

Minutes for meeting held by Tackley Parish Council (TPC) on 9th October 2019 in Tackley Village Hall.

Present:

Chairman Cllr June Collier, Cllr Katy Layton-Jones (KLJ), Cllr Andrew Lines, (AL)
Cllr Elizabeth Marshall (EM), Cllr Les Summers (LS),
District Councillor Nathalie Chappel.

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.

19/103 - Apologies for Absence: Vice Chairman Cllr Paul Joslin (PJ), Cllr Robin Gibbons (RG), County Councillor Ian Hudspeth (IH),	
19/104 - Declarations of Interest : There were none.	
19/105- Confirm minutes of meeting held on 9th September 2019 proposed as a true record EM; seconded KLJ	
<p>19/106 - Chair invited representatives from Network Rail to present findings of consultation meeting. Minutes were recorded by Network Rail and the clerk believes them to be a true record: Network Rail minutes of meeting 7 October Tackley Village Hall</p> <p>6 parish council officials present and approximately 25 members of the public. The high turnout again shows how interested the village is in the proposals and obtaining the best solution.</p> <p>Discussion about the reasons previous planning (20 years ago) was resisted and clear views from residents that anti-social behaviour at the bridge/subway location was not considered a big concern. Agreed that mirrors could be provided at the corners and security CCTV could be provided. NR confirmed that CCTV was as a deterrent/evidence provision, with real time monitoring occurring but across a whole range of stations at once so not necessarily focused on this location and not guaranteed to lead to immediate intervention.</p> <p>Much discussion on the perceived unreliability of lifts and the difficulties of timely release in a rural location. This together with the very real difficulties with lift tower aesthetics at this location led to an overwhelming preference for ramps. Confirmed lift towers for a subway would still be circa 5.5 to 6m tall. NR confirmed that we would still have to show an option for the DfT for a subway with lifts, but that it was understood that the local community would not support such a proposal at this complex location.</p> <p>Discussed potential light pollution, the use of LED flat glass column</p>	

lights together with handrail lighting to reduce light spill to other areas. NR very mindful of the low lighting levels generally in the village and the need to ensure that the bridge/subway did not cause significant light pollution. The route needs to be lit as it forms a station access, and so lighting is a legal requirement at the times trains run.

Confirmed the 'track' from the end of Nethercote Road to the footbridge/subway would become hard surfaced, eg tarmac, to allow wheelchair use.

Discussed horse use for the bridge or subway and it was agreed that either would be manageable for horse users. Horses could be ridden on the footbridge (with sufficient parapet height for rider safety) but should ideally be led through the subway. BHS guidance for subways suggest 3.4 to 3.7m height for ridden horses but allow a lower subway height if the horses are led. The subway would need to be at a depth which allows a gravity drain from the subway floor to a stream (buried pipe across or along the field) to allow reliable drainage of rainwater) and this will likely govern the achievable subway height. NR will need to conduct a full topographic survey of the area to understand the relative levels and then propose a subway height for discussion with BHS and other stakeholders. Mounting blocks can be provided at both ends of the subway route, to allow horse riders to dismount/remount.

A footbridge would be shared use at probably 4m width. A subway would have the horse route lower than the pedestrian route under the railway (thus allowing the 1:21 gradient for mobility-impaired users to only go down to the minimum depth, but then a deeper route for horses which can have a slightly steeper approach gradient. Footbridge or subway would be surfaced to suit all users. In the segregated subway cyclists could potentially use either the pedestrian or horse route, so the best route would need to be agreed as part of the consultation on width of each route.

A resident again questioned whether the station would close if the level crossing closure/diversion was not accepted. As previously stated NR has the right to close level crossings under immediate safety grounds but would only do this in very exceptional circumstances. There is no intent to close Tackley station and the process to formally do so would be very exacting. There is however a clear understanding by all present that the crossing does need to be significantly improved and therefore a consensus needs to be found for a solution. We all have to ensure an incident does not happen whilst we are struggling to agree an acceptable way forward.

