

SHEET NO. 14 - 2013

Minutes of meeting of Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on Monday 22nd April 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Paul Joslin (Chairman)

Councillors Neil Wilson, Les Summers, John Cook, Robin Gibbons

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth

13/029 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors June Collier and Robert Clow. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

13/030 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

13/031 – MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF - 4th March and 9th April 2013

Councillor John Cook asked if Councillor Les Summers had had chance to raise the issue of heating in the Committee Room with the Village Hall Committee. To date Councillor Summers had been unable to attend any of the meetings, but will raise this issue when he next attends.

Councillor John Cook stated that Councillor Robert Clow had asked about plans for the utilities within the village. He informed the Council that most of the plans were completed. Councillor John Cook asked Councillors which size of plan they would prefer. It was decided that A3 would be a suitable size and that Councillor Cook would provide all Councillors with a copy of the plans once he had added the storm water drainage information which he had received today.

Councillor Paul Joslin thanked Councillor Cook for producing these plans which are very good.

Councillor John Cook informed the Council that the application for Upper Weaverley Farm had been deferred. He felt that the application that was last presented to the Planning Committee at West Oxfordshire District Council was totally different to the application that the Parish Council had commented on. He was informed by the planning officer that the applicant had put in new drawings, but that the District Council are not required to reconsult on these matters. A parishioner who had attended the planning committee meeting had received a strong letter from the applicant's solicitor and had been advised to speak to District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer with regard to this. It was agreed that Councillor John Cook would email District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer with the Council's concerns.

Councillor John Cook told the Council that no progress had been made as yet with regard to improving the relationship with the planning officers and the Council.

Councillor John Cook stated that the report that Councillor Les Summers had written for the Newsletter was very good and that this brief summary of the meetings should continue.

Councillor John Cook asked if any progress had been made with regard to having a mirror placed at the exit from the Gardiner Arms to improve visibility of exiting vehicles. Councillor Ian Hudspeth informed the Council that mirrors are no longer erected due to difficulties maintaining alignment.

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13/032 – COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth reported that funding had been found to repair the footpath by the village school. As of yet no date has been given as to when the work will be undertaken.

The Council were informed that the Broadband Champion contract would be signed at the end of May/beginning of June for areas not covered by BT. It is anticipated that Tackley will be in the 90% which will receive faster broadband by 2015.

Councillor Robin Gibbons asked about Oxford Railway Plans and County Councillor Ian Hudspeth informed him that lots going forward but no plans as yet.

13/033 – DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

None

13/034 – PLANNING MATTERS

13/04410/P/FP – 7 St. John's Road – It was proposed that the Council write to the planning officer asking that visibility issues at the junction of St. John's Road/St. Nicholas Road be looked into.

13/0389/P/FP – 57 St. John's Road – The applicant came to speak to the Council with regard to the proposed extension at this property. It was agreed that Councillor John Cook would visit the residents to discuss the issues and solutions as raised at the Parish Council meeting on 9th April 2013.

As the applicant had looked for the Agenda on-line and been unable to find it, it was agreed that the Clerk would ask the web facilitator to put future agenda's on the Council's web page.

13/035 – PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Railway Update – Councillor Robin Gibbons reported that since the meeting on 9th April 2013 Christian Alexander at Network Rail has been contacted with regard to the Earth Bank. Network Rail are beginning to see this as an exemplar and are aware that discussions with residents will soon have to take place.

Broadband Champion - Councillor Neil Wilson stated that County Councillor Ian Hudspeth had provided the information. He had been unable to obtain much technical information and this seemed more like a marketing exercise. He will continue to try and obtain more technical information.

Play Area Update – Councillor Robin Gibbons informed the Council that the Committee had so far raised £300 from private donations and would be getting further funding from the Horse and Pony Show and evenings in May. A grant from Sovereign Housing Association of £1,000 had been obtained. West Oxfordshire District Council grant application had been submitted and the outcome will be known by June. A Viridor grant will be applied for at the end of May. The final design had been chosen.

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It was felt that the Council should ask that at 5 year contingency plan for maintenance be put in place. Various issues were raised and Councillor Robin Gibbons to raise these issues/concerns at the next Committee meeting.

Councillor Les Summers stated his concerns at the condition of the Jubilee Gardens. There is turf which has been left on top of the manhole and also the stone has graffiti on it. Councillor Summers to take photographs of the area and to forward to Clerk so that Green Scythe can be asked to undertake remedial work.

Councillor Neil Wilson stated that the village needed a general tidy up due to graffiti and winter damage. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth suggested that photographs be taken of the graffiti in the village and forwarded to Bill Oddie at West Oxfordshire District Council as it may be possible to prosecute offenders. Councillor Neil Wilson to take photographs and forward. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth is aware of problems with kerbs and stone setts and will forward this information to the highways team. Councillor Neil Wilson will undertake walk of the Village and make a list of problems.

Councillor Les Summers was under the impression that Mike Willemite would be attending tonight's meeting to discuss the issue with the Container on the playing field. His understanding was that the person who had original agreed to move the container was now unable to do so. Reinstatement work on the playing field will be undertaken once the container has been removed. This work to be funded by the Village Hall Committee.

13/036 – MATTERS OF FINANCE

It was agreed that Councillor John Cook should be added to the list of signatories for signing cheques as currently Councillors June Collier, Paul Joslin and Robert Clow are the only members of the Council able to do this and also that the Clerk be given permission to obtain information relating to the Council account. This was proposed by Councillor Robin Gibbons and seconded by Councillor Les Summers. All in favour.

The following payments were ratified for payment

45	101327	Tackley PCC (clock)	800.00
46	101328	Ox. Conservation Vol	100.00
47	101329	Clerks Wages	170.99
48	101330	HMRC PAYE	129.00

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1	101331	Ox Rural Com Council	50.00
2	101332	Tackley Village Hall	90.00
3	101333	Aon UK Ltd	401.67
4	101336	Ox County Council	100.00
5	101335	NALC	30.00

Councillor Robin Gibbons proposed that the above be ratified for payment. Seconded by Councillor Les Summers. All in favour.

13/037 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Robin Gibbons raised the issue of jets flying over the village. Mark Crocker is the Council's Airport Representation and can be contacted on 01869 331820.

Councillor Robin Gibbons passed on the thanks of the Parochial Church Council for the donation of £800 from the Council for the restoration of the Church clock. Work will now be undertaken on 6th May as a benefactor has agreed to underwrite the costs.

Councillor Les Summers had been in discussions with Councillor Robert Clow with regard to photographing the Chain of Office it was agreed that this and a new photograph of the current Councillors would be taken on 13th May 2013 so Councillors asked to come suitable dressed to this meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.

Signed

Date

