Community Project Committee explained the aim of the redevelopment on the existing playground site. Improvements will be made to facilities for children of all ages and those with special needs both inside and outside the village. A project plan and questionnaire had been circulated to Councillors. The questionnaire will be posted to every household in Tackley on Friday. Once the results of the questionnaire have been assessed a public meeting will be held to discuss the outcome. Funding will be obtained from grants and local fundraising. The Council gave permission for the continuation of the scheme and the distribution of the questionnaire.

12/080 – TACKLEY FOOTBALL CLUB/CIRCUS

Representative from Tackley Football Club came to raise their concerns with regard to the condition of the pitch after vacation of the site by the circus. Although not opposed to the circus they are concerned that each time they visit the pitch is left in an unplayable condition. It was agreed that Councillor June Collier would arrange a site visit with Gifford's and members of the club in order that their concerns can be discussed so that defects can be rectified. It was also agreed by all at the meeting that due to the exceptionally wet conditions this year reinstatement of the pitch had been severely hampered. A meeting with the Circus and interested parties will be held in September to discuss the Circus' visit in 2013. The club will be invited to attend.

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12/081 – COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Robert Clow raised the issue of the pothole and kerbing by the Church which has previously been reported by not rectified. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth to follow this up.

Clerk to report the pothole by the bus stop at the top of the entrance road to the village.

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer asked about the failure of Oxfordshire County Council to build the Cogges link road. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth explained that this was due to the Inspector at the enquiry refusing their request for the Compulsory Purchase of land. Work will now be undertaken with West Oxfordshire District Council to find an alternative site.

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth reported that the recycling centre at Kidlington was in jeopardy due to the confirmation of a ransom strip on the land in question.

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer asked what the current position was with regard to Shipton Quarry. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth to find out and feedback response.

Councillor Paul Joslin asked whether the County Council had been approached with regard to an extension to the runway at Oxford Airport, but was told no.

12/082 – DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer informed the Council that West Oxfordshire District Council still need to consider their Local Plan (Core Strategy) due to the Ministry of Defence not requiring the number of houses previously stated.

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer reported that he had asked the Enforcement team to investigate the large shed in Rousham Road.

12/083 – PLANNING MATTERS

Clerk to look at West Oxfordshire District Council's website to see if any decisions have been reached on the planning applications discussed at the meeting on 12th June 2012.

12/084 – PARISH MATTERS

Footpath Week will be held from 28th July – 5th August 2012. Councillor June Collier to ask John Harding for a copy of the schedule.

It was reported that the School had considered the recommendations made by the Council on 12th June 2012 with regard to re-siting the school bus pick up/drop off point. They have no plans to change the existing pick up/drop off.

The Railtrack meeting has now been scheduled for 4th September 2012.

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Councillor Robert Clow proposed that currently we do not co-opt a person into the spare Council seat. This was seconded by Councillor Paul Joslin. All in favour

Councillor Paul Joslin has been approached with regard to the reinstatement of the footpath at Pebble Cottage. Councillor June Collier to chase Phillip Plumridge for the quotes for the reinstatement of this path and also the access gate at the allotment.

Due to the numerous highways defect reports that Councillors have recently received Clerk to print some cards and distribute to Councillors with contact details for Oxfordshire County Council.

Councillor Les Summers asked about the current position with regard to the vacant plot in St. John's Road. Councillor Robin Gibbons informed the Council that the plot had been taken off the market and that litigation with regard to the sewer was on-going.

12/085 – MATTERS OF FINANCE

Ratification of payments

6	101290	AON Ltd (Insurance)	426.91
7	101291	Clerks Wages	170.99
8	101292	Green Scythe Ltd	848.51
9	101293	QuaTrac (Audit)	125.00
10	101294	Clerks Wages	170.99
11	101295	Clerks Expenses	62.00
12	101296	HMRC PAYE	139.00
13		Public Works Loan	4,153.60

Councillor Robert Clow proposed that the above be ratified for payment. Seconded by Councillor Robin Gibbons. All in favour

The following income has been received:-

2	Barclays Interest	0.20
3	Allotment Rent	170.00
4	SSE Wayleave	36.26
5	Oxon CC (Grass Cut)	972.20

Councillor Robert Clow asked if the recommendations and alterations raised in the internal audit had been carried out and was informed that they had.

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12/086 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer asked whether the Council would be reclaiming the VAT for the new play area. Councillor June Collier stated that this had not yet been decided and it would be dependent on the grants that the project received.

Councillor Les Summers asked who was responsible for the paving slabs around the Village Hall. He was informed by Councillor June Collier that these were the responsibility of the Village Hall.

Councillor Robert Clow expressed concerns with regard to the Code of Conduct adopted by West Oxfordshire District Council. He had also observed that the Code of Conduct will be replaced in due course.

Councillor June Collier stated that she felt it would be beneficial for all Councillors to attend the Town and Parish Council Forum which she recently attended and also to attend the next Forum on the “Localism Bill”.

12/087 MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

Meeting closed 8.30p.m.

Signed

Date