

SHEET NO. 1 – 2011

Minutes of Tackley Parish Council meeting held in Tackley Village Hall on Monday 17th January 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor June Collier (Chairman)
Councillor Paul Joslin (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Richard Banbury, Robin Gibbons, Jim Howard, Bob Clow
District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

11/001 - APOLOGIES

None

11/002 - MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2010 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Richard Banbury and seconded by Councillor Robin Gibbons that the Minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. All in favour.

11/003 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

11/004 – DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer reported that West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) is still struggling with the budget as the grant which they have received from the Government is less than anticipated. WODC continue to work closely with Cotswold District Council.

Councillor Robert Clow asked whether there was any possibility of the two Councils merging, but was assured by District Councillor Charles Cottrell Dormer that this was extremely unlikely.

Councillor Robert Clow stated that he was pleased with the regular updates now being received of the Register of Electors from WODC.

Councillor Robert Clow asked District Councillor Charles Cottrell Dormer if WODC had any opinions with regard to the new Planning Reforms or Localism Bill. District Councillor Charles Cottrell Dormer stated that currently WODC do not have any opinions, and would not have until they have seen the Bill.

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11/005 – PLANNING MATTERS

11 Medcroft Road – 11/0032/P/FP – Conversion of loft to include 2 rear dormers and velux window. No adverse comments.

The following Decision Notices have been received granting Planning Permission for:-

- Crossing Farmhouse, 60 Nethercote Road – 10/1734/P/FP – Erection of rear conservatory.
- 74 St. Johns Road – 10/1724/P/FP – Erection of single storey rear extension.

11/006 – PARISH MATTERS

- Grit Bins – Requests have been received for bins to be installed at various locations throughout the Village. It was proposed by Councillor Robert Clow that two bins be purchased and installed at the bottom of Balliol Close and between St. Johns Road and Chaundy Road. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Jim Howard. All in favour.
- Snow Clearing – Councillor Robin Gibbons noted, from County Councillor Ian Hudspeth's recent Report to Parishes, that communities were being encouraged to clear snow. He felt that people are still unclear about the law relating to snow clearing and that it would be helpful if the recently published County Council Snow Guide on the Law was put in the Newsletter.

Councillor Richard Banbury asked that a thank you to all those who used their 4x4s and assisted the community during adverse weather in December 2010 be placed in the Newsletter from the Parish Council. He also thanked Councillor June Collier for her assistance during this period.

Councillor Bill Denver joined the meeting at 7.20 p.m.

- ROSPA Play Area Report – The Parish Council has received the aforementioned report for 2010 which highlights some low and medium risk failures.

Councillor Paul Joslin to order replacement "DOGS BANNED" signs from AM/PM for the Play Area.

Clerk to ask Green Scythe to look at ground maintenance issues raised:-

Fence

Swing Carpet

Weeds – Balance walk mat

Trip hazard – hard surfaced play area. Green Scythe to be asked to provide a quote for matting in this area which grass can grow through.

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Clerk to ask Hillcrest Garden Services to repair the following equipment:

Yellow Springy
Wendy House roof
Swing diagonal chains

- Grant Application – Oxfordshire Playful Communities 2010/11. Councillor June Collier asked Councillor Bill Denver if the Scouts would like to pursue this grant. Councillor Bill Denver stated that due to commitments for the next six months this would not be possible. Clerk to place brief details in the Newsletter and pass details and application form to the School/Pre-School to see if they would like to pursue.

Councillor Ian Hudspeth joined the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

- Village Pub – Councillor June Collier reported that the Brewery (Greene King) would be re-opening the Gardiner Arms under new management on 24th January 2011.

Councillor Robert Clow stated that he was appalled by the response that the Parish Council has received from the Brewery to their email. He proposed that the Clerk write again to Greene King asking that an answer be provided to the points raised. Also that a representative of Greene King attend a public meeting to discuss the pub and its future. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Bill Denver. All in favour.

Karen informed the Parish Council of the current arrangements for the pub and that the new management situation is only a temporary one. The pub will be advertised on the Greene King website so that a permanent landlord/tenant, who the brewery can work with, can be found. If Greene King find someone that they can work with there is money available to spend on the upgrading of the pub. If no landlord/tenant is found she understands that they may then turn the pub in to a gastro/gourmet pub.

Councillor June Collier thanked Karen on behalf of the Parish Council and wished her the very best of luck for the future. Councillor Richard Banbury thanked Karen on behalf of the Churches and the Community.

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth suggested that the Parish Council contact Will Barton at WODC to ascertain how a Community Pub is established as this is something that the Government have highlighted in their Localism Bill.

Councillor Ian Hudspeth also stated that WODC Local Plan does not allow for the pub to be redeveloped.

- Poppy Party – 10th/11th/12th June 2011 to celebrate 90 years of the Royal British Legion. A letter has been received by the Parish Council requesting that they consider holding a fundraising party for the Royal British Legion. Councillor Bill Denver will try to find someone who is prepared to organise an event.
- WODC Play Ranger Project – The Parish Council do not feel that they are in a position to offer funding for this project.

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11/007 – COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth informed the Parish Council that the Concessionary Fares grant had been slashed by half. A protest has been made, but it is unlikely that the grant will be re-balanced.

Councillor Robert Clow asked with the change over on 1st April 2011 if the token issued by WODC would still be accepted after this date. As the tokens are not part of the National subsidy, but an enhancement offered by WODC, he did not think they would be accepted, but he would check.

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth informed the Parish Council that the Game Fair at Blenheim would be held on 22nd/23rd/24th July 2011. Park and Ride would be in operation at this even to ease congestion and the Police would also be present this time.

Councillor Robin Gibbons informed County Councillor Ian Hudspeth that the verges in the Village had been damaged and the road by the shop still needs resurfacing after electrical repair work and the installation overhead cables in the Village. Clerk to also report this issue to Scottish and Southern Electric.

Councillor Robert Clow reported that several potholes had opened up again around the Parish. He also stated that the time of repairs did not seem logical. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth explained that if they stopped timing the repairs and fill all those in one area they would never be able to carry out all the emergency repairs.

Councillor June Collier stated the bridleway at Green Lane still requires maintenance. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth had reported this as requested, but will pursue.

The following potholes/kerb stones will be reported by the Clerk to the County Council's Highways section.

Bottom of Ball Lane
Edge of Village Green
Farm entrance at Field Barn
All Rousham Road, especially by the new telegraph poles
Top of Plough Park by wall
Kerb stones at the bottom of Church Hill

11/008 – MATTERS OF FINANCE

- Quote for Annual Maintenance – Quotations for annual maintenance of the seats throughout the Parish and the fence around the recycling bins at the Village Hall have been received from Green Scythe. Seats £440.00 plus VAT, fence £135.00 plus VAT. There is a 3% increase on both these figures for the years 2012-2015. Councillor Jim Howard proposed that the Parish Council accept both these quotations. Seconded by Councillor Richard Banbury. All in favour.

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- Ratification of Payments

Green Scythe	£ 776.12	(CN 10125)
Public Works Loan	£4,268.00	
Clerks Wages	£ 203.80	(CN 101216)

- Councillor Robert Clow proposed that the above be ratified for payment. Seconded by Councillor Robin Gibbons. All in favour.
- Councillor June Collier reported that a request for funding has been received from Ryder-Cheshire Volunteers, Oxfordshire. The Parish Council declined to make a donation.
- Councillor Richard Banbury stated that he has carried out a financial risk assessment of the Parish Council budget and there is an underspend of £1,448.70.

11/009 – TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

None

11/010 – TO CONSIDER MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed

Date