

2008/09 SHEET NUMBER 15

Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on Monday 19th May 2008 commencing 7.00 pm.

Present:

June Collier Chairman
District Councillor Gillian Oldfield,
Richard Banbury, Robert Clow, Bill Denver, Jim Howard, Paul Joslin, Robin Gibbons

Mrs Collier declared the meeting open at 7.00 pm

08/051 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

Mrs Collier firstly introduced Miss Gillian Oldfield who is the newly elected District Councillor. Cllr Oldfield addressed the meeting and explained that District councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer will normally be attending our Parish Council meetings. She will serve on two committees at the District Council, one being the General Purposes Committee and the other being the Environment committee. Cllr Oldfield then left the meeting to attend another meeting elsewhere.

08/052 SIGNING OF DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Each elected candidate signed the declarations of acceptance forms. Each councillor also signed the declaration of acceptance of office book.

08/053 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Banbury proposed Cllr Collier for the office of Chairman. Cllr Joslin seconded this motion. There were no other nominations. This proposal was voted on and carried.

08/054 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Gibbons proposed Cllr Joslin for the office of Vice Chairman. Cllr Banbury seconded this motion. There were no other nominations. This proposal was voted on and carried.

08/055 ELECTION OF OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

❖ **School Governor's Representative**

Cllr Joslin proposed Cllr Denver as the School Governor's Representative. Cllr Howard seconded this motion. There were no other nominations. This proposal was voted on and carried.

❖ **Airport Consultative Committee Representative**

Cllr Howard proposed Cllr Joslin as the Airport Consultative Committee Representative. Cllr Denver seconded this motion. There were no other nominations. This proposal was voted on and carried.

❖ **Tackley Village Hall Management Committee**

Cllr Joslin proposed Cllr Howard as the representative for the Tackley Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Howard said that he would rather step down as representative. In the absence of any other volunteers Cllr Howard was persuaded to stay on as the Tackley Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Gibbons seconded this motion. There are no other nominations. This proposal was voted on and carried.

❖ **Neighbourhood Watch Representative**

Cllr Joslin said that he wished to step down as the representative for Neighbourhood Watch. There were no other nominations. Cllr Joslin suggested that Ms Barbara

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Vaughan may be prepared to be co-opted as the Neighbourhood Watch Representative.

❖ **Rail Representative**

Cllr Joslin proposed that Cllr Gibbons continues as the Rail Representative along with Richard Mcrory as a co-opted representative. Cllr Howard seconded this motion. There were no other nominations. This proposal was voted on and carried.

❖ **Transport Representative**

Mrs Olive Richardson is happy to continue as a co-opted transport representative.

08/056 TACKLEY VILLAGE WEBSITE

Mr Derek West joined the meeting to talk to the council about a proposed new website for the village. He reported that at present we have a Tackley Village Hall website. We would like to move this website to a Tackley Village website and expand the content to include Parish Council news and also link to other village website. Derek has offered to do all the development of the website as a volunteers so the only cost would be the domain registration cost of between £25.00 and £30.00. Cllr Clow proposed that the Parish Council meet the full costs of this website set up. Cllr Joslin seconded this motion. All present were in favour of continuing with further development.

08/057 SIGNING OF MINUTES

Cllr Howard proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 4th March, 17th March and 18th April having been circulated, were signed as a true record of events. Cllr Banbury seconded this motion.

08/058 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- ❖ Potholes – Cllr Clow asked whether the potholes at the top of church hill and in Nethercote Road could be reported to Highways. The Clerk reported that she had reported both these potholes several times to the Highways Dept. Cllr Collier agreed to report them as well.
- ❖ Grass cutting – Cllr Clow asked whether the grass verges could be cut at the junctions at Whitehill and top of the Tackley turn. The clerk agreed to report the problem to highways.

08/059 PARISH AMMENITIES

❖ Network Rail Letters

All the councillors had read the two letters from network rail regarding the fatality at Tackley Crossing and their proposed changes. Cllr Gibbons agreed to email Nick Bucknell from the Rail Accident Investigation Board to find out whether there is any further progress with the inquiry. Cllr Denver also suggested that the council should write a letter to Network Rail to acknowledge receipt of the two letter and to reject their findings. Cllr Gibbons proposed that a meeting in the near future to further discussion.