Asked for a show of hands for ramped footbridge versus ramped subway there was a unanimous view from all residents and council officials that a ramped subway should be provided.

Chair thanked Network Rail representatives and asked clerk to draft a

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letter to state that the preferred option for Tackley village is a tunnel.	
<p>19/107 – Matters arising from the minutes-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget for bus stop works on Medcroft Road – there was first discussion about the weeds growing through the tarmac. LS asked if it had been specified that a membrane should be laid underneath the tarmac. Former councillor Cook recalled that it had not. It was decided to ask Green Scythe to kill the weeds with herbicide. KLJ then presented a paper outlining costs for the greening of the bus stop as discussed at previous meetings. Proposed AL seconded EM and all were in favour of: staining of fence; removal of strip of tarmac to plant linear planting. • Over- hanging foliage- following a complaint from a partially sighted resident, LS compiled and presented a short report on paths where foliage was over- hanging. All agreed that 2 letters should be sent to the owners of the hedges asking them to clear the pathway. Councillors to discuss who will make contact. • Clerk’s report on matters outstanding – Clerk was informed that a tree that had fallen onto a fence behind Chaundy Road had been cleared. Clerk has contacted Boward trees to cut and raise canopy of hornbeam trees. EM reported that land that was thought to belong to Tackley Parish Council does belong to Mr and Mrs Sale and this has been agreed. EM to contact. • Clerk reported that only one company so far is willing to work on the path to St. Nicholas church. It is a public highway. KLJ suggested contacting OCC highways to ask if TPC could pay their contractors to do the work. • Clerk and EM had found 3 companies to maintain playgrounds. After discussion of costs it was agreed that EM to contact Playground Facilities and arrange check and repairs. EM advised Council that T. Stewart had been asked to submit a quote for the repair of play equipment that he had installed. • Clerk had contacted Thames Water to ask if road leading to pumping station was their responsibility for repair. TW have advised not – OCC are responsible. Clerk to contact Fix My Street. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>EM</p> <p>EM</p> <p>clerk</p>
<p>19/108– District Council Matters – NC reported that WODC had agreed to declare a climate emergency and had set the target of being carbon neutral by 2030. Other targeted areas are: the electrification of public transport; waste collection and to support a network of sustainability groups such as community orchards. She praised the good cross- party relations for this important work. Funding was yet to be agreed.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC reported that she had attended the recent Uplands Planning Group meeting. J. Desmond of the WODC planning dept. recognized the breaches of planning by Barwood Homes- the absence of a second swale; footpath levels. NC had met an enforcement officer (Kelly) who acknowledged that reasonable notice had been given to Barwood Homes. Since the flooding along Nethercote and Medcroft roads, this matter was now acknowledged to be of some urgency. Meetings to be held in the coming week and reports to be sent to NC who will contact KLJ. • Proposal to instruct a solicitor to contact Barwood Homes on behalf of Tackley Parish Council - KLJ reported that she had asked the leader of WODC, James Mills and IH to meet later in the week to discuss the flooding of Nethercote Road due to the absence of specified drainage on and from the site. J. Mills is prepared to come out to the site to inspect drainage and road erosion. IH also will visit. NC believed that after her discussions with council officers, that it was agreed that there were breaches of planning and that they must be acted upon. KLJ reported that the basin that has been dug near the entrance of the site was dry suggesting that it was not connected to pipes under the new homes. It is thought that adoption of new roads cannot go ahead without this. KLJ proposed and EM seconded that a solicitor is contacted by TPC to pursue clarification of who will be responsible for green spaces and the maintenance. All agreed. KLJ to seek recommendation from OALC. KLJ advised residents from Balliol Close that unfortunately, the matter of plain glass and not frosted glass being fitted to windows overlooking their properties was a civil matter and separate legal action would have to be taken. It was thought that a distance of 21m was required before clear glass could be used on windows overlooking other properties. Chair suggested that the housing agency Stonewater, which is responsible for the social housing on the Barwood site should be informed of the difficulties with the drainage, glass and green spaces. Clerk to draft letter. 	<p>KLJ</p> <p>clerk</p>
<p>19/109- County Council clerk informed council that IH's monthly report had been circulated to them and Tackely Notices. LS reported that IH had been very helpful when a small sink hole had appeared opposite 48&50 St. John's Road over the weekend. It has been patched. Chair praised IH for his service and NC for the cross – party work and ethic.</p>	
<p>19/110- Planning Matters – none. Chair informed meeting that she had investigated the barn conversions at White Hill. Planning permission was not required as it was permitted development.</p>	

