

Minutes for meeting held by Tackley Parish Council on Monday 8th July 2019 in Tackley Village Hall.

Present:

Chairman Cllr June Collier, Vice Chairman Cllr Paul Joslin (PJ), Cllr Katy Layton-Jones (KLJ), Cllr Andrew Lines, (AL), Cllr Elizabeth Marshall (LM), Cllr Les Summers (LS),

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth (IH), District Councillor Nathalie Chapple (NC)

A number of parishioners were also in attendance.

The meeting was declared open at 7.01pm.

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

19/080- Apologies for Absence: Cllr Robin Gibbons	
19/081 – Declarations of Interest: There were none.	
19/082– Confirm minutes of meeting held on 10th June 2019 – Cllr. Marshall asked that minute 19/073 ref Green Project be amended. Chair amended and counter- signed. Clerk has amended minutes on Tackley website. KLJ proposed PLJ seconded that the minutes were a true record. Passed unanimously.	
19/083 – County Council Matters: Mr. Hudspeth and Ms Chapple had a meeting at Wooton to attend and the Chair asked and it was agreed to change the order of the agenda. IH reminded councillors that his monthly report had been sent. (Clerk has circulated it and it is on Tackley Notices.) There were no questions from the floor.	
19/084– District Council Matters: NC reported that WODC had unanimously agreed to recognize and declare a climate emergency. WODC putting together a working group by January 2020 and how it will affect decision making at all levels of local councils.	
19/085 – Planning Matters: IH and NC wished to hear the presentation from TRAC with reference to the proposed building of a bridge across Tackley's railway line. Chair agreed to change the order of the agenda. Chair expressed regret that the railway representative was unwell and unable to attend and represent the council. LS asked for details, in view of the legislation on the consultation process, about a meeting held on the 4 th July prior to an official consultation meeting to be held on 16 th July. Chair confirmed that this was nothing to do with the parish council but was set up by a group of residents living closest to Network Rail's option of a bridge nearest the crossing. The residents have adopted the name TRAC. These residents were invited to the meeting between the council and Network Rail prior to the full council meeting on 10 th June 2019, as the Chair considered that it would be polite as their properties would be affected. Chair and KLJ were invited to the TRAC meeting on 4 th	

July 2019. Chair then invited a representative from TRAC to give a presentation. Mr R Cox confirmed that a meeting with Network Rail and TRAC took place at 65 Nethercote Road on 4th July. Five topics were discussed. Network Rail's option 11 would be a bridge with lift structures, 3m x 3m x10m. Concern was raised at the meeting that the structure would rise above the gardens of properties near the crossing. Mature trees would be cut down. There would be a staircase leading to the structure. IH had also come to the crossing prior to the meeting on 4th July 2019. Another topic was the options proposed for the north and south of the station. TRAC have asked Network Rail to check information, which they believe is inaccurate. TRAC have emailed the details to parish councillors. TRAC have informed Network Rail that they have organized a petition against option 11. LS asked if all who had signed the petition were aware of the details of option 11. There was discussion and it was assumed that those who had signed were fully aware of the details. Network Rail, after discussion with TRAC, will now consider whether to restrict their presentation to option 11 only. Mr Cox confirmed that he has had verbal reassurance and in writing once, from Network Rail that "the following is not the case: if we fail to close Tackley level crossing, the station will not close." Chair said that a bridge or alternative way of crossing the line safely must be adopted and no one was disputing this.

A resident asked if the underpass was still an option. It was believed not. AL offered support for TRAC but wished to correct that the cheapest, quickest option would not necessarily be the preferred option. He also believed that the safety of passengers crossing the line was of paramount importance. 11 incidents have been reported and Tackley station is now at the highest level of risk. KLJ believed that residents felt that if they did not support option 11 the station would be closed. Chair stated that this was a rumour. Councillors agreed that it was untrue. TRAC asked for it to be minuted. LS to put a statement in the newsletter. Chair encouraged residents to attend the meeting on 16th July. She also hoped a new scheme would take into account extra parking. A resident asked about Barwood Homes and if the land for a car park was still available. KLJ stated that Network Rail have 9 years of a 10 year option to buy land near the Barwood development. AL expressed concern about accessibility. IH suggested that if residents were united that there should be a crossing and where it should be that would be that would be something that Network Rail and planning authorities would take into account. He stated that it is very difficult to close a station, quoting the case of Coombe and Finstock with only one service per day and yet it will not be closed.

Hornbeam trees: NC asked about the hornbeam trees in Chaundy Road. A resident has asked if the 3 trees could be thinned rather than removing the middle tree. Chair stated that N. Dolby of WODC had

