

## **2008/09 SHEET NUMBER 10**

Minutes of a meeting of Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008 commencing at 7pm.

Present:

County Councillor: Ian Hudspeth

District Councillor: Derek Millard

Councillors: Paul Joslin, Richard Banbury, Mary Kydd, Robin Gibbons, and Jim Howard

Cllr Joslin chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr Collier. Cllr Joslin declared the meeting open at 7pm.

### **08/035 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from District Cllr Charles Cottrell-Dormer. Cllr Denver is absence with sickness.

### **08/036 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008 having been circulated were agreed as a true record of the meeting. Pd by Cllr Banbury, sd by Cllr Howard. Cllr Joslin signed the minutes.

### **08/037 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest.

### **08/038 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

Dist. Cllr Millard reported that the new local plan for 2011 has just been completed. There are three new sites identified in Tackley for proposed development. Cllr Millard stressed that this was really early stage and these three sites will only be considered if housing is needed. The three sites were land south of Medcroft Road (0.39 hectare), land north of Medcroft Road (0.6 hectares) and land at Balliol Farm (4.3 hectares). Two of these sites are owned by O.C.C. The present local plan runs out in 2010.

### **08/038 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS.**

Cllr Hudspeth reported that the deadline for comments and objections to the proposed closure of the Post office was today. It has been reported in the press that Essex Council are subsidising their Post Offices to keep them open. This however is not strictly true. They are saving only the most profitable Post Offices and then only for three years. O.C.C. are looking at the possibilities of this course of action.

The rates increase is 3.875 this year, which was less than last year. Efficient savings achieved this.

The proposed installation of an incinerator has been narrowed down to two sites. The two sites being considered are at Ardley and Sutton Courtney. There are no plans to import waste from other districts at present.

The announcement regarding the Eco-towns has been deferred to mid April and is likely to be deferred further. There are two main sites being considered. One is Weston on the Green and Shipton Quarry. There are many problems with these sites including the railway network. The Parish Councils, District Councils and County Council are only consortees in this project and don't have any final say.

Cllr Hudspeth also reported that he attended the Great Western Stakeholder Conference in which Tackley Station was mentioned regarding the partnership with Great Western and Cotswold Line.

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There was also a Rail Watch Meeting concerning Virgin rail and the local services. There is to be rail work at the Denby Hall junction, but even with this work there will still be no service to Milton Keynes as there is no spare capacity. There was also some discussion regarding the proposed Wolvercote Tunnel.

Cllr Millard reported that at the Cotswold line meeting there was much optimism concerning the line. It is fairly sure that there will be work done to include double track in some areas. There are also plans to boost the services.

### 08/039 PLANNING

- 08/0343/P/FP – Erection of detached dwelling at Balliol Farm, Rousham Road. Cllr Banbury proposed no objection and Cllr Joslin seconded. The proposition failed. After much discussion the Parish Council agreed to object to this plan on the grounds that it was contrary to the present local plan. The clerk was asked to inform the planning department of WODC to that effect.

### 08/040 PARISH AMMENITIES

- Grass cutting contract – One copy with Cllr Collier and one copy with Cllr Joslin. These contracts are to be signed in the next couple of days and sent back to County Council legal services.
- Street Lighting Cllr Banbury reported that street light no 22 was not working and street light no 23 need to be re fixed as the new electric pole has been put up without a light on it. The clerk was asked to report this to Highways.
- Drain blockage – Cllr Banbury reported that the drain outside The Bothy 2 the Green is blocked again. It was cleared in the last couple of month but with all the recent rain it has become blocked with debris again. The clerk was asked to report this as well.
- Rail Update – Cllr Gibbons reported that he had had a meeting with Richard Roland from First Great Western. The new parish council will be asked to support the continuation of the Sunday Summer Service. It has also been decided that travellers to and from Tackley are going to be able to get cheap day return deal on some journeys. There is to be a new information system at Tackley soon. First Great Western got an award for the partnership that set up the Oxford Canal line. The Adopt a station campaign is going well.
- Club Fun Fair – The club fun fair is coming to Tackley as usual from 14<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> July. It was decided that the fee charged for this should remain at £100.00.
- Trees - Cllr Joslin reported that the company he had asked to do a second quote for the tree surgery has said that their insurance doesn't cover them to carry out the work. It was proposed that we go ahead with the first quote from Town and County Trees Ltd. Cllr Joslin pd and Robin Gibbons sd.

The council had also received a letter from Mr and Mrs J Kavanagh regarding the Poplar tree which is on their property boundary. The letter asked firstly for the tree to be removed for safety reasons, however if this couldn't be done then they would like an assurance that the council would have the tree checked annually for damage. It was decided that as the tree is in good condition the council felt that they didn't want to remove. A reply letter should be sent stating that if the Kavanaghs would like to removed this tree at their expense then the Parish Council would not object. However the District Council would have to be consulted as the tree is in the conversation area and nothing can be done without consent.

08/041 – MATTERS OF FINANCE - Cllr Banbury has produced a cash flow risk assessment. Copies of this were circulated.

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08/042 OTHER MATTERS

No further matters to discuss.

08/043 MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

No matters from the floor

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

Signed .....Chairman

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