

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2020 at Tackley Village Hall.

The meeting was opened at 7:05pm

Present: Councillors June Collier (JC) (*Chair*), Paul Joslin (PMJ) (*Vice Chair*), Robin Gibbons (RG), Les Summers (LAS), Andrew Lines (AL). Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Also attended: Councillors Ian Hudspeth CC (IH), Natalie Chapple WODC (NC).

Public Participation: A number of Tackley residents attended.

20/001: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Katy Leyton-Jones and Liz Marshall.

20/002: There were no declarations or disclosures of conflict of interest.

20/003: Confirm Minutes of meeting held on 9th December 2019; proposed as a true and accurate record by AL and seconded by PJ.

20/004: Matters arising from minutes of 9th December 2019 meeting.

19/124: Road Warden Scheme: CC confirmed that the Councillor Priority Fund Grant application had been submitted on the 10th December requesting £300 to cover the cost of the tarmac, as previously agreed. Once these funds are received the scheme is able to begin.

19/133-3: Precept 2020-2021: The precept request had been confirmed received at WODC

19/133-4: Tackley Village Shop Grant: Cheque 101756 had been issued for signing at the meeting.

19/134-1: Playground Maintenance: Awaiting two more quotes to be received **Action: LM.**
TPC is waiting to hear back from concerning a contractor to carry out the hard landscaping

Action: Clerk

19/134-4&5: Gardiner Arms planning application: TPC's objection had been submitted to WODC. Thanks were extended to PJ for writing and circulating this.

TPC noted receipt of £500 from Deanfield towards the new noticeboard.

20/005: To consider District Council matters: NC noted that there was nothing to report. A planning meeting had taken place the previous week but nothing to do with Tackley was on the agenda. She is keeping an eye out for The Gardiner Arms application, there is still no date for this meeting but assumes it will be February or March.

JC stated that TPC would want to take full advantage of the PC's 3 minutes to address the Planning Committee.

JC requested a list of planning committee members and their email addresses so TPC can deal direct with whom they need to on each relevant application.

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20/006: To consider County Council matters: IH stated that OCC have set a 2020-21 budget that was not cutting costs. He confirmed the Councillor Priority Fund would still be in place for the 2020-21.

IH took questions from the floor:

- i. Barwood Development: The residents expressed concern that Barwood had applied to remove the balancing bond / swale. There was some confusion as to whether the application was an amendment to the original planning specification or retrospective approval of the original drawings. JC asked that IH look into this with immediate effect and get back to TPC by the surgery on the 27th January 2020.

The Members, residents and IH collectively agreed that it is imperative that the swale is not removed in the scheme, as this is the only mitigating defence to stop flooding. WODC's website or planning documents do not show any technical drawings or explanation for the removal, IH stated that TPC need to make representation against this amendment. He agreed to supply a date that representation is required.

Action: IH

- ii. NR Railway Crossing: IH had scheduled a call with Mark Langley, Western Area Manager, to find out what NR's plans are. No further information had been received regarding the temporary closure notice. There is an urgent call for finding a permanent solution and that TPC required confirmation from the Surveyors that progression is being made on the underpass. LS requested that TPC write to NR addressing the lack of information being received.

20/007: To consider planning matters: 19/03201/FUL - PJ will speak given TPC's 3 minute representation against Gardiners Arm's planning application at WODC's planning meeting.

20/008: To consider Parish Amenities:

- i. Chaundy Road: TPC officially understand that ownership of the land had been taken by the residents this included responsibility of the land. A letter is to be sent confirming this information.

Action: Clerk

- i. NR Letter: LS had drafted and circulated a letter of complaint to NR concerning their lack of information on current matters. It was agreed that this be redrafted before sending.

20/009: To consider matters of finance.

- i. **Ratification of Payments:** Proposer JC, Seconded LS
Cheque 101753 – SLCC Membership £ 150.00
Cheque 101754 – Clerks December Pay £ 667.48
Cheque 101755 – Green Scythe Ltd £ 1,014.13
Cheque 101756 – Tackley Village Shop £ 3,000.00

20/010: To consider other matters:

- i. Christmas Tree on the Green: It was agreed in principle that TPC would underwrite any difference in fundraising income against the cost of the tree. A Community Events budget heading is to be added to the 2020-21 budget.

Action: Clerk

- ii. LS identified that there was still a substantial amount of mess left in the corner of the playing field. It is assumed the Southern Electric is responsible for clearing it. Contact is to be made and a date for clearing away barriers is to be sought.

Action: Clerk

- iii. VE Day Celebrations: RG requested that TPC book the village hall for the day and evening of the 8th May 2020, so that villages VE day celebrations could be focused on the venue.

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- iv. Parish Council Elections 2020: JC asked if any previous councillors could write a short piece about their experience in being a Councillor. This is to be entered in the next village newsletter and hopefully attract new interest.

20/011: To consider matters from the floor: Several members of the public addressed the meeting on the following issues:

- i. A request for any Section 106 money received to be spent on an over 50's outside gym. JC reassured the resident that a trim trail was included in any improvement to the green and that TAG would into it.
- ii. A resident notified the members of an exchange of emails between themselves and Luke Simmons of Barwood Homes. The outcome is that Barwood would be planting additional trees to help with the oppressive nature of the development, however these will not be evergreens as they will not allow enough light through during winter months. Concerning the noise and light pollution, Barwood were unable to help with the resident's request for acoustic drowning fencing and frosting of glass.
- iii. The parishioners asked if they would have the right to object to removal of the swale. It was agreed that once TPC know exact dates they will publish on the village website and the residents will have the ability to personally object.
- iv. GWR has removed the easement of ticket price for the 07:45 train from their website. RG agreed to contact GWR and ask them to reinstate it.
- v. The cricket roller had fallen into the ditch at the bottom end of the playing field. It was agreed that with drier weather TPC would get it pulled back out.
- vi. Rachel Strachen from Tackley Local History Group briefed the meeting about the historical reference and importance of the 175th Commemoration since the wreck of the Cataraqui, at King Island, Tasmania. Tackley suffering a loss of 42 emigrating residents. The group asked that TPC support the commemoration and King Island in getting the site protected historically. It was agreed that a presentation and talk by the history group would follow the APM, a testimonial letter would also be written and sent from the Parish Council to King Island including a photograph of the carving in the Church. RG suggested that TLHG contact the parochial church, as they would also be willing to show a sign of support.

20/012: The next meeting is on Monday 10th February; with the next surgery will be Monday 27th January at 7pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:30pm.

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 10th February 2020.

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