2008/09 SHEET NUMBER 13

Minutes of an extra ordinary meeting of Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on Friday 18th April 2008 commencing 6.50pm.

Present:
Councillor June Collier Chairman
Councillor Paul Joslin Vice Chairman
Councillors: Richard Banbury, Bill Denver, Jim Howard, Mary Kydd, Robin Gibbons

Cllr Collier declared the meeting open at 6.50 pm

08/044 APOLOGIES
All members of the Council were present.

08/045 MINUTES
There were no minutes to sign at this time.

08/046 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
No declarations of interest.

08/047 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS
The clerk distributed the April edition of the West Oxfordshire District Council Newsletter to all the councillors.
The clerk also notified the council that there is a series of training courses planned by the WODC regarding the adoption of the Code of Conduct. The clerk expressed a wish to attend this course and it was suggested that once the new council had been elected then any new members of council should also attend.
The clerk reported receiving a copy of a letter from David Neudegg (Chief Executive of WODC) to Mr John Armitt (Chief Executive of Network Rail). This letter expresses support for the Parish Councils request for improved safety measures at Tackley crossing following the tragic death of Mrs Margaret Evans.
08/048 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS
The clerk reported that there will be a workshop on 30th April 2008 for all Parish and Town Councils regarding Influenza Pandemic Planning.
08/049 PLANNING
The following planning applications have been permission granted.
08/0158/P/FP – Jasmin Cottage, 15 Medcroft Road – Erection of two storey rear extension.
08/0159/P/LB – Jasmin Cottage, 15 Medcroft Road – Internal and external alterations
08/0118/P/FP – 10 Medcroft Road – Erection of two dog kennels

The following applications was considered:
08/0519/P/FP – White Hill House, Lower Whitehill – Erection of tennis court with associated fencing. There were no adverse comments and the clerk was asked to inform the WODC planning dept that the Tackley Parish Council had no objections to this applications.

08/049 PARISH AMMENITIES
Trees - The clerk reported that Town and County Trees Ltd will be carrying out the maintenance work on the trees in the village. This work will be carried out on 13th and 14th May 2008.

The clerk also reported that a letter had been sent to Mr and Mrs Peake with reference to the Willow trees mentioned in the original Trees Report which need pruning. A reply letter had been received from Lawes and Feines asking for a plan of the position of the trees in question and a copy of the Tree Report. Cllr Collier and Cllr Banbury reported that they had spoken to Mrs Peake and had pointed out the trees in question and Mrs Peake had agreed that the work would be carried out. No further action will be required.

Grass Cutting Contract - The clerk reported that the Grass Cutting Agreement between the O.C.C. and the Parish Council has now been signed and returned.

A contract between Phil Plumridge of Green Scythe Ltd and the Parish Council needs to be drawn up.

Family Fun Day

The clerk also reported that the Tackley Toddlers Group have written to ask permission to use the playing field for a Family Fun Day on 26th July 2008. A letter giving permission has been sent in reply.

Allotments

Mr Jeff Rudman has signed a contract to take on one of the vacant allotments (Plot 6B).

The executors of Mr Margaret Evans have been sent a letter to give one months notice for allotment 1A and 1B. There are two more people on the allotment waiting list who are willing to take over from Mrs Margaret Evans.

O.C.V. Fencing Project

Cllr Collier reported that the Oxford Conservation Volunteers would like to go ahead with using the Crecy Hill Nature Reserve as a training project. It is proposed that this training project will happen on Saturday 31 May and Sunday 1st June at a cost of £250.00. This includes 2 x OCV task fees plus a contribution towards the cost of the trainer Brian Williamson who will be onsite both days. They aim to complete the 'top' section of fencing (about 100m) over the training weekend. The longer (300m) bottom section of fencing would take at least another 2 (3max) tasks , bearing in mind the hard ground. These tasks would be charged at the normal £80.00 per day, which will be booked into the summer programme. Cllr Banbury reported that there was £200 left over in last year budget for this work in addition to the £300 allocated from this years budget. There is also £500 from the Hugo Brumer award. Cllr Howard proposed that this project go ahead and Cllr Gibbons seconded.

08/050 MATTERS OF FINANCE

The clerk reported that the latest precept has now been received.

There were two invoices for payment

Insurance policy issued from Allianz Insurance PLC for £790.37. Payment proposed by Cllr Banbury and seconded by Paul Joslin.

O.C.C. allotment rent for £50.00. Payment proposed by Cllr Banbury and seconded by Cllr Howard.

The clerk also reported that the half yearly precept from West Oxfordshire District Council has now been received in the Parish Council's main current account.

Most of the allotment rent has been collected in now.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm

Signed ……Chairman

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