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Minutes of Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor June Collier (Chairman)
Councillors Les Summers, John Cook, Robin Gibbons and Neil Wilson

13/076 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Paul Joslin and Robert Clow, County Councillor Ian Hudspeth
District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

13/077 - CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 8TH AND 23RD JULY 2013

Councillor Les Summers proposed that the Minutes of 8th and 23rd July 2013 be accepted as a true record of the meeting with the following amendments. Parish Matters 13/068 (8th July 2013) Councillor Robert Clow was referring to the Sunday Summer service not the Summer service in general. Seconded by Councillor Neil Wilson. All in favour. Minutes will be amended accordingly to reflect this. The minutes were duly signed.

13/078 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

Councillor Les Summers asked whether Councillor June Collier had discussed the use of the football pitch by Deddington football club with Craig Broome. Councillor June Collier had and Councillor Les Summers had raised the issue with the Village Hall who were happy for the facilities to be used and the fee of £40.

Footpath week – Councillor Neil Wilson asked if the letter to the Estate had been written with regard to the state of the bridleway under the footbridge. **Clerk to write letter asking that now the combine has finished work in this area the footpath be reinstated appropriately as currently it is in a very poor state. Dan Weeks from Oxfordshire County Council to be sent a copy of this letter.**

Councillor John Cook reported that the defective street lights in Medcroft Road had now been repaired.

Councillor John Cook stated that the white van that was parked in the Village Hall car park did in fact belong to a resident and has been removed.

Councillor June Collier reported that a letter had been sent to HMRC regarding the PAYE. Clerk reported that an acknowledgement of receipt had been received from David Cameron and that County Councillor Ian Hudspeth supported the Parish Council in their requested. To date no response has been received from HMRC.

Councillor John Cook reported that a map was now hanging in the lobby of the Village Hall.

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Councillor Robin Gibbons reported that the floodlights on the Church roof were now in place.

13/079 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

13/080 - COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor June Collier reported that it was disappointing that the repair of the footpath by the school only went half way and stopped at the rough part by the school gate. She had contacted County Councillor Ian Hudspeth to ask why only half was undertaken and he informed her that he would look into this issue. Clerk to write to County Councillor Ian Hudspeth advising how disappointed the Council are that the whole length was not completed and that some potholes still remained.

13/081 - DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

None

13/082 - PLANNING MATTERS

23 Nethercote Road – The Council had no adverse comments to make in relation to this planning application.

Councillor John Cook reported that all planning applications discussed at the last meetings had been approved. The appeal on Weaverley Arboretum Burial Ground was also approved.

Councillor June Collier informed the Committee that John Westerman would be leaving West Oxfordshire District Council. He has been extremely helpful over the years.

13/083 - PARISH MATTERS

Play Area – The Play Area Committee reported that they have been given a £51,000 grant from Viridor Credits. Further grants to be applied for and it is hoped that the financial target will be met by January 2014 and that work will start early in 2014. Currently there are two fundraising events left for this year and further fundraisers may be held next year to raise funds for the sinking fund as will small applications for grants. Councillor John Cook asked for clarification of the actual process for purchasing equipment and was informed that the monies would be paid to the Parish Council and invoices sent to them so that the VAT could be reclaimed. The final scheme has not been finalised but when it has it will be put before the Council for approval. Councillor Les Summers asked that the Committee put a note in the Newsletter to inform Parishioners of where the funding has come from and the payment process. It was agreed that the Play Area Committee would do this.

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Railway – Councillor Robin Gibbons informed the Committee that he is currently awaiting plans from Network Rail and these should appear next month. The vegetation has been cleared back behind the station for electric cabling. Councillor Les Summers stated that he was worried about the time keeping of trains, especially over the summer, and it was agreed that he would draft a letter to be forwarded to all Councillors which the Clerk could then send to Network Rail. Councillor John Cook stated that he was worried that the electrification was going ahead quickly and that we would not get the bridge that we required leaving Network Rail free to close the station. Councillor Robin Gibbons that this could not be done and the delay may have something to do with the franchising of the line.

Pub – Councillor John Cook stated that a new landlord should be in the pub within the next two weeks subject to finalising the paperwork. He has spoken with the Area Manager but is waiting for a response to his second call as the Parish Council would like to know what Green Kings future plans are for the pub. Councillor John Cook to speak to them again to ascertain if the pub is on the disposal list. The pub is listed as a Community Asset and therefore the Council should be informed if it is to be put on the market. Councillor Les Summers to put a note in the Newsletter informing Parishioners that it is a Community Asset and asking if anyone would be interested in purchasing the pub as part of a consortium as interest needs to be registered within six weeks if Green King are going to sell it. This then allows six month for the full moratorium period.

Councillor June Collier had met with a gentleman from the SSEB with regard to the cutting down of trees which were encroaching on power lines at the Heath. Councillor June Collier to email them stating that the Parish Council have no problem with the trees being cut, but that they need to also contact Mr. Dolby at West Oxfordshire District Council . Parishioners to be informed via the report in the Newsletter. A Parishioner asked if Councillor Collier could ask them to leave the cut down limbs for habitat piles rather than shedding them or for local firewood.

Councillor June Collier asked if the work in the Jubilee Garden had been completed. Councillor Les Summers informed her that the stone had been cleaned and the area was in good order.

13/084 - MATTERS OF FINANCE

101344	Green Scythe Ltd	872.96
101345	Clerks Wages	211.94
101346	Village Hall Fees	140.00
101347	Clerks Wages	173.04
101348	Green Scythe Ltd	872.96

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

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The following income had been received:

J W Hatwell	100.00
Allotment Rent	10.00

13/085 - ANY OTHER MATTERS

Councillor John Cook asked whether there were any plans to paint the container. Councillor Les Summers confirmed there is a meeting of the Village Hall Committee next week and more details will be available after this. Councillor Les Summers also to raise the issue of the sunken area in the playing field and its reinstatement and reseeding.

13/086 - MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

Meeting closed 8.25 p.m.

Signed

Date