

SHEET NO. 3- 2013

Minutes of a meeting of Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on Monday 28th January 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor June Collier (Chairman)

Councillor Paul Joslin (Vice Chairman)

Councillors Robert Clow, Les Summers, Robin Gibbons, John Cook

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth

13/05 - Apologies:

Councillor Neil Wilson

13/06 – Minutes

Councillor Les Summers asked that a correction to the minutes of meeting of 3rd December be made as follows – Item 12/126 – he is happy to write a note for Tackley Newsletter regarding the budget. With the above amendment it was proposed by Councillor June Collier and seconded by Councillor Robert Clow that the minutes of the meetings of 3rd December 2012 and 15th January 2013 be signed as a true record of the meetings. All in favour.

13/07 - Matters Arising from Minutes

03.12.12

Councillor Les Summers reported that the Village Hall Committee had considered the requested by the Council to waive the hire fee. They are prepared to remit the rent for one year provided the Council put the money (£400) into the Community. Councillor June Collier proposed that we continue to pay the hire fee thus allowing the Village Hall to put the money into the Community pot if they so desired. This was seconded by Councillor Paul Joslin. All in favour.

Councillor Robert Clow asked if there is any further information relating to the chains on the railway crossing gates. Councillor Les Summers reported that it had been impossible to obtain an answer. Parishioner advised that a Railtrack operative had informed her that the chains had been placed on the gates so that they could be closed if the phones were out of order.

Councillor June Collier reported that Giffords Circus will be in the village from 3/6/13-10/6/13. Andrew Peake had confirmed that he was happy for the Park to be used for emergency parking if adverse weather conditions occurred. Clerk reported that despite having chased them the invoice was still outstanding for this year's visit. Councillor June Collier to pursue this with Giffords.

15.01.13

Councillor John Cook has acquired digital maps and will produce the necessary maps of utilities etc.

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Councillor Robert Clow has not yet been able to speak to Mrs. Akrill about the water outside the entrance to her property but will follow this up.

13/07 - Declarations of Interest

Councillor Robbert Clow declared an interest in all items on the Agenda.

13/08 - County Council Matters

Sewage – County Councillor Ian Hudspeth reported that he had spoken to Huw Thomas today who explained that a review of the pumping station would take place in February 2013 to ascertain if it was at capacity. Councillor June Collier stated this was an on-going problem which needs rectifying. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth felt that the capacity of the pumps needs to be increased. Councillor Paul Joslin stated that in the meantime assurance should be sort from Thames Water that they will provide tankers to alleviate the situation.

Potholes – Councillors reported that several potholes are appearing throughout the village. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth will organise a walk around with the highways inspectors. This will also include the footpath along by the school.

Footpath by School – Councillor June Collier reported that there is still a problem with excess water at the school gate and the old footpath needs resurfacing as a child had trip over due to the condition today, for which she will obtain the details for County Councillor Ian Hudspeth. Councillor Les Summers has received an irate note from a Parishioner relating to the condition of the footpath which needs urgent attention.

Councillor Robert Clow congratulated the County Council on the excellent way in which they maintained the road through the village during the recent snow.

Councillor Robert Clow asked about the Oyster style card which was proposed for Oxford and asked if it could not be tied in with the proper Oyster system. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth reported that the technology was very outdated so this would not be possible. The County Council were also investigating rolling out a discount of travel to the whole of Oxfordshire not just the City boundary.

A parishioner reported that the footpath from Pebble Cottage to the Old School was very dangerous and in need of urgent attention before someone has a nasty accident. This footpath to be added to the walk around with the Highway Inspector.

13/09 - District Council Matters

44a St John's Road – Councillor John Cook explained that the Parish Council had written to West Oxfordshire's Chief Planning Officer raising the Council's concerns with regard to noncompliance of planning approval. West Oxfordshire to write to the applicant. After discussion it was decided not to take this matter any further, but to monitor the site for future planning applications.

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Upper Weaverley development – This comes before Planning Committee next Monday. The Committee report is available on the West Oxfordshire website.

44 Rousham Road – District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer stated that permission had been granted for this development, which concerned him as anyone with enough land could erect a wooden structure , ancillary to the main dwelling, which could create a precedence.

Councillor Robert Clow asked why the informal arrangement of recycling goods had been withdrawn from Ardley Recycling Centre. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth informed the Council that the County Council are looking at putting in place a formal re-use centre.

