

## 2010 SHEET NUMBER 35

Minutes of the Tackley Parish Council meeting held in Tackley Village Hall on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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

### 10/077 – APOLOGIES

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth

### 10/078 – MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Jim Howard and seconded by Councillor Paul Joslin that the Minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. All in favour.

### 10/079 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 10/080 – COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- The Parish Clerk stated that a letter had been received from Oxfordshire County Council explaining that the highways restructure is now complete and that the new Area Steward for West Oxfordshire is Ian Clarke. Mr. Clarke to be asked to attend “a walkabout” around the Parish with Councillors. Parish Clerk to arrange a convenient date so that the following issues can be raised:-
  - Missing kerb stone on footpath opposite the Church, Medcroft Road
  - Re-appearance of pothole by the bus stop at the top of the road into the village (south side).
- County Councillor Ian Hudspeth informed Parish Clerk, via email, that he has actioned all issues raised at the Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

### 10/081 – DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

- Councillor Robert Clow asked District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer whether the Parish Council would have any input into the occupancy of the empty Housing Association (Council) House in the Parish. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer stated that the Parish Council were able to comment, but ultimately the decision would be made by West Oxfordshire District Council. He also informed the Council that he had forwarded the relevant information to West Oxfordshire District Council Housing Department about the current vacant property.

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- Overhanging bushes on the highway continue to be a problem. Parish Clerk to write again to residents and issue to be raised with Area Steward when he visits as this is not a District Council matter.
- Councillor Robert Clow raised the issue of a car parked across the footway in Medcroft Road completely obstructing it. Councillor June Collier reported that PCSO Phil Workman will be dropping notices through the doors of houses in Rousham Road where cars are parked on the footway. Parish Clerk to ask him to put a notice in the door of the offending property. In the meantime Councillor June Collier to speak to Mrs. Ollman who manages the property in the absence of the owners.
- Councillor Robert Clow asked District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer for an update on the trailer parked in the field north of Sturdy's Castle. He was informed that enforcement enquiries are still on-going.
- Councillor Robert Clow asked District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer whether the works to Northbrook bridge have been completed. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer reported that only the foliage had been removed and that it was unlikely further work would continue due to the cost of repairs and the County Council budget cuts.
- District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer reported that budget savings at West Oxfordshire District Council are going well. This is in part due to officers working for West Oxfordshire and Cotswold District Councils.
- Councillor Robert Clow stated that the new refuse collection seemed to be operating effectively with just the food waste bins still to be delivered to residents.

### 10/082 – PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

- West Oxfordshire District Council Review of Polling District and Polling Places – No interest.
- Local Government and Public Involvement In Health – No interest.
- Village Green Notice board – The quotes for the replacement of this notice board have been circulated to all Councillors without a clear decision being made. Councillor Paul Joslin to select a notice board to the value of £1,500 and inform the Parish Clerk so that an order can be placed.

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- Notice board by Primary School – Jim Pitts has agreed to repair broken Perspex in door.
- Gifford’s Circus – Councillor June Collier has received a request from the Circus to return to Tackley 20-27th June 2011, with performances being held on Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday and Monday. Approval was given subject to receipt of payment for this year’s visit. The fee for 2011 to remain the same, £300, but Gifford’s to be advised that it will be reviewed for 2012 and subsequent years. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer stated that there were issues relating to the sale of tickets this year as people were being told that performances had sold out when in fact they were not. He asked that Gifford’s be informed of this issue and it was suggested that centralised booking might be the answer.
- Tackley Village Hall, Solar Panels – Application No. 10/1118/P/FP – Approved.
- Allotments – It has been brought to the Parish Council’s attention that two allotments are not being maintained in accordance with Allotment Rules and Regulations. Parish Clerk to write to allotment holders concerned, drawing their attention to point 7 of the Rules and Regulations, and advising that if they no longer wish to tend their plots there is a waiting list.

### 10/083– MATTERS OF FINANCE

- The following invoices were received:-

- Village Hall	£ 63.00	(CN 101199)
- Oxfordshire County Council	£ 20.00	(CN 101200)
- Oxfordshire County Council	£ 50.00	(CN101202)
- Linda Jones	£ 203.80	(CN 101203)
- Green Scythe	£ 917.13	(CN 101204)
- BDO LLP	£ 364.25	(CN 101195)
- Viridor Credits	£ 36.85	(CN 101205)
- Hillcrest Gardens	£ 170.38	(CN 101206)
- Robert Cartwright	£ 250.00	(CN 101207)

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

- The following income has been received

- WODC Precept	£10,000 (8)
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- Quotation for repair to play area swing from Hillcrest Gardens £145.00 plus VAT. Councillor Robert Clow proposed that this quote be accepted. Seconded by Councillor Bill Denver. All in favour.
- Quotation from Green Scythe for treatment to the fencing around the recycling bins at the Village Hall Car Park £135.00 plus VAT and cutting back of lower branches of the Walnut Tree in Chaundy Road £125.00 plus VAT. Councillor Robert Clow proposed that these quotes be accepted and this was seconded by Councillor Jim Howard. All in favour. Clerk to ask Green Scythe to complete the preservative treatment of the fencing before the winter.
- Councillor Richard Banbury asked that the costings from Alan James and Robert Cartwright for the clearing of the ditch and the removal of soil be accepted. This was proposed by Councillor Robert Clow and seconded by Councillor Bill Denver. All in favour.
- Councillor Richard Banbury handed out budget forecast sheets to the year. The Parish Council has a good balance in hand. Councillor June Collier thanked Councillor Richard Banbury for producing the predicted budget forecast.

### 10/084 – ANY OTHER MATTERS

- Councillor Robert Clow stated that the paving slabs were still loose and proud at the Village Hall and also that the trenches were uneven and re-seeding still needed to be undertaken by the contractors. Councillor June Collier stated that she had spoken to the contractors with regard to the trenches and re-seeding and was informed that this work would be completed. She will raise this issue and that of the paving slabs with the contractor again.
- Councillor Robert Clow reported that the puddle in front of the Village Hall was still causing a problem.
- Councillor Jim Howard reported that the “Sleeping Policeman” in the Village Hall Car Park still needs repainting.
- Councillor Robert Clow asked Councillor Richard Banbury if anyone had volunteered to help at Crecy Nature Reserve and whether the Creeping Thistle had been dealt with. Councillor Richard Banbury informed the Council that no one has volunteered and that the problem of Creeping Thistle has been dealt with. Councillor June Collier reported that a volunteer working party from British Gas will be undertaking work at the Nature Reserve on Wednesday.
- Councillor Robert Clow asked Councillor June Collier if she had spoken to Mr. Wilson with regard to the planting of the Oak tree. This matter is still outstanding and Councillor June Collier to pursue.
- Councillor Robert Clow asked Councillor Paul Joslin if the telephone cable on the Village Green had been repaired. Councillor Paul Joslin reported that he thought it had.

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- Councillor Robert Clow stated that he has received a Thames Water booklet which states that householders are charged for surface water and highway drainage. He has complained to the County Council regarding this issue.
- The Parish Clerk reported that she had received an email from West Oxfordshire District Council requesting confirmation as to the location of the Ball Lane sign. Councillor Paul Joslin to contact West Oxfordshire District Council to confirm positioning.

**10/085 – MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no matters from the floor.

Meeting closed 7.55 p.m.

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