<p>advised that the middle tree could be removed and asked that the item be discussed later in the meeting.</p>	
<p>19/086 – Parish Amenities: Presentation from Mr T Knight requesting support and funding for the re-fit of the shop. Mr Knight reminded the meeting that the village shop is a community shop and any profits are for the benefit of the village and they go to the village hall charity. It is proposed that the fridges and freezers are replaced and the layout of the shop modified. This will cost approximately £20, 000. Mr Knight did not want to deplete village funds and asked advice on other sources of finance. KLJ pointed out that organisations would often match funding as the Plunkett Foundation did in the past when the shop was being set up. It was agreed that TPC would support with funding in order that this matched funding option could be pursued. Mr. Knight asked if Section 106 monies could be used but KLJ advised that WODC has already allocated this to sport and recreation and that there was now a question as to how much would be received. Former councillor, J Cook questioned the statement about Section 106 monies. He stated that Section 106 monies was secured at the planning stage. KLJ reminded TPC of the ongoing discussion with WODC planning and legal departments. The original agreement was changed by a deed of variation drawn up by WODC legal department. They did not check that the deed was signed by Barwood Homes who then submitted revised plans without a playground which WODC passed in error. Barwood Homes can now maintain the green spaces the original planning documents state and not build a playground. Until the legal matter is resolved TPC, are unsure as to how much section 106 money will come to TPC. KLJ and Mr Cook agreed that Section 106 money is tied into planning approval and appeal but WODC have not enforced it and have passed a plan that is unlawful. WODC have been trying to contact Barwood Homes for 10 weeks. Mr. R. Courts MP has been asked to intervene. PJ proposed that TPC will support the funding application for Tackley Shop. EM seconded. Passed unanimously. Chair asked shop committee to keep TPC informed of funding requests and success. Mr. Knight also stated that the shop committee is discussing changing the legal structure of the shop so that the community nature of the shop can be enshrined in law.</p>	
<p>19/087 – Matters arising from the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barwood Homes – KLJ still awaiting a response from James Mills and J Desmond to letter from TPC. A resident offered to allow anyone to come into her garden (1 Balliol Close) to see the impact of the houses built on the raised level. • Welcome Pack – currently being worked on by graphic designer: to be ready for September. • Clerk update on emails and orders. Three quotes were given to councillors. Boward Trees was accepted but PJ recommended that those immediately affected should be 	

<p>informed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV camera in Rousham Road: This has been removed by Open Reach as it was on their property without permission. • Sycamore tree: Chair has discussed this with tree surgeon. The tree does provide screening between the allotments and the playground. KLJ suggested that there should be a delay until the green area that Deanfield Homes is planting is finished. An allotment holder pointed out that the tree shaded an area of allotments. He also informed councillors that a new fence is to be erected between Deanfield Homes and the allotments. KLJ will visit. Chair asked that councillors also visit sycamore tree. • Footpath Fortnight: AL will co-ordinate the walks which will now take place over a month. • Remarking of the village hall car park: Chair distributed posters to be put up over the village and in shop. EM and PJ to put them up. 25th July to be done and car park must be completely clear. • Footpath to St. Nicholas Church: clerk has circulated the comments from interested parties. Chair commented that the work would probably not be undertaken by volunteers. A resident voiced concern that the bank adjoining the path, if undercut might compromise a stone wall. Chair suggested that clerk to contact M Greatbatch for expert consultation. Mr and Mrs Palin also to be contacted. EM to meet with M Greatbatch. KLJ proposed. EM seconded. Agreed unanimously. 											
<p>19/088- Matters of Finance:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Cheque no 101721 am/pm technical services</td><td>£105.60</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque no 101722 HMRC PAYE</td><td>£198.60</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque no 101723 clerk pay</td><td>£256.20</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque no 101724 Green Scythe mowing</td><td>£1,014.13</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque no 101725 BHIB insurance</td><td>£3371.91</td></tr> </table> <p>Clerk informed the council that Barclays have changed policy that in order to deposit money, TPC must have a debit card. Acceptance must be ratified in a meeting. Council agreed that terms and conditions should be read before proceeding.</p> <p>Due to the many difficulties experienced with Barclays over the past months, KLJ and EM suggested that the clerk should research other banks with a view to changing.</p> <p>Chair asked that thanks should be passed on to Mr. P. Read who kindly put up signage around the playing fields.</p>	Cheque no 101721 am/pm technical services	£105.60	Cheque no 101722 HMRC PAYE	£198.60	Cheque no 101723 clerk pay	£256.20	Cheque no 101724 Green Scythe mowing	£1,014.13	Cheque no 101725 BHIB insurance	£3371.91	
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<p>19/089– Other Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overhanging foliage. LS had circulated a statement and photographs concerning over hanging foliage in Twynams Road. LS was approached by a resident complaining about the hedge which obstructs the path. LS consulted councillors at the last surgery and it was agreed to send a friendly letter asking the owner of the hedge to trim it back. The clerk did this but the owner phoned to strongly disagree. LS was then confronted by the owner and spoken to angrily. Chair felt that owner should have been spoken to personally and then a letter should be sent but LS disagreed and asked how owner was made aware of his involvement. KLJ advised that OCC highways are ultimately responsible for the paths. It was agreed to wait two weeks to see if the hedge is trimmed as the owner has agreed verbally. 	
<p>19/090– Matters from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ reported that Deanfield Homes have taken the second noticeboard to be erected when work around the area is complete. • A resident reported that there is also a hedge in Medcroft that is also over –hanging the path. Chair to investigate. • A resident reported that the waterwork repairs in Rousham Road have now finished but that the road has been badly damaged. AL has spoken to work person who has put in request for partial resurfacing to be assessed on Friday. AL also concerned that drainage may be affected as bank has been raised. Chair advised contacting IH if this is not rectified. 	
<p>The meeting was declared closed at 8.44 pm.</p>	
<p>Signed</p> <p>Date.....</p>	