<p>19/111- Parish Amenities – A representative from Tackley Village Shop reported on the progress of the re-fit. It is almost finished. Barwood Homes had donated electrical work totaling £2,000 approximately. Total net cost of the work is in the region of £27,000 which has used the reserves of the shop. Grants are being applied for from WODC and the Doris Field Trust. KLJ reminded the meeting that IH had said that money was remaining in the contingency fund and applications should be made to his office. TPC was also asked for a grant. The clerk as RFO will be able to report on available funds at the next meeting after the Qtr 3 internal audit. There was some discussion about the section 106 money to come from WODC as a result of the Barwood Homes site. KLJ reminded the meeting that this is still undecided due to the new agreement being unsigned by Barwood Homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground- EM enquired about the ramp that is being left by the village hall. It is not owned by TPC but having identified it as a safety hazard if it is not properly supervised, councillors decided to ask the owner to remove it when it is not being used. • Footpath report – AL informed the meeting that the report is being collated and will be circulated soon. OCC and WODC will be sent the report. Chair thanked AL. • Welcome brochure – Chair reported that brochures had been delivered with newsletter. Clerk and Chair will deliver brochures to new residents. Chair asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. C Matthews for all his work- gratis. Chair acknowledged that the bus- stops should be added in a later and revised version. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Chair clerk</p>										
<p>19/112- Matters of Finance-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Cheque no. 101736 Green Scythe</td> <td>£1014.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque no. 101737 HMRC PAYE</td> <td>£145.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque no. 101738 Clerk pay</td> <td>£264.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque no. 101739 Donation to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for wreaths</td> <td>£150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque no. 101740 Reimburse P Joslin for cost of brass plaque for noticeboard donation from Denefield Homes</td> <td>£13.99</td> </tr> </table> <p>The clerk informed the council that all of the above payments were in accordance with the budget. LS proposed acceptance and KLJ seconded.</p> <p>Clerk reported that the latest statement from the bank showed that several cheques had not been presented for payment. The clerk had checked and 2 had been cleared. Clerk to investigate discrepancy.</p>	Cheque no. 101736 Green Scythe	£1014.13	Cheque no. 101737 HMRC PAYE	£145.20	Cheque no. 101738 Clerk pay	£264.88	Cheque no. 101739 Donation to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for wreaths	£150	Cheque no. 101740 Reimburse P Joslin for cost of brass plaque for noticeboard donation from Denefield Homes	£13.99	<p>Clerk</p>
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<p>19/113- Other Matters - none</p>											

<p>19/114- Matters from the floor - A resident raised concern about the work on Rousham Road. A water container cap has sunk and the resident believed this was a hazard. AL to investigate and contact contractors.</p> <p>Chair enquired about the new Tackley football team. The resident informed the meeting that the team was called Tackley United and that there are 6 members from the village. Mr.Ben Foreacre is the manager. Mr Broome has freed funds from previous team's accounts. The Gardiner Arms is the sponsor for the new team shirts. Fixture list can be obtained from the Tackley United website. Chair asked if the details could be sent to Tackley Notices.</p> <p>Chair thanked the outgoing clerk for her service as this was her last meeting.</p>	AL
The meeting was declared closed at 8.55 pm.	
<p>The meeting is on Monday 11th November at 7 pm.</p> <p>The next surgery following will held on Monday 25th November from 7 pm</p>	
<p>Signed</p> <p>Date.....</p>	