

SHEET NUMBER 3

Minutes of a meeting of Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on Monday 28th January 2008 commencing at 7pm.

Present:

Councillor June Collier Chairman
Councillor Paul Joslin Vice Chairman
Councillors: Richard Banbury, Mary Kydd, and Robin Gibbons
District Councillors: Charles Cottrell-Dormer, Derek Millard

Cllr Collier declared the meeting open at 7pm.

08/006 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Denver and Cllr Howard

08/007 PRESENTATION – A presentation of an engraved glass vase was given to Mrs Pam Bass to thank her for her years of service (2001 to 2007) as Tackley Parish Clerk. Mrs Bass thanked the council for their gift and left the meeting.

08/008 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 27th November 2007, 3rd December 2007, and 2nd January 2008 having been circulated were agreed as a true record with a small addition made to sheet 1 to state that the comments of the Parish Council on the proposed erection of three bed roomed dwelling at 17 Medcroft Road, Tackley where sent to the West Oxfordshire District Council. With this addition it was agreed that these minutes were a true record for the meetings. Pd by Cllr Gibbons, sd by Cllr Banbury

08/009 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Joslin declared an interest in the planning application for Foxtail Barn, 5 Ball Lane, Tackley, being an overlooking neighbour.

08/010 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Collier opened the meeting to public participation. Mr Huw Jones asked to address the meeting. He is the travel plan co-ordinator for Tackley Primary School and as part of his remit is looking at ways of improving the cycle ways to the school.

The government have set aside special grants to improve the travel plans for schools including funding to provide cycle paths. He would like to propose applying for one of these grants to put in a cycle path from the edge of the Village hall car park along the side of the village all the way to the school. The proposed path will be 3 metres wide and will improve the safety of both cyclists and pedestrians. Cllr Banbury produced a map of the village hall site and the committee discussed the proposed route of this cycle path. The County Council grant will pay for all the work undertaken. There is to be a meeting with Paul Wilson of the O.C.C. Highways and the headmistress of the school to discuss this further. Cllr Banbury proposed that we find out more details, but it was agreed that the Parish Council support this proposal in principle.

District Cllr Derek Millard arrived at the meeting.

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08/011 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

District Cllr Cottrell-dormer reported that the comments that the parish council had made about the proposed project at no. 17 Medcroft Road had been printed out in full for the Planning meeting of the West Oxfordshire District Council on Monday 4th February 2008 and that they would be taken into account when making the decision.

He also reported that the District Council is in danger of having financial problems ahead. There are savings of around 1 million pounds to be made and this means that services will have to be cut. There are various committees that have been set up to look at means of making these savings.

District Cllr Millard reported that an extra £30,000 has been spent on the concessionary fares for buses so that these fares can start at 9.00am instead of 9.30am. He also agreed that there is great concern about the financial state of the District Council.

08/012 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr Gibbons reported that it had been drawn to his attention that the pavement between 42, Warren Cottage, Nethercote Road and 32 Nethercote Road has become unsafe. The pavement surface has eroded away and is down to soil level. Cllr Collier commented that wheelchair access along that stretch of pavement is not good and people are using the road instead. It was agreed that the clerk should send a letter to Paul Wilson to report this problem and when Paul Wilson visits the village next, it is proposed to show him the damage to this pavement.

08/013 PLANNING

Foxtail Barn, 5 Ball lane, Tackley – Erection of Extension.

Paul Joslin (overlooking neighbour) commented that it was a very small extension and in keeping with the other building and that he has no objections to this proposal.

Cllr Joslin then left the meeting while this planning application was discussed.

Cllr Banbury proposed no objection to this planning application. Sd Cllr Gibbons.

An email to be sent by clerk informing the District Council of this.

08/014 PARISH AMMENITIES

- Car Park Project- There is no progress to report. Cllr Denver is unwell at present. The application is in and we are awaiting a response, thought to be expected in late February or early March.
- Grass Cutting Contract – Following receiving a quote from Philip Plumridge to carry out the urban grass cutting for the village, the O.C.C. highways have been contacted to find out how much the parish council can expect back in reimbursement for contracting out this work. It was reported that the O.C.C. will pay £875 for the year. The Parish Council have to enter into a Formal Agency Agreement. Cllr Banbury pd that we contract Philip Plumridge to do the work, subject to the signing of the formal agency agreement. The clerk is asked to contact O.C.C. and Philip Plumridge to arrange this.
- Trees – Cllr Collier had contacted Town and County Trees to ask them for a quote for the work most needed to be carrying out to the trees mentioned in the Trees Report. This company quoted £1821.25 to carry out work, which in their opinion was the most urgent and needed to be done in the next 12 – 18 months. Cllr Joslin thought that this quote was expensive and proposed that he seeks another quote before a decision is made. Cllr Gibbons reported a concern about the overhanging branches from the Hadden- Cave property onto St Johns Road. It was proposed that Cllr Gibbons talk to Mr Hadden-Cave about this.

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- Hugo Brunner Award – When Tackley won a prize in the Best Kept Village competition in 2005; part of the prize was the Hugo Brunner Award for £500.00. This was to pay for a plaque to be erected in the village. Cllr Banbury proposed that this plaque should be put on one of the two information boards up at the Crecy Hill Nature Reserve. Sd cllr Kydd. The wording to be put on the plaque is to be checked by cllr Joslin.
- Gifford Circus – The Giffords Circus is definitely coming to the village, arriving on 16th June and leaving on 23rd June. The performances will be from 19th June to 23rd June. They proposed to do workshops with the school and use as many of the village facilities as they can while they are here.
- Rail Update – Cllr Gibbons reported that there are five people who have signed up as Friends of Tackley Station including two people who have agreed to be part-time gardeners for the station. He also confirmed that there is a need to keep the pressure up to improve the services. There is a meeting in Oxford proposed soon.

08/015 MATTERS OF FINANCE

- Two invoices from Tackley Village Hall for hall hire amounting to £42.00. Payment proposed by Cllr Banbury and sd by Cllr Gibbons.
- Three invoices from Julie Farren for services as parish clerk for November, December and January including expenses. Total amount due £556.11. Payment pd Cllr Kydd and sd Cllr Joslin
- Invoice from the external auditors BDO Stoy Hayward LLP. Total amount including VAT £223.35.
- Invoice to Pam Bass for April 2007 found not paid. Total amount £146.24. Cllr Banbury pd and sd by Cllr Gibbons

08/016 MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

The clerk reported receiving a letter from Barbara Vaughan from the Tackley Village Hall Committee asking for permission to hold a car boot sale in the playing field on April 20th and possible again in the Autumn. Cllr Banbury pd agreement, and sd by Cllr Gibbons, with two conditions. One being that the ground should not be too wet to cope with the vehicles and secondly that there should be no parking along Medcroft Road.

08/017 OTHER MATTERS

Cllr Gibbons reported that a number of people have complained about people tailgating and speeding down Church Hill. He proposed to put the 30 mph signs up at Church Hill to remind people to slow down. Cllr Joslin and Cllr Gibbons agreed to do this.

Cllr Banbury reported that the post box at White Hill has been badly damaged. It was proposed that the clerk report this damage to the Post Office.

District Cllr Millard reminded the council that in just over a week the decisions regarding the closure of local Post Offices are to be released. Many of our local Post Office are at risk of closure and there is no system of appeal.

District Cllr Cottrell-Dormer reported that Shipton-on-Cherwell Quarry is one of the seven suggested site for the new Waste Incinerator.

08/018 MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

SignedChairman

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