

SHEET NO. 14 - 2012

Minutes of Tackley Parish Council meeting held in Tackley Village Hall on Monday 23rd April 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor June Collier (Chairman)
Councillor Paul Joslin (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Richard Banbury, Robin Gibbons, Jim Howard, Bob Clow, Bill Denver
District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

12/035 - APOLOGIES

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth

12/036 - MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 28th February 2012 and 27th March 2012 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Robert Clow and seconded by Councillor Richard Banbury that these Minutes be signed as a true record of the meetings. All in favour. Although the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2012 had been omitted from the Agenda Councillor Richard Banbury proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting as they had been circulated. Seconded by Councillor Paul Joslin. All in favour. Clerk to provide Councillor June Collier with a copy of these Minutes for signing.

12/037 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robert Clow declared an interest in all items on the agenda.

12/038 – COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Richard Banbury had been approached by an elderly resident who is concerned about the state of the footpath between Pebble Cottage and the Methodist Church. This footpath has previously been drawn to the Highway Authorities attention by Councillor Robert Clow. Clerk to request the Highway Authority to undertake remedial work.

Councillor June Collier had received a complaint from a resident whose dog had fallen down a drain grating in Medcroft Road. This complaint was noted but it was agreed that no action was required.

Councillor Robert Clow reported that he had not attended the recent bus meeting with Mrs. Richardson. Apparently the meeting was not successful as it did not discuss the Tackley route.

12/039 – DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer reported that the Enforcement Section was investigating the complaint relating to building work in St. Nicholas Road. Clerk had reported the matter to the SEB and was awaiting a response.

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer also informed the Council that further information was required from the applicant before a decision could be taken with regard to the cemetery application.

SHEET NO. 15 - 2012

12/040 – PLANNING MATTERS

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer stated that West Oxfordshire District Council is currently looking at the new Planning Policy Framework.

12/041 – PARISH MATTERS

Councillor Robert Clow reported that the Badge of Office is currently in Birmingham for fitting of the new medal and plating. The cost is slightly less than previously recorded at £410.28, although it is unclear whether this sum includes VAT.

Councillor June Collier read out a letter from Tackley Methodist Church requesting permission to site a skip on Parish Council land whilst building work is undertaken. Councillor Richard Banbury declared an interest in this item and did not participate in discussions. It was proposed by Councillor Robert Clow and seconded by Councillor Robin Gibbons that permission be granted. All in favour.

A letter had been received from the St. John's Ambulance which Councillor June Collier read to the Council requesting a donation. It was proposed by Councillor Robert Clow that no donation be made and this was seconded by Councillor Bill Denver. All in favour.

An email had been received from Thames Water, which was circulated to all Councillors. The email from Huw Thomas, Liaison Officer at Thames Water, was a response to the questions raised at the Council meeting on 27th March 2012. The email basically stated that to date no progress has been made with rectifying the problems raised. Councillor Robin Gibbons is pursuing the issue with regard to sewage flooding at the school site and the issue of the plot of land in St. John's Road. He will now ask that the school to raise the issue of sewage flooding at this site with the Environmental Health Department at West Oxfordshire District Council. He is also pursuing the water bubbling up in the manhole in Medcroft Road opposite the bus stop with Thames Water.

Councillor Robert Clow reported that the Parish Council now have new powers to pray before meetings if they so wish. It was agreed that this was an issue for the new Council.

Councillor Robert Clow asked what the procedure was as the number of Councillors elected is one seat short. Councillor June Collier clarified that the Council are not obligated to co-opt another Councillor. The District Council cannot force the Council to co-opt another member, but a parishioner can. Councillor Jim Howard felt that the Council should try to fill the vacancy, but that this was a decision for the new Council.

Councillor Robert Clow asked Councillor June Collier if she had an update on the Jubilee arrangements. Councillor June Collier informed the Council that a meeting would take place on 24th April 2012. Councillor June Collier has agreed that the Parish Council will produce a flower arrangement for Flower Festival. The topic chosen was "Railway" as opposed to "Civil War" and Councillor Robin Gibbons will liaise with Councillor June Collier on the arrangement. It was also agreed that an arrangement would be produced for the Commonwealth.

SHEET NO. 16 - 2012

12/042 – MATTERS OF FINANCE

- Ratification of Payments

Clerks Wages	£171.99	(CN 101281)
HMRC PAYE	£136.00	(CN101282)
LCR Subs	£ 27.00	(CN101283)

Councillor Richard Banbury proposed that the above be ratified for payment. This was seconded by Councillor Bill Denver . All in favour.

The following payment had been received:

• HMRC VAT	£ 215.15	(13)
• Precept	£11,000.00	(1)

12/043 – TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

Councillor Robin Gibbons reported that “Friends of Tackley Station – FOTS” will be given space on the website. Safety training will be undertaken shortly which will enable work to be commence at the garden. The school are keen to take up the offer of safety training from Network Rail. Now that the new personnel are in place at Network Rail things are progressing. David Cameron’s PA is still being updated on a regular basis of the progress.

Councillor June Collier thanked outgoing Councillor Bill Denver for all is hard work on behalf of the Council since 2002. She also asked whether he would consider continuing to act as the Council’s liaison with the School Governors. Councillor Bill Denver stated that he would be prepared to continue this role and this will be put forward to the new Council. All Councillors thanked Councillor Bill Denver for his service.

Councillor June Collier thanked outgoing Councillor Richard Banbury for his services to the Parish Council since 1976. The Council were in agreement that Councillor Richard Banbury would be greatly missed.

Councillor June Collier also thanked the outgoing District Councillor. Although we have not had much contact with Gillian she has undertaken work on behalf of the Parish.

12/044 – TO CONSIDER MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

Meeting closed 7.46 p.m.

Signed

Date