Minutes for meeting held by Tackley Parish Council on 11th March in 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

A number of parishioners were also in attendance.

The meeting was declared open at 7.00pm.
In the absence of the clerk, LS took the minutes.

19/024 - Apologies for Absence: Clerk (illness)	
19/025 – Declarations of Interest : Chair as member of sub-committee of TAG; LS as TMVH rep. (see 19/027)	
19/026– Confirm minutes of meeting held on 11th February 2019. Acceptance proposed by LM. Seconded PJ.	
19/027 – Matters arising from the minutes: • **Path to St Nicholas Church –** Chair reported that the manhole cover on the path had been repaired. The manhole cover by Sturdy's Castle pub junction had been replaced. Tackley School had not sent in comments about how the path should be improved. • **Treatment of benches –** It was reported that bad weather had interrupted work but the bench in the play area has now been treated. • **Dropped kerbs –** Two have been done and two are awaiting attention. Chair to talk to OCC and Cottsway to seek a solution. • **Balliol Farm development:** KLJ reported that an estimate of £300 had been received. Two quotes still awaited for an independent survey of levels in Balliol Close gardens. KLJ reported that one of these surveyors had requested a plan of the topographic levels. This has been taken down from the WODC website. KLJ suggested that a solicitor's letter be sent to WODC planning dept. demanding a copy. CC-D has been told by WODC planning dept. that they had taken levels on the Balliol Farm site and that they were as stated by the inspector. Nothing could be done about this. KLJ expressed concern about the Deed of Variation for green space on this site as Barwood Homes are now saying that they will arrange for the maintenance of the green spaces. WODC planning may not have received or signed the deed and Barwood is, therefore, attempting to withdraw green space area from the agreement. CC-D advised that all the information on this matter should be	

sent to Jeff Haine, Chair of planning committee. • **Hard Play area:** to be discussed at a later date. • **School Library grant:** The grant application has been placed and the library computer equipment purchased. • **TAG stage equipment:** TMVH has offered support and £1,000; the sub-committee believe they have enough money to begin the job. Chair asked for agreement that as with other PC sub committees projects would co-ordinate the project. Proposed agreement by LM seconded AL • **Drainage around George VI oak.** EM informed council that the oak marks the 1937 coronation of George VI not V. KLJ repeated concerns about the use of this land by Barwoods. Chair explained that the run off water was flooding the base of the tree and in the long term, this would kill it. Chair asked IH if sandbags could be used to protect the area. IH agreed to take this up with Highways Dept. • **Safety of the railway crossing:** RG reported that the problem was the platform gates and that a warning to residents to ensure that the gates close is to go into the next newsletter. LS repeated need for steel wire to be fitted under the crossing gates.	
19/028 – District Council Matters: • CC-D reported that that there is to be a £5 increase in WODC tax. • LS complained that during the recent road closure of St. John's Road, bins had not been emptied and believed that although there were constraints, the omission was unnecessary. • A resident reported that the new owner of 26, Balliol Close had excavated a deep ditch on their shared boundary, imperiling her fence. AL advised that she should contact the developer and if that fails, seek legal advice.	
19/029– County Council: IH had sent his monthly report (available via Tackley Notices) He reported that the proposed merger of councils was delayed and that various other arrangements for joint operations were continuing. IH would talk to OCC Highways dept about the path to the church.	IH
19/030– Planning Matters: • Medcroft Road – No concerns at this time. At LS suggestion, clerk to contact Historical Society and current owner to ask if a photographic record could be made before building begins. • 26, Balliol Close – appeal to be circulated to councillors.	clerk
19/0 31– Parish Amenities: Dealt with in "matters arising"	

19/032– Matters of Finance: Cheques for ratification: Chq. no. 101696 Green Scythe £60 Chq. no. 101697 clerk pay £333.12 Chq. no.101698 finance course for clerk £102 Chq. no.101700 OALC subs and finance book £181.77 Chq. no.101701 Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers £120 All of the above transactions are in accordance with the budget. Ratification proposed LS, seconded EM. Passed unanimously. EM presented a modified spreadsheet budget. Councillors agreed it is to be used from 1st April 2019.	
19/033– Other Matters: • Interim report from Network Rail- the representative did not arrive. • Traffic "blind spot" at Nethercote Road/Medcroft Road junction – two residents had contacted the clerk and chair. After discussion, it was decided to monitor and reassess at a future meeting when actual traffic could be counted. LS expressed concern about the junction of St. John's Road and Nethercote Road. To be assessed later. • Clean Slate – This is a charity supporting people in the county with mental health issues, which has asked for a grant. LS proposed and EM seconded the award of a £100 grant. • Woodstock Youth Club had also contacted the clerk asking for a grant. After discussion, it was decided that precedence should be given to Tackley Youth club. Clerk to write to Mr. J. Cooper to explain . • Bee-keeping on Tackley allotments- a plot holder has made an application to keep bees. RG suggested that the applicant should seek further advice from the National Beekeepers Association. She is asked to report to the council at a later date. • New burial ground. RG reported that the Rector was in discussion with Mr. A Peake. RG also reported that there had been no burials on the Weaveley Green site. He was concerned about the owners' long-term intentions. • RG reported that a red van had been parked in Nethercote Road for several weeks. He will report to PCOS. • Crecy Hill – KLJ reported that she had joined the OCV team at its recent clearing and noted that the work done last year remained good. She suggested that local volunteers should be encouraged for another session. OCV have not written to clerk with the next date.	clerk

19/034– Matters from the floor: • J. Grimwood requested a grant towards the costs of repair and redecoration of the Methodist church. She reported that it is well used by the village. Councillors asked for quotes before a decision. • Welcome Pack – Chair reported that she and the clerk were responsible for this. She suggested that a request for information about groups should be put in the next newsletter. • Tree behind a bungalow in St. John's Road. A resident was concerned that a tree was touching overhead wires. The Chair pointed out that he had the legal right to trim the tree but suggested that the electricity board should be contacted for advice. • The clerk to be asked when the notices warning that no dogs are allowed on the playing field would be ready.	
The meeting was declared closed at 8.20 pm. **The next surgery meeting is on 25th March at 7pm in the TVMH committee room.** **The next parish council meeting is on 15th March at 7pm in the TVM hall.**	
Signed …… Date……	