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Minutes of a meeting of Tackley Parish Council held on 13th February 2017 at 7.00pm in Tackley Village Hall.

Present:

June Collier (JC) Chairman

Paul Joslin (PJ) Vice Chairman

Councilors Elizabeth Marshall (EM), John Cook (JCK), Les Summers (LS), Neil Wilson (NW), Robin Gibbons (RG)

District councilor Charles Cottrell-Dormer (CCD)

County Councilor Ian Hudspeth

Meeting declared open at 7.03pm.

The Clerk recorded this meeting for the purposes of writing the minutes.

<p>17/011 – Apologies for absence None</p>	
<p>17/012 – Declarations of Interest None</p>	
<p>17/013 – Confirm Minutes of meeting held on 9th January 2016 One small amendment was added to the minutes by hand. JCK proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. LS seconded. All in favor.</p>	
<p>17/014 – Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 9th January 2016 <u>Litter bin for the Bus stop by the Village Hall entrance.</u> The clerk reported that the litterbin has now been fitted and is being used. <u>Meeting with new MP Robert Court</u> JC invited Robert Court to a short meeting with the Parish Council for the purposes of discussing parish matters. This meeting has now taken place. Robert Court indicated that a further meeting involving the residents of Tackley would be arranged for the future. <u>Balliol Farm Development</u> A group of residents compiled a list of concerns about the Balliol Farm Development and sent it to the Parish Council. The Council received confirmation from WODC that neither the planning department nor the Parish Council could influence the conditions set out in the appeal decision.</p>	

<p>No further action can therefore be taken by the Parish 2017 - Sheet 7 Council. JC has emailed the group and advised them of this and suggested they address their concerns to the owners and developers, when known. <u>Clerk's time away</u> JCK volunteered to write the minutes for May and June's Meeting in the Clerk's absence. <u>Tactile Pavement</u> The Clerk reported that she had emailed the Highways Department of County Council. They confirmed that Tactile pavement would either have to be paid for by the Parish Council or by the resident. The clerk asked how much this would cost. Still awaiting a reply. It seems that any approved contractor can be used. The clerk has spoken to the resident who asked for the Tactile pavement. The Highways department also advised that sometimes charities could give grants to registered blind people for such pavements. <u>Abandoned Car</u> The clerk reported that the WODC have been advised of the abandoned car in the layby of St John's Road. WODC have replied saying that the car is subject to probate. The clerk will talk to the local PCSO and see if the Police can do something about this car.</p>	<p>JCK</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>17/015 - District Council Matters <u>None</u></p>	
<p>17/016 - County Council Matters County Councilor Ian Hudspeth reported that the County Council would approve the new budget on 14 Feb 2017. They are taking the additional 3% the government offered to Authorities to spend on Social care. One million pounds will go towards developing more carers in Oxfordshire, £875,000 into the Day care centers. Another £170,000 will be put into grass cutting, and £150,000 for additional Area Stewards to make sure the funds is being delivered properly. Another £776,000 into contingency reserves, and £250,000 for a Community's fund for Environmental projects. Children's Social care will get £600,000. <u>Unitary Council</u> The County Council proposal is a discussion document,</p>	

which is open to everyone to comment on.

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South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse have decided to join Oxfordshire County Council in saying that this is the best way forward. This should make things much simpler and cheaper, because instead of there being six councils there will be just one point of service.

Savings of over £20m per year ongoing is anticipated. Some of these savings will go into a growth fund, which will support infrastructure. Other money will go back into services. This should mean a much more joined up services.

There will be Local area boards based on areas similar to WODC. These members will also sit on the Strategic Authority also. This means that Local area boards will still determine local area issues.

There will be a reduction of Councilors from 282 to around 120 - 125.

There was a general discussion on the merits and disadvantages of this proposal.

JC proposed that some of the councilors attend one of the open days planned to get a better overview.

CCD suggested that WODC was not in favour of the merger as each area has different needs.

CCD asked IH whether Government set the business rates. Local business rates are increasing by 43%, and CCD was concerned about such an increase. IH replied that the increase must be due to the reevaluation of business property.

CCD also wanted to report that the website facility for reporting potholes was very good and worked very well. The clerk agreed that a link to this service could be put on the village website.

Clerk

17/017 - Planning matters

Community Infrastructure Levy

This is a proposed development charge that is in consultation at the moment. This will run along side the Section 106 Agreements. It is proposed that Developers will be charged this levy to help improve the local infrastructure. This is not likely to affect either of the developments in our village and it hasn't been approved yet.

