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Minutes of a meeting of Tackley Parish Council held in Tackley Village Hall on 7th July 2008 commencing 7.00 pm.

Present:

Councillor June Collier

Chairman

Councillor Paul Joslin

Vice Chairman

Councillors: Richard Banbury, Jim Howard, Robert Clow, and Robin Gibbons

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer

Cllr Collier declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

08/071 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Denver who was absent due to holiday.

08/072 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Collier asked if any of the councillors would like to declare any personal interest in any of the items on the agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

08/073 MINUTES

The minutes for meeting held on 19th May, 2nd June, and 24th June were presented for ratification. Cllr Joslin proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meetings. Cllr Gibbons seconded the motion and a vote was taken and carried.

08/074 PLANNING

- ❖ 08/0989/P/FP – Erection of tennis court with associated fencing at White Hill, Lower White hill.

There were no objection from the council regarding this application and the clerk was instructed to send an email to WODC Planning Department to that effect.

There were also two notices of decision from the WODC Planning Department.

1. 08/0741/P/FP – Erection of extensions over three levels at Quarry Bank Cottage, Gibraltar Hill, Enslow – Granted, subject to conditions.
2. 08/0781/P/FP – Erection of single storey rear extension at White Hill Close, Ole White Hill, Tackley – Granted, subject to conditions.

08/075 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer reported that he had the agenda for the meeting with Network Rail. He had also looked through the file for the level crossing and has copied the reasons for refusing the footbridge and tunnel when there were originally proposed. He also reported that the Chief Planning Officer for WODC, Derek Millard and the Chief Executive of WODC should be attending the meeting along with himself and two representatives for the Parish Council (Cllr Collier and Cllr Gibbons). The Parish councillors all agreed that the preferred method of warning system would be the light system similar to other crossings in the region.

Cllr Clow asked whether the parish council could reimburse him for the travelling expenses he incurred attending a recent training session at WODC offices. The clerk was asked to enquire at O.A.L.C as to whether Parish Councils were allowed to pay travelling expenses for attending official events if the Council had a policy of no allowances for councillors.

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Cllr Cottrell-Dormer was also asked if the WODC still has a say in who is granted rented low-cost housing. At present there is a rented house available in Tackley. Cllr Cottrell-Dormer replied that yes they did, and that people have to be on the Council housing list if they are to stand a chance of receiving a house when one becomes available. The clerk was asked to put a small information piece in the newsletter reminding people of this fact.

08/076 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

The clerk reported that on Tuesday 15th July between 3 – 8 pm there will be the Weston Otmoor Eco-Town Proposal consultation Road show at The Red Lion, Oxford Road, Kidlington, where Parkridge will be seeking the views of the local community on their proposals to develop an eco-town at Weston Otmoor.

Cllr Collier reported that she had spoken to Paul Wilson From Highways about the potholes in Tackley and also the problem with the drain at the corner of the green. Cllr Banbury also reported that he had called into the Highways office and spoken to Mr Weaver. Highways have promised to come and sort the drainage problems out.

08/077 MATTERS OF FINANCE

The clerk reported that there were three invoices to be paid.

1. Invoice from Martin Harris for £280.00 for mending fences around the allotments and maintenance
2. Invoice from Julie Farren for Clerk Salary for June for £120.80
3. Invoice from Green Scythe Ltd for £757.50 for grass cutting

Cllr Banbury proposed that these invoices be paid and Cllr Gibbons seconded this motion.

The clerk also reported that a VAT refund form had been sent off and a total of £757.50 has been reclaimed for the period from 01/04/07 to 30/06/08.

The clerk also reported that a donation in the form of a cheque had been received via Margaret Lindley from the Tackley Horse Show for use in the maintenance of Crecy Hill Nature Reserve. It was agreed that Margaret Lindley would send a thank you letter on behalf of the Parish Council.

08/078 PARISH AMMENITIES

OVC Pond Conservation Project – Cllr Collier reported that she had received a letter from OVC stating that Poor's Heath Pond has been identified as an area, which they would like to work on as a training project. They would like to remove some of the overhanging willows and remove some of the pond vegetation from the centre of the pond to encourage wildlife. They propose a 2 day project at a cost to the council of £250.00.

Margaret Lindley has already applied for a grant from TOE to help pay for this project and TOE have agreed to pay 10% of the costs.

Cllr Clow stated that this was an ideal opportunity to improve the Pond area for relatively little cost and proposed that the council go ahead with this project. Cllr Banbury seconded this motion. Cllr Collier agreed to email OVC back to confirm this.

Car Park Project

Cllr Collier reported that she had had a meeting with Terry Willimite from Fergals to discuss the car park. The main concern is the drainage problem for the car park. Terry Willimite suggested that a bore hole should be dug out so that the problem could be assessed. One proposal was that brick paving could be laid on some areas of the car park as the water filters through the bricks. The pricing for this may be prohibing. Terry Willimite agreed to produce a plan and costings. In the meantime Cllr Collier would ask Alan James to dig a bore hole. The clerk was asked to look

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and see if any grants could be found to help fund this project. Cllr Banbury also asked for the latest accounts to be emailed over to him, so that he can start looking into the loan from Public Works Loan board.

Parking on Medcroft Road

Cllr Gibbons reported that there have been some problems with people parking their cars half on the pavement and half on the road along Medcroft Road. People with buggies, wheelchairs and mobility scooters find it difficult to pass the parked cars on the pavements and in some cases are having to move into the road in order to pass. The two main areas of concern are the corner by the Old School and further along at no 12 Medcroft. Cllr Gibbons agreed to write a piece for the Newsletter concerning this problem and reminding people that they can apply for permission to park in the village hall car park.

Permission for Bouncy Castle

A parishioner has asked whether she could have permission to put up a bouncy castle on the playing field for a children's birthday party. Cllr Banbury proposed that the council give permission and Cllr Howard seconded. The clerk was asked to send a letter of permission to the parishioner agreeing provided that all the insurances are in place.

MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

OTHER MATTERS

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

SignedChairman

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