Councillor Robert Clow asked if in future a sub-heading of “planning matters” could be put under District Council Matters on the agenda.

13/10 - Parish Council Matters

Play Area – The sub-committee reported that a fundraising event would be held every month through to September to raise funds for this project. Two events have already been held. They will also be raising funds through the donations site and gift aid, all of which are advertised in the village. It is estimated that the £5-£7K fundraising target will be reached. The committee thanked County Councillor Ian Hudspeth for his donation of £1,000 from the “big society fund”.

Cat Holding circulated information with relation to grants which the sub-committee will be applying for. In order for the sub-committee to apply for funding match funding of £4,200 is required from the Parish Council. Councillor Robert Clow proposed that £4,200 be made available as and when required. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Paul Joslin. All in favour.

Mark Hilton to provide Councillor June Collier which plans for the play area so that they can be circulated to Councillors.

Broadband Champion – Councillor June Collier that Neil Wilson had volunteered to become the Council’s representative. Councillor June Collier thanked Judy Robson for bringing this to the Council’s attention.

Newsletter – The budget report written by Councillor Les Summers will be postponed and added to the March agenda.

Railway Crossing – The railway committee of now met three times with Network Rail. The option of bells and lights at the crossing is still being looked into. Sound levels will be monitored to ascertain the impact. The head of safety will be writing to the Chairman of the Parish Council with a temporary solution. The timescale for finishing electrification of the whole line is 2019. The bridge will have to be insitu before then . Councillor Les Summers had carried out an analysis of train movements through the crossing. He felt that there is a considerable degree of danger which had previously not been appreciated and this will only get worse as train movements increase.

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Councillor Robert Clow asked about the report of near misses which was published in the Oxford Mail. He was informed by Councillor Robin Gibbons that the report was correct and was due to youths acting in an irresponsible manner on the platform and line.

Discussions will soon be held with Parishioners affected by the proposed bridge development so that they could be appraised of the plans and their opinions taken into consideration. Parking will also be discussed at this time.

Councillor June Collier stated that the glass was missing in one of the doors of the noticeboard at the end of Nethercote Road. She will speak to Jim Pitts to ask if he is able to repair it .

Clerk to speak to Green Scythe to request that the prune the Millennium tree on the playing field.

Councillor Paul Joslin to ask for volunteers to help clear a path to the village shop during snowy weather.

Councillor Les Summers to put a note in the village newsletter requesting residents not to leave items if the bins are full. It should be taken home until the bins are empty.

Councillor Les Summers had received a thank you from a Parishioner for having the street lighting fixed around the village shop.

13/11 - Matters of Finance

Ratification of payments:-

32	101315	Tackley Village Hall	63.00
33	101316	Green Scythe Ltd	2,496.00
34	101317	Ron Varney	300.00
35	101318	Clerks Wages	211.94
36	101319	HMRC PAYE	149.00
37		Public Works Loan	4,115.20
38	101320	Clerks Wages	170.99

Councillor Robert Clow proposed that the above be ratified for payment. Seconded by Councillor Paul Joslin. All in favour.

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Income reported

2	Barclays Interest	0.19
3	Allotment Rent	170.00
4	SSE Wayleave	36.26
5	Oxon CC (Grass Cut)	972.20
6	Barclays Interest	0.20
7	Precept WODC	11,000.00
8	HMRC - VAT	707.10

13/12 - Any other Business

Councillor John Cook asked if a decision had been made with regard to notices on the village green. Councillor Paul Joslin stated that it had previously been agreed to observe the situation.

Councillor June Collier now has the forms for completion relating to the Community Right to Bid. It was agreed that these would be looked at during next Tuesday's surgery.

Councillor Robert Clow asked whether progress had been made with regard to obtaining maps of the utilities in the village. Councillor John Cook dealing with this.

13/113 - Matters from the Floor

A parishioner raised concern that the permissive footpath rights for Long Meadow were being withdrawn. Councillor June Collier has asked Andrew Peake to put a notice in the newsletter explaining why they are being withdrawn. However, the Parish Council do not have any powers to prevent the rights being withdrawn.

Parishioner reported that the vegetation in front of the cottages along Nethercote Road was becoming a nuisance and requested that residents be asked to tie offending vegetation back so that it did not block the footpath.

Parishioner reported that some footpaths had not been adequately clear. They were advised to speak to Dan Weeks, footpath officer, Oxfordshire County Council.

Meeting closed 8.55 p.m.

Signed

Date