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Minutes of Tackley Parish Council meeting held on 27th January 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor June Collier (Chair)
Councillor Paul Joslin (Vice Chair)
Councillors Neil Wilson, Les Summers and John Cook
District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

14/006 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Robin Gibbons who will be late.

14/007 – CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2013 AND 2ND JANUARY 2014

Councillor Les Summers proposed that the above Minutes be accepted as a true record of the meetings. Seconded by Councillor John Cook.

14/008 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor June Collier requested a minutes silence in memory of Councillor Robert Clow.
District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer declared an interest in everything on the agenda in memory of Councillor Robert Clow who always declared an interest.

14/009 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

Councillor Les Summers r - 13/107 - speed indicators as County Councillor Ian Hudspeth had not arrived at the meeting it was not possible to discuss this issue.

Councillor John Cook raised the following issues arising from the Minutes:-

- Pre-start meeting with contractors on the playground. This was held last Thursday.
- No sign has been erected as yet advising people that work on the play area will commence.
- The drainage was not cleaned by 10pm on the night of 2nd January 2014 as promised.
Councillor June Collier informed Council that it in fact took two weeks to clear the drains.
- Signing of cheques – Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the bank today, and that she would pass this to Councillor June Collier for consideration.

14/010 - DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Les Summers had parishioners coming to him regarding the eyesore at 44a St. Johns Road. He asked District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer if there was anything that could be done to get the developer to do something about the site. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer felt

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that there was not. Councillor Les Summers felt conditions of planning should be enforced. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer stated that you do not have to carry out the planning permission that has been granted, as long as you do not do anything you do not have permission for. Even though there is not sufficient parking for the homeowners who have purchased the properties District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer felt that no further progress could be made. Councillor Les Summers felt something should be done about the developer by the Planning Authority, but again District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer stated that they have looked at it and there is nothing further the Authority can do. Councillor Les Summers' will advise the parishioners to take the matter to the press. Councillor John Cook asked if there is anything the District Council can do about an area of land that is not kept up and was informed by District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer there was not.

The property which appears to be a breakers yard in St. Johns Road is also becoming an eyesore. There may be a possibility of tackling this under accumulation of rubbish by the Environmental Health Department at the District Council and Mr. Irwin Davis of West Oxfordshire District Council to be asked to look at the area to see if enforcement action is required as it may be attracting vermin. Commercial Waste Transfer and Waste Management Licence may be required.

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer reported that a parishioner wants a pole moved that is in the middle of the footpath in Rousham Road. He has suggested that she speak to her MP. Councillor Les Summers has suggested that she photographs the post and sends it to whoever owns it as it would appear that it does not have any connections to it. Councillor Neil Wilson will look at this again.

7.20 p.m. - County Councillor Ian Hudspeth arrived

14/011 - COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth had sent a report which mainly highlighted the budget.

Sewage - The major issue for County has been flooding recently and the situation with Thames Water is that they do not appear to be proactive in sorting out problems. The Deputy Leader of County Council will be holding meeting with Thames Water to discuss sewage issues throughout the County. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth is very disappointed with Thames Water's response and the County are continuing to get no satisfactory answers. Councillor June Collier stated that yet again Tackley had experience sewage on the path and asked what something be done? County Councillor Ian Hudspeth stated that the County are struggling to find a solution with Thames Water as route causes are not dealt with. Councillor Neil Wilson felt it was not necessarily just a Thames Water issue, it is also that ground water is getting into sewers. It is surface water getting into a blocked system that is contributing to the issue and it is not known where the main route of the problem is. He was of the opinion that there was a lot of buck passing going on and an officer within the County Council needs to own it Countywide. Drainage of streams that run all the way to the river need

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cleaning. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer asked if there were other ditches within the village which needed cleaning out? He felt the Estate should be asked to clean their ditches out properly. Councillor John Cook raised the issue of the piped culvert running outside the village hall and the possibility of a blockage in the pipe which needs checking so that the flow is not interrupted causing back-up. He felt the main sewer in Medcroft Road was fully utilised and therefore the manholes at the village hall were backing up. He agreed with Councillor Neil Wilson that the water or sewage is being filled up with surface water and this is too much for the pumping station to handle. He felt you either increase pumping capacity or stop the surcharge of surface water. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer asked whether Thames Water had descaled all the pipes and was informed that they did approximately 10 years ago, but that this was the fresh water only. Councillor John Cook felt the attack had to be on Thames Water as they must have powers to insist that landowners reduce the amount of water coming off their land. Councillor John Cook was going to speak to David Kidd about the legal responsibility landowners have to stop water running off their land onto the public highway. Councillor June Collier said a walk was undertaken around the village last year with County Council officers but she was informed that if they contacted the landowners it probably would not do any good. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer felt a bigger pipe from the pumping station to the sewage works was the only solution. Councillor June Collier felt Thames Water need to sort out the infrastructure of the village and pressure should be put on them to upgrade the pipework to enable it to cope.

