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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on 18th November 2008 commencing 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillor June Collier

Chairman

Councillor Paul Joslin

Vice Chairman

Councillors: Richard Banbury, Jim Howard, Robin Gibbons, Robert Clow

Cllr June Collier declared the meeting open at 6.30 pm

08/103 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

08/104 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

08/105 CAR PARK PROJECT

Mr Terry Willemite was introduced to the council as the proposed contractor for the Car Park Project. The following matters were clarified and agreed on.

- The footpath on the original drawing ran down the left hand side of the car park from the entrance to the village hall, however it was felt that it would be better to have it down the right hand side as it is a much straighter route.
- The position where the parking spaces 37 and 38 should be changed. This means tarmac the area up to but not including the cherry tree. Then the two car parking spaces can be re arranged to run end on and side by side rather than the position marked on the original plan.
- On the original plan there is provision for a fence to go around the children's area. However this fence isn't needed as it will be dealt with on another project. This being the case the fence was asked to be erected at the new proposed site for the recycling bins by the hedge at the entrance. This would hide the bins from view but would still give the W.O.D.C. Recycling collection service access for emptying the bins. It was also agreed that the tarmaced area should be extended slightly to square off the area by the bins and leave less problematic grassy areas.
- The bollards which exist at the moment in the corner by the village hall need to be removed to accommodate the extension of the car park. It was agreed that these bollards be repositioned where the dropped kerbs are going.

The clerk reported that she had spoken to the O.A.L.C. about the timescale for funding. The application for Borrowing Approval should be processed in the next few weeks and it is hoped that if successful the Approval will be awarded by mid Dec 2008.

Mr Willemite said that if the project went ahead in early January then the invoice would be issued as soon as the work was completed and the invoice would be expected to be paid within 14 days.

It was agreed that Fergal's be contracted to carry out the work on the car park subject to the funding being in place.

08/106 PLANNING

- Planning application 08/1685/P/FP – Erection of new semi-detached dwelling and detached garage/store to serve both dwelling. Alterations and extension to

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existing dwelling and new access at 44 St John's Road. – Applicant – Mr D Maundrell.

Comments included were as follows:

- The disposal of the storm water via the main sewage system was not acceptable. The surface water should use a soak away.
- The garage/store was considered too dominant.
- The development was considered quite large for the area.

The clerk then reported that a letter of objection had been received from a parishioner.

Cllr Collier then opened the meeting to the public.

The following comments were added.

- There are practical problems with access in the morning and afternoon at school times with parent's cars and the school bus. Allowing additional traffic at no.44 would only aggravate this situation.
- Back windows overlook the children in their classrooms.
- Not sure of the appropriateness of the three houses block being turned into a four house block.

The clerk was asked to email WODC planning department to convey these comments. A copy of this email will also be sent to District Councillor Charles Cottrell- Dormer as requested.

It was also suggested that Cllr Denver should make sure that the new head mistress of the school was fully aware of this planning application and its implications for the school.

08/107 PARISH AMENITIES

The clerk reported that an email had been received from a parishioner complaining about the graffiti on the fence by the Jubilee Gardens. Cllr Collier has spoken to Mrs Radbone who owns the fence and she has agreed that the council are welcome to paint the fence. However the fence is rather large and it would cost a considerable amount to paint the entire fence. The paint which the graffiti has been done with is blue, so wood stain would not cover it up. It was suggested that the clerk should contact WODC and see if they have a graffiti removal service and how much it would cost to have them come and remove this graffiti for us. The clerk was also asked to contact the parishioner to explain the progress on this problem.

The clerk reported that the Methodist Church has asked the Council for permission to use the Village Green on Sunday 7th June for an afternoon service. Cllr Gibbons proposed that permission be given and Cllr Clow seconded. The clerk was asked to write a letter to the Methodist Church confirming this.

08/108 MATTERS OF FINANCE

There were two invoices to pay.

- Green Scythe Ltd for mowing - £600.80
- Julie Farren – Salary for Nov. The National pay awards have just been announced. The new hourly rate is £8.238 and is backdated to April. This latest invoice includes the backdated pay and November salary is at the new hourly rate - Total £193.47.

Cllr Banbury proposed that these invoices be paid and Cllr Clow seconded.

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The clerk also reminded the council that they had not made the normal donations to Tackley Village Hall and Tackley P.C.C.

Cllr Banbury proposed that £200.00 donations be given to both organisations.

Cllr Clow seconded.

08/109 OTHER MATTERS

Cllr Banbury reported that there was a meeting at Banbury Town hall on 26th Nov about the X59 bus route. Olive Richardson would like to go to this meeting but asked if one of the councillors would take her. Cllr Clow said he would like to go along and he would check his diary and contact Olive Richardson.

The clerk reported that a letter of thanks and a receipt had been received from the British Legion for the donation of £50.00 for the purchase of the poppy wreath.

Letter of support for The Gardiner's Arms to British Telecom – Cllr Clow reported that the new tenants of the Gardiner's Arms would like to have the original telephone number which has been used by the pub for many years. However BT is withholding this number as a previous tenant hasn't paid the bill. Cllr Clow proposed that the Council should write to BT with copies to Ofcom and Oftel to ask if this matter could be resolved as the Council would like to show support for the new tenants. The council agreed that the clerk should send a letter.

Cllr Gibbons reported that the manhole cover in the middle of the road on Nethercote Road just past the turning for Balliol close had now cracked and should be reported as it was dangerous.

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

SignedChairman

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