

2013 – SHEET NO. 23

Minutes of the Annual Tackley Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th May 2013 at 7.40 p.m.

Present: Councillor June Collier (Chairman)
Councillor Paul Joslin (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Robert Clow, Robin Gibbons, Les Summers, Neil Wilson and John Cook

District Councillor Charles Cottrell Dormer and County Councillor Ian Hudspeth arrived at the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

13/049 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

13/050 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Robert Clow proposed that Councillor June Collier be elected as Chairman. This was seconded by Councillor Robin Gibbons and all were in favour. Councillor June Collier was duly elected as Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

13/051 - ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Robert Clow proposed that Councillor Paul Joslin be elected as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Councillor Robin Gibbons and all were in favour. Councillor Paul Joslin was duly elected as Vice Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

13/052 - MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14TH MAY 2012

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2012 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Robert Clow and seconded by Councillor Paul Joslin that the Minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. All in favour.

13/053 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robert Clow declared an interest in all items on the agenda.

13/054 - DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer stated that permission had been granted for the burial ground at Upper Weaverley Farm and that trees would be planted shortly at this site. Councillor June Collier advised District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer that, whilst the decision was acceptable to the Parish Council, we were not happy with some procedures adopted by the District Council during the extended deliberations. In particular, we do not understand how the approval was issued prior to the end of the second consultation period. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would write to West Oxford District Council expressing our concern.

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13/055 - COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth informed the Council that the Conservatives no longer have the overall majority of the Council and an administration would be formed on 14th May 2013. Funding will again be an issue for the coming financial year and tough decision lay ahead. Funding has been found for the footpath by the school and remedial work will be undertaken although no date has been given for this work as yet.

Councillor Neil Wilson raised with County Councillor Ian Hudspeth the lack of response to his emails relating to the Broadband Champion. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth to pursue.

Councillor June Collier asked the County Councillor about a permanent speed indicator sign in the village. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth informed the Council that this would cost approximately £3,000, although some community funding may be available. District Councillor Charles Cottrell-Dormer felt that once in-situ permanently they were initially effective, but this was not long-term.

13/056 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS OF PLANNING

To date the Parish Council had not received any further information with regard to its comments relating to 13/04410/P/FP – 7 St. John's Road. Clerk to write to the Planning Officer requesting an update.

Councillor John Cook had met with the applications of planning application 13/0389/P/FP – 57 St. John's Road. The application has been withdrawn and revised plans are awaited.

13/057 - PARISH AMENITIES

Councillor Robert Clow informed the Council that Mr. James will be planting a bush in the Jubilee Gardens. Councillor Clow had requested that Mr. James also clean the stone in the Jubilee Garden at the same time. It was suggested by Councillor June Collier that in the next report for the Newsletter that a requested be added for a gardener/caretaker for the Jubilee Gardens.

Councillor Robert Clow reported to the Council that work on the Church clock had begun.

The attached Play Area Report was handed to Members of the Council by Councillor Robin Gibbons:-

Tackley Community Playground Project

Report to Tackley Parish Council – 13th May 2013

Achievements year to date

Formation

Subsumption to Tackley Parish Council

Consultation (see below)

Fundraising activities (see below)

Design finalisation process

Fundometer and noticeboard

Grant applications (see below)

Consultations year to date

Initial consultations with Village (questionnaire to householders)

Further consultation with interested groups

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Village Hall design consultation event
Consultation with Tackley Primary School
Consultation with Let's Play Project (Special Needs)
Consultation with Bardwell School (Special Needs)

Financials

Overall target £90k
Individual donations £1,155
Fundraising
Target £7,500
Amount raised £1,200
Activities done: Pre-loved sale, Horticultural Show, Horse and Pony Show, Features, Primary School Yard Sale, Treasure Island bar.
Activities planned: Quiz night, Disco, Sponsored litter-pick, Christmas ceilidh, Horticultural Show cakes, others to be decided.
Grants awarded £2,000
Grants declined £7,500 (although we will resubmit for some of this)
Grants pending (applied) WODC – Community Facilities Grant £22,500, ITV/Meriden – The Peoples Millions £50,000
Grants pending (applications planned) Viridor – Viridor Credits £50,000, Other £25,000

Other notes/future activities

Sinking fund and maintenance (including mowing) discussed, on-going dialog with Tackley Parish Council
Continued fundraising and grant applications, as noted above
We will need to discuss and agree on-going contingency fundraising and insurance
Regular inspection required by ROSPA (£110 per annum)
Mowing expected to cost an extra £10-£15 per cut.
It was also reported at the meeting that the Parishioner whose property is on the boundary of the play area will not be replacing his fence. It was agreed that a fence should be erected with his boundary fence line.

Councillor John Cook stressed the importance of planned maintenance and felt that it would be a good idea for the Community Playground Project to contact the Playing Field Association. Councillor Neil Wilson stated that the maintenance of the shrubs which were to be planted also needed to be taken into consideration. Councillor Robin Gibbons to pass on these concerns to the Project Committee.

The Parish Council also gave their support for the Community Playground Project to pursue their grant application with Viridor.

13/058 - MATTERS OF FINANCE

Ratification of payments

6	101337	Clerks Wages	211.94
7	101338	Green Scythe Ltd	689.36
8	101339	Ox County Council	20.00

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

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The following income had been received:-

1	Precept	12,540.00
2	Barclays Interest	0.20
11	HMRC – VAT	954.99

13/059 - TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

Councillors June Collier and Paul Joslin to speak to Bill Denver to ascertain whether he is happy to continue as the Council's School Governor's representative.

Councillor Les Summers to produce a brief note of the meeting for the Newsletter which he will circulate to Councillors prior to submission to the editor.

Councillor June Collier to write a response to the article in the previous Newsletter relating to Gifford's Circus.

Councillor Robin Gibbons reported that a Parishioner has recently been involved in a case relating to sewage leakage. The findings were very interesting and he will circulate to all Councillors as the information could be useful.

13/060 - MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

Meeting Closed 8.40 p.m.

Signed

Date