Minutes for meeting held by Tackley Parish Council on 11th February 2019 in the Committee Room of Tackley Village Hall.

Present:
Chairman Cllr June Collier, Vice Chairman Cllr Paul Joslin (PJ), Cllr Robin Gibbons (RG), Cllr Katy Layton-Jones (KLJ), Cllr Andrew Lines, Cllr Elizabeth Marshall (LM), Cllr Les Summers (LS),
County Councillor Ian Hudspeth (IH), District Councillor C. Cotrell- Dormer

A number of parishioners were also in attendance.

The meeting was declared open at 7.02pm.

The clerk recorded the meeting for the purposes of producing the minutes.

19/011 - Apologies for Absence: none	
19/012 – Declarations of Interest : Cllr L Summers declared that he had through his work with the Village Hall committee interest in the TAG presentation in that it was something that he supported. Cllr J. Collier declared an interest in the same presentation in that she was a member of the sub-committee working with TAG and also supported the grant request.	
19/013– Confirm minutes of meeting held on 11th February 2019: EM proposed and RG seconded and all were in favour that the minutes were a true record.	
19/014 – Ms H Hilton , V. Langton and Ms. R. Roberts presented information to support a grant application for a new school library at Tackley Primary School. The main points were: The stock is currently out of date; the shelving does not provide easy access; the school would like to buy a software system and encourage access to nursery age children as the mobile library is no longer coming to the village. Three quotes have been obtained. A donation of £2,960.13 was requested.	
19/015 Ms. D Chambers presented information to support a grant applicaton on behalf of Tackley Active Group (TAG) to buy new portable staging for the village hall and to install new flooring as there is concrete under the current stage. The main points were: TAG is keen to promote physical activity particularly for those who do not have easy access to gym in Kidlington; all current users of the hall including the drama group are in favour of a portable stage; TAG will remove and dispose of the old stage; portable stage is modular, easy to lift and is stored on a moveable trolley. Village Hall committee are in agreement. The hall would be cordoned off in parts for most of the work. A donation of £6,000 was requested.	
19/016– Matters arising from the minutes: The Clerk reported on	

the actions taken after the January meeting. • Letter was sent to St Nicholas PCC and Ms.J. Ackrill asking for information on improvement to the path to the church. Letter received from Ms.Ackrill. PCC meeting not until later in February. Path to be an agenda item at the next PC meeting. • Village Hall committee have met and decided that costs for replacement of paving slabs are too much at this time. • Letters to allotment holders sent and assurance received from one that plot will be tidied by 25th March 2019. One quarter plot to be given up. • 2 noticeboards ordered. Deanfield Homes PR dept has offered £500 towards the cost and has asked for small plaque to be attached to noticeboard near the school showing donation. All councillors agreed. • Clerk to pursue information about treatment of benches in the village and traffic calming. **Dropped kerbs in St. Johns' Road:** Chair reported that she has had some success in negotiating with Deanfield Homes to install dropped kerbs as parking will be lost to residents when new site is open. IH to work with Chair. • **Surveyor report for levels in gardens of Balliol Close:** WODC planning dept. have checked finished floor levels of some of the plots on the Barwood Homes site. Levels in bungalows in Balliol Close marked on plans but residents have no recall of them being done or permission asked. Road with tarmac on Barwood site to be lowered by 600mm agreed but not done. Plan showing section of the site shows houses following the gradient of the hill but currently the hill has been "built up" at the bottom to level out the gradient. EM, KLJ, proposed that 3 quotes for a surveyor to independently measure the garden levels. This was agreed by all councillors. Chair asked for meeting with WODC planning dept. D. Jermy who checked the floor levels to meet and explain relative levels. Site still appears to be much higher than bungalow gardens.	Clerk clerk clerk
19/017 – District Council Matters: • CC-D reported that a resident had attended the planning committee meeting concerning a new build next to 26, Balliol Close. The committee had agreed with the residents concerns but the matter may now be subject to appeal. • The email system for WODC is to be updated but this should be done automatically.	
19/018– County Council : • IH reported that a 2.99% increase in spending would be put to OCC budget committee. Adult and child social care would be the spending priorities.	

• 1 million would also be spent on youth provision across the county. • IH has still had no reply for his request to Barwood developers for a meeting. • A resident expressed concern about the proposed work to be done in St John's Road as the kerbs were already damaged.	
19/019 – Planning Matters: There were none.	
19/020 – Parish Amenities: • Tackley Open Day for new residents. The council felt that this was an excellent idea but that most of the houses would not be complete by the proposed September date. Spring 2020 was suggested. The chair put it to council that a sub-committee should be formed. To be discussed at the next meeting.	
19/021– Matters of Finance: Cheques for ratification: Chq no 101691 QuaTrac internal audit qtr 3 £50 Chq no 101692 Boward Tree Management £ 1,032 Chq no 101693 Green Scythe grass mowing £984.62 Chq no 101694 clerk pay £333.32 Chq no 101695 Tackley Village Hall hire of £36.00 The clerk reported that all of the above transactions were in accordance with the budget. Ratification proposed EM seconded LS. All were in favour. The clerk also reported the following receipts: 24.09.18 WODC precept £11,250.00 28.08.18 Credit from playgroup £301.04 03.09.18 Barclays Earned Interest £0.79 31.12.18 Barclays Earned Interest £0.79 • EM and the clerk presented information about Assets Register (as found in the accounts pages document labeled as Fixed Assets.)EM checks play ground monthly and any spare parts are ordered. RoSpa check annually. Clerk to ask that Hard Play area to be checked by RoSpa also. AL to check Hard Play area monthly. Councillors to consider at next meeting if there are any health and safety concerns on other assets; what should be checked and at what interval? OALC to be asked for advice. • EM advised council that she will present budget sheets at the next meeting. • Grant for Tackley School library project PJ proposed and EM seconded that it should be given in full. All agreed. IH informed council that a grant might also be available from the Council Priority Fund. If the PTA receive an award from this fund, councillors agreed that any remaining balance would be granted so that books could be bought. • Grant for TAG. After discussion, it was noted that TAG had raised funds and the council was well disposed towards awarding grant. As Village Hall, however, will benefit from	

enhanced facilities of stage, flooring and bookings for sporting activities, the VH committee is to be given the opportunity to donate. CC-D advised council that there may be money available from the Community Grant. RG proposed KLJ seconded that £3,000 should be granted to TAG. All agreed.	
19/022– Other Matters: • Chair reported that water from the Barwood Homes site road every time that it rains and run-off water from the wheel wash is not running into drain but flooding George V commemorative tree. If left in standing water, the tree will die. Clerk to contact site manager. • RG will discuss with the station manager the swing gate at the railway crossing that does not close properly. Recently, dog was able to get onto the rails and was killed. RG had observed that commuters were jamming the gate open and asked that this should not be done. LS asked if steel netting which was on the opposite gate could be attached to both.	clerk RG
19/023– Matters from the floor: A resident enquired if the council was paying for the lawn to be mowed around the church. The council agreed that this should be paid but clerk noted that no request for the usual annual grant had been received from St. Nicholas PCC. A resident expressed his thanks that a grant had been awarded to the Tackley School library project.	
The meeting was declared closed at 8.35pm. The next surgery meeting will take place on Monday 25th February – 7to 7.30 pm The next parish council meeting will take place on Monday 11th March from 7pm	
Signed …… Date……	