The Thames Water meeting with the County Council will be held in March. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth will ask highways to request the riparian owners to clear their ditches. Councillor June Collier stated in conclusion that the Parish Council should try and get David Kidd/Jim Wiltshire to join a sub-committee with Councillors John Cook and Neil Wilson and Will Johnson. Councillor June Collier felt we should have another meeting in a couple of weeks' time to discuss the issue further.

Robin Gibbons arrived at 7.55 p.m.

Councillor June Collier asked the County Councillor if any progress had been made with regard to the speed indicators at the entrance to the village. She was informed that he would go away and see if he could find a cheap alternative. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth stated that they would cost approximately £2K each. Councillor Neil Wilson will look for a cheaper alternative.

14/012 - PLANNING MATTERS

- 14/0095/P/FP – 59 Nethercote Road - No adverse comments
- 14/0093/P/FP – 51 St. John's Road - No adverse comments

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14/013 PARISH MATTERS

Broadband – Councillor Neil Wilson stated that Tackley has a good connection to Broadband. Individual connections to the exchange cause problem, but the village has good broadband which will get better when BT upgrade. Business broadband is different as they require a high speed in and out. They can get this but will need to pay BT for this and this is their business not a Parish Council issue. The map drawn up for broadband is not accurate.

Wood House – Councillor John Cook had had a visit from a Parishioner asking if he was aware that the owner had let the house on a four year lease, in contravention to the planning permission which was for a holiday let. As this is a technical breach, which will not adversely affect the environment nor adjoining owners, it is unlikely that West Oxfordshire District Council will proceed with enforcement action. The Parish Council have consistently held the view that Wood House should be retained. In view of this, Councillor John Cook proposed that no action is necessary and this was agreed by all Councillors.

Street Lighting – Councillor June Collier stated that Councillor Les Summers had put an item in the newsletter asking Parishioners if some of the street lights should turn off during the night. The responses received was positive. Councillor Neil Wilson stated that there will be a saving of 8 tonnes of CO2 a year. The County Council are still looking at putting in the passive red light indicators, but they would be keen to implement this. Councillor Neil Wilson proposed that we do this and Councillor Robin Gibbons seconded. All in favour that this be undertaken.

Defibrillator for Shop – It had been suggested to Councillor June Collier that we have one here and Dawn Chambers has looked into the cost of this. It is £1,800 but the ambulance service will pay half towards this so it would cost the Parish Council £900. The battery needs replacing after 4 years and is approximately £100. The Ambulance Service will provide training. Councillor June Collier asked if this was a good idea and would the Council be prepared to fund it? Councillor Paul Joslin proposed that we fund this. Seconded by Robin Gibbons. All in favour. The Council will wait to see what County funding is available and possibly hold a fundraiser as well.

Memorial for Jim Howard/Robert – Councillor Les Summers felt that we should have a permanent memorial to both of these long serving councillors. This will be discussed at a later meeting when Councillor Robert Clow's wishes are made public and both will be considered together. Councillor June Collier has done a short piece for the newsletter in respect of Jim.

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14/014 – MATTERS OF FINANCE

Matters of Finance

Ratification of payments

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| 30 | 101362 | 14/014 | Chairs Expenses | 15.00 |
| 31 | 101363 | 13/110 | Tackley PCC | 200.00 |
| 32 | 101364 | 14/014 | HMRC PAYE | 139.00 |
| 33 | 101365 | 14/014 | HMRC PAYE | 139.00 |
| 34 | 101366 | 14/014 | HMRC PAYE | 140.00 |
| 35 | 101367 | 14/014 | Green Scythe Ltd | 872.96 |
| 36 | 101368 | 14/014 | Green Scythe Ltd | 597.60 |
| | | | Trevor Stewart Play | |
| 37 | 101369 | 14/014 | Equip | 3,000.00 |
| 38 | 101370 | 14/014 | Clerks Wages X2 | 386.98 |

Councillor John Cook proposed that the above be ratified for payment. Seconded by Councillor Robin Gibbons. All in favour

The following income had been received.

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| 10 | 14/014 | HMRC VAT April-Sept | 917.94 |
| 11 | 14/014 | Barclays Interest | 0.20 |
| 12 | 14/014 | Tackley Playground Pro | 10000.00 |

14/015 – ANY OTHER MATTERS

Councillor Neil Wilson raised the issue of footpaths as he had not seen the report from the footpath week. A problem with the footpath towards Peter's Spout had been brought to his attention. These are the responsibility of the landowner and should be raised with them in the first instance.

Councillor John Cook raised the application from a parishioner with regard to them parking a car at the Village Hall. Councillor June Collier had informed them they could park there at night but the vehicle is to be moved during the day and not left for long periods of time.

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer asked if anything had been heard on the Solar Farm but was informed by Councillor Neil Wilson that he had looked on the web site to day and nothing had been posted.

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Councillor June Collier had had a request for a new sign post into the village as the current one is very tatty. Councillor Ian Hudspeth stated it is not a major issue and this probably would not be done, but he will ask the question.

Councillor June Collier had agreed that Lower Hayford could use the Tackley football pitch whilst theirs is flooded.

14/016 – MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

Meeting closed 8.45 p.m.

Signed

Date