❖ Allotment Shed

This matter is urgent now. Clerk to find the latest prices and purchase a suitable shed. Cllr Denver proposed that if the project cost less than £500.00 then it should go ahead. If it turns out more expensive than it would need further discussion.

❖ Allotment

The clerk reported that there are some members of the allotment site who have neglected to pay the rent for this year and have also not tended to their plots. Cllr Denver proposed that a letter be sent to all the allotment keeper who have not

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tended to their plots to remind them of their obligations under the terms and conditions. Cllr Howard seconded this motion.

The clerk also reported that a letter had been received from Professor Peacock stating that he wished to give up his allotment next year, but that Mary Donald from the village had been helping him to tend his plot. He would like Mary to continue on this plot when he gives up next year. The clerk has also received a letter from Mary Donald stating that she would like to take over the plot when Prof Peacock gives up next year. The council agreed that this would be OK.

The clerk also reported that the allotment that was kept by the Late Mrs Margaret Evans has now been offered to two other people. It is hoped that the new people will start tending to these plots soon.

❖ Car Park Project

Cllr Denver reported that the bid for funding for the Lotteries Commission was unsuccessful as the bid did not meet the criteria.

At the budget meeting it was agreed that the council should still go ahead with this project even if the funding from the Lotteries Commission was unsuccessful. Cllr Banbury confirmed that around £17,000 was carried forward from last year. The rest of the money could be borrow over a period of five years from the Public Works Loan Board. The total cost of the project is likely to be around £40,000.

Cllr Joslin proposed that we move forward with this option. This motion was seconded by Cllr Gibbons. Cllr Banbury agreed to look into details of obtaining the loan. All the councillors agreed.

Cllr Paul Joslin left the meeting.

08/060 MATTERS OF FINANCE

The following payments was presented:

1. O.A.L.C. Subscription - £171.28 – chq 101056 – Cllr Gibbons proposed payment, Cllr Banbury seconded.
2. Julie Farren, salary March/April and exp - £385.44 – chq 101057 – Cllr Banbury proposed payment, Cllr Howard seconded.
3. Green Scythe Ltd - £569.50 – chq 101060 – Cllr Banbury proposed payment, Cllr Gibbons seconded.
4. Robert Clow/ Internal Audit - £75.00 – chq 101061 – Cllr Banbury proposed payment, Cllr Howard seconded.
5. O.C.C. / Land rent for Crecy Hill - £20.00 – chq 101062 – Cllr Banbury proposed payment, Cllr Gibbons seconded.
6. Town and Country Trees Ltd - £1,410 – chq 101063 – Cllr Banbury proposed payment, cllr Denver seconded.
7. O.A.L.C. – Booklet - £6.00 – Chq 101064 – Cllr Gibbons proposed payment, cllr Banbury seconded.

All the cheques were signed by Cllr Howard and Cllr Collier.

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08/061 OTHER MATTERS

- ❖ **Bus Strategy** – Cllr Banbury gave the council and quick overview of the recently published proposed bus strategy . The main points are that the 4 year review of services would now take place every 5 years. Also local monitoring of services needs to be carried out. Cllr Clow agreed to attend the next transport committee meeting on 23rd June in Oxford in place of Mrs Olive Richardson who is unable to attend.

08/062 MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

- ❖ It was requested that the grass area just inside the allotment area be cut next time the grass is cut at the playing field. It was agreed that this would be done.
- ❖ It was also requested that the fence between the allotments and the play area be repair. Martin Harris has been asked and reminded about these repairs.
- ❖ The car parking in the access area to the allotment area is proving to be a problem and it was agreed that Cllr Gibbons would do a temporary sign on the tarmaced area in front of the access point asking people not to park.
- ❖ It was also requested that a sign be put up asking for no ball games to be played on the small children’s play area. It was agreed that we contact the district Council about a sign.
- ❖ It was also request that Twyhams Road be resurfaced. It was agreed that the Highways department would be contacted. Also the footpath between 32 and 42 Nethercote Road also needs resurfaced.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

SignedChairman

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