

## SHEET NO.11 – 2011

Minutes of Tackley Parish Council meeting held in Tackley Village Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

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

### 11/027 - APOLOGIES

Councillors Robert Clow and Bill Denver

### 11/028 - MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011 and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Richard Banbury and seconded by Councillor Robin Gibbons that these Minutes be signed as a true record of the meetings. All in favour.

### 11/029 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 11/030 – DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer circulated a note of response to the queries raised at the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011 (copy attached).

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer stated that West Oxfordshire District Council is still hoping to get back the majority of the money which was invested in Icelandic banks. He also informed the Council that West Oxfordshire District Council has invested in two properties which are rented out and provide a healthy return on the investment.

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer told the Parish Council that West Oxfordshire District Council has the second lowest Council Tax in the County for band “D” housing.

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer reported that after 30 years as an Independent, he is now joining the Conservative Party.

Councillor Richard Banbury stated that the draft West Oxfordshire District Council Plan did not appear to be as robust in relation to Village pubs as the previous plan. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer to look further at this issue and ensure that it is as robust as possible.

Councillor Richard Banbury reported that a parishioner had complained about the size of the Lower Hades Road sign. Councillor Paul Joslin had received positive feedback from two parishioners.

## SHEET NO. 12 -2011

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth joined the meeting at 7.15 p.m.

### 11/031 – COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth informed the Council that currently there are no defined parameters for the Big Society Fund and it may be worth the Parish Council considering if there is anything that they wish to bid for.

Councillor June Collier stated that she had spoken to County Council Officers and was pleased to report that work to clear overgrown foliage from Green Lane had been undertaken.

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth reported an additional £12 million funding had been received for highway maintenance resulting from the bad weather. Money to be spent by September.

The condition of the highway along Rousham Road was raised and County Councillor Ian Hudspeth will pursue. Urgent repairs should be undertaken within 2-24 hours, with all other being completed within 28 days.

### 11/032 – PLANNING MATTERS

A Decision notice has been received from West Oxfordshire District Council granting permission for 11 Medcroft Road – 11/0032/P/FP – Conversion of loft to include 2 rear dormers and velux window.

### 11/033 – PARISH MATTERS

- Noticeboard – Councillor Paul Joslin informed the meeting that the Village Green noticeboard has been ordered. The cost for the 3 door noticeboard will be approximately £2,000 plus V.A.T., not the £1,500 originally agreed for a 2 door noticeboard. Councillor Richard Banbury proposed that we accept this new cost. This was seconded by Councillor Jim Howard. All in favour.
- Hatwells Fair – All agreed that the Fair could use the playing field on 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July at a cost of £100. Clerk to inform Hatwells.
- Request for parking permit – Clerk to ascertain if this request is for a further car or one of the three that are currently owned. Also to clarify if the request is for overnight parking. Applicant to be informed that the layby in St. John's Road may be a solution.

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**11/034 – MATTERS OF FINANCE**

- Quote from Green Scythe for ROSPA play area work:-  
  
Fence £350 + VAT – 18 metres of chain link fence. It was decided to leave this for now.  
  
Ground work £120 + VAT – to remove trip hazard from field side. Councillor Richard Banbury proposed this work be undertaken. Seconded by Councillor Robin Gibbons. All in favour.  
  
Clerk to request clarification for Astro Turf repair work.
- Grass cutting grant – Clerk to request payment from County Council April 2011 for the financial year 2011/12.
- PAYE for Clerk – Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council is unable to claim an exception, but that registration takes place after 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Tax will need to be deducted at source and paid on a quarterly basis to the Tax Office. Once registered the Tax Office will provide the Council with an employee number. Clerk to wait and see how much work is involved before deciding whether extra hour per week will be required to complete the task.
- Grant aid Tackley PCC – Councillor Robin Gibbons declared an interest in this item and did not take place in discussions.  
A letter requesting grant aid had been received by the Clerk. Councillor Richard Banbury proposed that we pay Tackley PCC £250 for the financial year 2010/11. Seconded by Councillor Jim Howard. All in favour. Clerk to write to Mrs Reddington requesting that she apply again, in writing, for the 2011/12 grant.
- Ratification of payments  

Ron Varney	£250.00	(CN 101226)
Oxford Association of Local Council	£182.71	(CN 101227)

  
Councillor Jim Howard proposed the above be ratified for payment. Seconded by Councillor Richard Banbury. All in favour.

**11/035 – TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS**

Councillor Robin Gibbons reported that there had been further near misses on Church Hill due to drivers driving at excessive speed. He will contact the PSCO requesting that speed checks are undertaken.

Councillor Robin Gibbons informed the Council that a report had been given to Network Rail detailing further near misses. Network Rail has now started talking about installing a footbridge.

**SHEET NO. 14 - 2011**

Councillor Robin Gibbons reported that the new Rector has been appointed, Dr. Mark Clavier. He moves in in May and his induction takes place on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Councillor Richard Banbury had received a request via a parishioner from the school contractors who were trying to ascertain the ownership of the land, 44a St. Johns Road, as they required access to the land. Councillor Richard Banbury was able to find the information required via the West Oxfordshire District Council Planning web page and will pass this on to the contractors.

Councillor June Collier has spoken to the allotment holder of the half plot which appeared to have been uncultivated. He wishes to continue renting his plot, which he does not cultivate in the conventional manner.

**11/036 MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

Meeting closed 8.15 p.m.

Signed .....

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