<p><u>54 Nethercote Road</u> – JCK reported that the planning application has been passed. Although the Parish Council had no objections to the application, they did ask for</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2017 – Sheet 9</p> <p>restriction to be put on the Construction vehicles to reduce the impact on the local area while this development is being built. Unfortunately this wasn't taken into account by the planning department.</p> <p><u>Extension to Abel's Barn</u></p> <p>The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Construction traffic restrictions were asked for again.</p> <p><u>Harbourne Road Gym and Drum room</u></p> <p>The Parish council had no objections to the building; however there were some concerns about the noise levels, and WODC have been asked to ascertain and monitor noise from the building.</p>	
<p>17/018 – Parish amenities</p> <p><u>Playground inspection</u></p> <p>EM has done an inspection of the playground. There is only one outstanding issue regarding getting the benches painted with preservatives. EM reported that the rubber grip has now been fitted.</p> <p><u>Traffic monitoring</u> - deferred to next meeting.</p> <p><u>Oak Tree Seat</u></p> <p>There have now been three quotes obtained. The cheapest of which is £806.00. It is thought that the old seat is now dangerous and should be taken down straight away. The Council agreed that the Clerk should obtain a pro-forma invoice as soon as possible and the cheque can be signed as soon as it arrives, rather than wait until the next meeting. There was some discussion as to where the seat should be delivered. CCD offered to take delivery of the seat at the farm and then it could be transported to the village green when it was ready to be assembled.</p> <p>The Clerk will ask Graham Agutter to remove the old seat. JC said that there is approx. £235 in the Millennium Fund Bank Account. PJ proposed that this money could be used towards the cost of the new seat and then close that bank account. LM seconded.</p> <p><u>Repainting yellow lines on the car park</u></p>	

<p>JC has obtained a quote from the line painting firm that Fergals recommend, which has been accepted. This firm has emailed that they propose to carry out the work on 3rd March 2017. JC and the clerk will meet the contractors on site on the day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2017 - Sheet 10</p>	
<p><u>Parking Issues</u></p> <p>JCK has produced notes to accompany the preliminary plan for reducing the parking problems on Nethercote Road, St John's Road, which has been circulated to the Councilors. JCK proposed to ask Huw Jones for a quote for a consultation on the practicalities of this proposal. CCD is reported that one of the residents who live opposite the Street Farm Development Area would like drop kerbs outside their houses so they can park their cars outside their houses. JCK agreed to incorporate this facility.</p>	
<p>17/019 - Matters of Finance</p> <p><u>Ratification of Payments</u></p> <p>Chq 101567 - Julie Farren - Reimbursement for Locksheild tap keys - £13.95 Chq 101568 - Green Scythe Ltd - £984.58 Chq 101569 - Quatrac - Internal Audit - £50.00 Chq 101570 - Julie Farren - Wages January Chq 101571 - Graham Agutter - Bus Shelter bench Repair - £92.00 Chq 101572 - A.K. Placko - PAYE agent - £100.00</p> <p>JC offered thanks to Graham Agutter for repairing the bench in the Bus shelter.</p> <p><u>Internal Audit QTR 3</u></p> <p>The clerk has circulated the latest Internal Audit Report. The Clerk confirmed that all the actions have been worked through and actioned. JCK reported that he would update the budget to reflect the latest figures on the accounts.</p>	
<p>17/020 To consider other matters</p> <p><u>Annual review of the Standing Orders, Risk Management Policy and Fixed Asset Register</u></p> <p>JC and the Clerk have done the annual review of the Standing Orders, Risk Management Policy and Fixed Asset Register. The Clerk reported that there were two new items to be added to the Fixed Asset Register (The Noticeboard and</p>	

the Litterbin). There has also been a column added to the Fixed Asset Register to reflect the fact that all the items on the Register are included on the Insurance Policy. There have been some additions to the Standing Orders and a small addition to the Risk Management Policy. These changes have been circulated to the Councilors. It was

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agreed that the Councilors will review the Standing Orders in the next few weeks and any comments should be forwarded to the clerk before the next meeting.

Amendments should be ratified before the AGM in April. PJ asked why the Council had to publish Draft Minutes on the Village Website. The clerk explained that under the Transparency Code, which was bought in 31st July 2015 stated that minutes should be produced within two weeks of the meeting and published as draft on the website. After the meeting where the minutes are approved the draft minutes are moved on the website to the approved signed minutes section and the latest Draft minutes are published.

Proposed Sleep in for the Scouts and Cubs

EM reported that the Beavers and Cubs are thinking of having a Night Away at the Village Hall in the summer. It is proposed that the Cubs will sleep outside in Tents and the younger Beavers will sleep inside the hall. Permission from the Village Hall chairman has been given to use the Hall. EM was asking permission to use the playing field to put up the tents.

The Council agreed that as long as the Cubs were fully covered with insurance then there was no problem using the field.

44b St John's Road.

LS asked for an update on 44b St John's Road. JCK reported that he had recently sent a request to WODC asking how they were progressing with their investigations. He was advised that Kim Smith had been given the enquiry. He hasn't received a reply yet.

Village Hall AGM minutes

LS reported that the minutes for the Village Hall AGM and the latest committee meeting would be circulated to the Parish Council.

17/021 - Matters from the Floor

None

<p>The meeting closed at 8.30pm</p> <p>Signed By</p> <p>Date</p>	
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