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Minutes of a meeting of Tackley Parish Council held on 7th December 2015 at 7.00pm in Tackley Village Hall.

Present:

June Collier (JC) (Chairman)

Paul Joslin (PM) (Vice Chairman)

Councillors Elizabeth Marshall (EM), Les Summers (LS), Neil Wilson (NW), Robin Gibbons (RG)

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

	Action
<p>15/083 Apologies for Absence County Councillor Ian Hudspeth (IH), Councillor John Cook</p>	
<p>15/084 Declarations of Interest Councillor Liz Marshall declared an interest in the request for financial help from the Tackley and Heyford Scout Group</p>	
<p>15/085 Confirm minutes of meeting held on 9th November 2015. (PM) proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting held on 9th November 2015. (LM) seconded. All in favour. The minutes were signed and dated.</p>	
<p>15/086 Matters arising from the minutes 9th November 2015 <u>Newsletter</u> – (LS) prepared a summary for the Dec/Jan edition of the newsletter. However the deadline for entry was missed and we had to have our summary printed separately and inserted into the newsletter before they were delivered. It was felt that this was actually a good way of including such a large amount of information to our parishioners. <u>Noticeboards of the village</u> The clerk reported that there had been some occasions when the youths of the village are aiming footballs at the noticeboards and have dislodged the windows. Graham Agutter will try and reinforce the corners of the doors.</p>	

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<p><u>Apple tree in the Jubilee Garden</u> (JC) reported that she had received several complaints from residents about the amount of crab apples on the pavement by the Jubilee Garden. (LS) proposed that the apple tree be chopped down and replaced with another tree. (NW) seconded. All in favour. It was decided that this would be put in the next newsletter and a request for suggestions for a replacement.</p> <p><u>Japanese Knotweed</u> It was agreed that monthly monitoring of the Japanese Knotweed should be put in place.</p> <p><u>Hedge along side the road and the playing field</u> (JC) has spoken to Ron Varney who cuts the hedge and he expressed surprised as it had taken him some time to manage the hedge to the level it is at the moment. It was agreed that the council definitely wanted it cut back.</p>	
<p>15/087 To consider District Council matters District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer reported that there is now a new way of applying for council houses. It is now up to the individual to apply online for a council house when it becomes available. The applicants do have to be on the council's housing list before they can do this. There is some concern that not all people have access to computers or know how to apply online. It was agreed that a short summary of the new rules would be put in the next newsletter and people should be encouraged to seek help from the Parish Council if they are having difficulties. The government is also to reintroduce the right to buy council houses. It is not clear whether all council houses will be included or whether exceptions will be made. (CCD) also reported that Network Rail are working on the stretch of railway embankment that borders his land. They propose to remove all the hedgerows and then poison the area so that it does not grow back. This is to prevent landslides in the future.</p>	

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<p>15/088 To consider County Council matters The clerk was asked to email County Councillor Ian Hudspeth to report the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The road edge has been eroded at the entrance to the Graveyard half way up Church hill. Several parishioners have scraped the bottom of their cars when exiting the graveyard. 2) There is also a huge hole in the edge of the road by the bus stop at the top of the Tackley Road, near the entrance to the Oxfordshire Way. 3) There are also several potholes again on the Rousham Road at the end of the four telegraph poles. 4) Clearing the ditch by the school. 	
<p>15/089 To consider matters of administration The clerk did a short presentation reporting the SLCC roadshow, which Judy Robson and the clerk attended in November. Please see appendix 1 for copy of the report. As a result of the talk several actions were proposed. The chain link fencing in the corner of the playground has been broken down again and children are going through into the private property and climbing the trees. It was decided that the chain link fence would be repaired and a sign would be purchased stating that it is private property and the Council accepts no responsibility for injury caused. (LM) agreed to do a weekly and monthly report of the playground, so that the Council has a record. The Council also need a sign asking people to report accidents. It was also agreed that a land registry search could be paid for to identify and check the land which is registered to the Parish Council and what the various pieces of land are caterogised as.</p>	
15/090 To consider Parish amenities	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Asset Progress – The Gardiners Arms Public House is now being advertised at £400,000, for both the Pub and skittle alley. (PJ) agreed to keep a weekly dialogue with the agent. <p style="text-align: center;">2015 – Sheet 37</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking along the Nethercote Road. (RG) had asked for this subject to be discussed. It was felt that the parking problem was a police matter. It was suggested that PCSO Phil Workman should be contacted to see if he could intervene. Allotment Mower – Mr Jim Pitts has written a letter stating that the mower, which is used to keep the allotment grass cut, will not last another season. It was agreed that Jim Pitts should be consulted as to the type of mower required and prices should be acquired for the next meeting. 	
<p>15/091 Matters of Finance</p> <p>A letter has been received from Mr Rob Marshall (Scout leader for Tackley and Heyford Scout Group) asking for financial help to buy some new tents for the scout group. The total cost of the tents was £630.00.</p> <p>(PJ) proposed that we give the Scout group £500.00. (RG) seconded. All in favour.</p> <p>(LM) did not take part in this discussion and did not take part in the vote .</p> <p>The following payments were ratified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chq no 101489 – Rynat Limited for Rospa inspection of the playground - £180.00 Chq no 101490 – J Farren wages - £430.20 Chq no 101491 - Green Scythe Ltd - £975.56 Chq no 101492 – Tackley Scouts - £500.00 <p>(LS) proposed that the payments be made. (NW) seconded. All in favour.</p>	
<p>15/092 Any other matters</p>	

