

2009 SHEET NUMBER 1

Minutes of a meeting of Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on 26th January 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillor June Collier

Chairman

Councillor Paul Joslin

Vice Chairman

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

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer, County Councillor Ian Hudspeth

Cllr Collier declared the meeting open at 6.30 pm.

09/001 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies were received for this meeting.

09/002 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for the items to be discussed at this meeting.

09/003 MINUTES

The minutes for the Budget meeting held on 1st December 2009 had been circulated to all the Parish councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Robert Clow and seconded by Cllr Richard Banbury that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. Cllr June Collier will sign them in due course.

09/004 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer reported that a review of the Local Plan for 2011 – 2026 is taking place at the moment. He reported that there were no planned developments being put forward for Tackley.

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from WODC regarding putting forward potential road names for any developments which may happen in Tackley in the future.

The councillors felt that as there were no planned developments until after 2026 that this exercise was irrelevant to Tackley. The clerk was asked to email the department concerned back and convey this.

09/005 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

The following problems were reported to County Councillor Ian Hudspeth.

- There seems to be a problem with the street lights at Strudy's Castle and the junction to Tackley. The lights seem to be on during the day and off in the evening.
- There is a problem with granite chippings over the road and pavements in Tackley. One windscreen had been reported as broken due to this problem. It was requested that there be a road sweeper go through the village to pick up these chippings.
- The Grate in the middle of the road outside no 45 Nethercote Road is broken and needs replacing.
- The drain half way down Church Hill is blocked. This means that when it rains there is quite a stream down the hill. If this then freezes it could cause a serious accident.

Cllr Richard Banbury also congratulated O.C.C. on their website. He recently had occasion to use the website to report a problem and he found the website easy to use and the response was quick and efficient.

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County Councillor Ian Hudspeth also reported that he would be attending a review of the traffic problems which happened on the Friday in the summer when the Game Fair was on at Blenheim Palace. He asked if Tackley had any issues concerning this matter which they would like conveyed at the meeting. The councillors decided that the traffic problems didn't affect Tackley and there didn't seem to be any hold ups if you went to Woodstock along the back road from Tackley.

09/006 PLANNING

Planning Application 09/0025/P/FP – Erection of single storey extension to 91 Medcroft Road, Tackley. This application has been circulated to all the councillors and no objections were lodged. The councillors had a quick review of the original application which had been refused. It was felt that the issues raised in the refusal had been addressed. The clerk was asked to report to the planning department of WODC that the parish council would like to convey their approval of this application.

The clerk also reported that the planning application 08/1685/P/FP – Erection of a new semi detached dwelling and detached garage/store to serve both dwelling. Alterations and extension to existing dwelling and new access – 44 St Johns Road- has been granted permission subject to conditions.

09/007 PARISH AMMENITIES

- Report on the Car Park project – The clerk reported that the loan of £40,000 has now been paid into the Parish Council Current Account. This sum has been transferred to the business Reserve Account so that a small amount of interest can be earned on the money while we are waiting for the project to be finished and the invoice is to be paid. The interest rate for this loan was even lower than was originally thought. The interest rate is fixed at 1.92%, which means that the overall interest to be paid over the 5 years will be £2,112.00. The 1st instalment will go out on 26th July 2009 and will be a total of £4,384.00. The next payment will be 6 months late on 26th January 2009. The arrangement fee for the loan was £25.00.

Cllr Collier reported that the car park project was progressing well. It was agreed that Cllr June Collier would contact WODC to tell them that the recycling bins will be moved to a new site. On the whole people seem to be happy with the progress of the project. It was decided that the speed bump should be reinstated in a new position. Cllr Collier agreed to talk to the contractors to ask if this can be carried out.

- Grass Cutting Contract – The quotation from Green Scythe Ltd for the grass cutting contract had been circulated. Cllr Richard Banbury proposed that this quotation be accepted and this is seconded by Cllr Robert Clow. The clerk was instructed to contact O.C.C. to apply for a grass cutting grant again this year. The clerk was also asked to write a letter to Green Scythe Ltd to accept the quotation and also to ask for a quotation for the trench for the drainage of the new car park to be reseeded once it had been filled in by the contractors.
- Cllr June Collier reported that she had had a meeting with the new head mistress of the Primary School. She had asked whether something could be done to improve the patch of bold ground by the hard play area. Cllr Collier agreed to talk to the car park contractors to see if it was possible for them to tarmac this area and if so how much would it cost. Also the rubbish bin that is by the hard play area doesn't seem to be being emptied at the moment. The clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall Management Committee to ask if the caretaker could empty this bin once a week, to help keep the litter down to a minimum.

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- Cllr Robert Clow reported that he had been around to the Jubilee Garden to check whether the graffiti had been removed. He has concluded that this hasn't been done and that the contractors should be chased up.
- Cllr Paul Joslin read out a short report from Cllr Robin Gibbons, who had had to leave the meeting early. He reported that a meeting was being held with the Route director or GWR. This is to discuss the Sunday Service in the summer. There is pressure to cut the service. There is also a review taking place to look at installing a Permit Ticket to travel machine at Tackley Station.

09/008 MATTERS OF FINANCE

- The clerk reported that a letter had been received from Tackley pre-school asked for a grant towards buying a computer and printer. Cllr Richard Banbury proposed that a grant of £100.00 be given. Cllr Robert Clow seconded this proposal.
- Invoices to be paid are as follows:
 1. WODC invoice for the Rosa inspection of the Children's play area - £52.90
 2. Play Safety Ltd for the Rospa inspection of the new fence area. – £224.25
 3. Julie Farren salary - £376.96

The following payments were ratified:

1. Zaun Fencing Ltd for Children's play area Fencing - £5,594.75
2. Richard Banbury for the new padlock keys - £7.95

It was also reported that a VAT reclaim had been sent off for the period from 01/07/08 to 31/12/08. The sum of £1343.02 has been received.

The sum of £250.00 has been received from Gifford Circus for playing field rent and use of water.

The grant of £2,250 has now been claimed from WODC to help pay for the fencing of the children's play area. The total cost of this project was £5,819.00.

09/009 OTHER MATTERS

Cllr Paul Joslin reported that he had recently attended a Kidlington Airport Meeting. He reported that half the complaints received by Kidlington Airport were from various different people in Tackley. There has been a 30% increase in jet traffic in the last year. There is also going to be charter flights from Kidlington to Jersey starting in the summer season.

The clerk reported that a letter had been received from WODC saying that the European Parliament elections and the County Council elections have been combined and they will be held on Thursday 4th June 2009.

The clerk reported that the fair has booked to come to Tackley from 13/07/09 to 20/07/09.

09/010 MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no matters from the floor.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm

SignedChairman

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