

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 15th November 2021 held at Tackley Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Liz Marshall (LM) (Chair), Andrew Lines (AL) (*Vice Chair*), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO), Richard Jackson (RJ), June Collier (JC).

Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Andy Graham (OCC)

5 Members of the public

21/033:Public Participation: None.

21/034:Apologies for absence: Cllrs Martin Mahon (MM) and Angus Paxton (AP), Cllr Nathalie Chapple (WODC).

21/035:Declaration of interest: There were no declarations or disclosures of conflict of interest.

21/036:Minutes of meeting held on 18th October 2021 were approved as a correct and true record.
Proposed AL, Seconded RJ: **APPROVED**

21/037: Matters arising from minutes of October meeting 2021 meeting.

- i. 20's Plenty Scheme: RHO confirmed that the report collated by Huw Jones 4 years ago was not within the 2-year window to be used in the current 20mph scheme. The 20mph scheme working party (4 residents, Huw Jones, and RHO) had met and asked Huw Jones to quote to update and resubmit the traffic survey figures, including traffic flow and technical notes and statistics. The quote was £1,200 plus VAT to update and resubmit figures and an extra £300.00 plus VAT for analysis of the figures.

JC noted that a lot of effort and money had gone into preparing these surveys in the past and that they were too complicated and unnecessary for what Tackley needs. Only 20mph VAS signs at the entrances to the village is needed, with no speed humps or other narrowing of the road as Highways have changed the rules on what is required for 20mph limits.

AG advised that repeater signs through the village may be needed, but suggested contacting James Wright at OCC Highways to come and do a site visit and walk the route before progressing any further.

AG recommended that TPC make an application stating that TPC wish to do the 20mph scheme, James Wright (OCC) will then come and meet RHO and help advise costings and the specifications which are more likely to be approved by the County.

RHO requested that £10,000 be included in the budget for 3 VAS signs to be situated on the 3 main entrances to the village. AG suggested TPC ask James Wright for an approved suppliers list before investing into a make that may not be approved.

RHO asked whether the VAS signs would come under the remit of the S106 monies. CC to contact WODC and get this confirmed.

AL proposed TPC purchase 3 new flashing VAS 20mph signs, seconded by JC. Voted all in favour.

- ii. Recycle Bin fencing replacement: 1 quotation had been received from Martin Harris, CC to chase Martyn Greatbatch for a comparative quote.
- iii. Solar Lights: The order for the installation had been received and work is due to start ASAP.

- iv. Crecy Hill scrubbing: JC confirmed that the scrub cutting had started and hopefully will be finished in the new year.

21/038: To consider District Council matters: NC was unable to attend so AG agreed to take questions. JC raised the issue of the old sandbags being perished and unusable should there be a need for them. AG agreed to follow this up.

21/039: To consider County Council matters: AG updated that he had been in contact with James Dillon Godfrey from Oxford London Airport, AG will now be sitting on the liaison meeting attendees. He has asked for information on flight paths, heights, and frequency.

John Gibbons noted that pilots are trainees so they should not be flying over a populated area. Phil Barnes agreed with this, he also said that the airport do not keep records and are not obliged to hand them over. He agreed that hopefully having AG resent at the meetings it will help Tackley.

21/040: To consider planning matters: None.

21/041: To consider Parish Amenities:

- i. Tree Works around village: TCT Ltd have been instructed to start work on the cherry tree, Village Hall car park and the overgrown tress around the lights at the school and the coronation oak LM to obtain a second and third quote for the ash at Chaundy Road.

It was agreed that the tree works at the rear of Chaundy Road and ST Johns Road will go ahead. 6 responses had been received. LM to liaise with the residents giving a date and time of the works.

A quotation for the hornbeam replacements had been received from Nicholson's at £258.00 per tree with accessories. RJ suggested CC look into the Queens Green Canopy scheme.

- ii. Playground: RJ circulated a quotation from Trevor Stewart to carry out repairs of the zip wire, combine harvester and path in the playground. These works total £2,189 plus VAT. LM noted that Playground Facilities were a similar price for the fixing of the zip wire alone. Due to the nature of the repairs coming under a health and safety issue, CC confirmed the PC can go ahead with the works.

RJ proposed the works be carried out, seconded by RHO. All in favour – proceed with works

- iii. Queens Jubilee Celebrations: Again, the suggestions of CC looking into the Green Canopy to replace the gaps in the trees around the playing field. It was decided that the PC would like to do a community event and possibly a new village photo. LM to talk to school and see if we can join forces.
- iv. Flooding Update: A meeting with JC and LM of TPC, Wayne Barker of OCC and two of the main landowners, Andrew and Suzanne Peake of Tackley Estates and Johnnie Schicht of Tackley Woods had taken place. The landowners agreed to see how they could slow the flow of the water from their land. Wayne Barker confirmed that the bund had been cleared and TPC had cleared the ditch.

JC noted that TPC need to lead by example on what we can do on the heath, LM agreed to walk the area once it is wet, and the flow of the water can be tracked. Then we will be able to channel into the ditches.

The next meeting has been scheduled for 30th November 2021 at 9am. Wayne Barker said he would invite Lawrence King of WODC to attend.

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AG said he would send Dominic Collyer of Thames Water an email to start to sort the pumping station.

- v. Railway update: JC and LM had met with Deborah Allbrook and David Paull of National Rail, unfortunately due to the changes in circumstances and finances since COVID, NR wish to start the project again, bringing in consultants to go through all the possible options again. JC furiously noted that TPC was promised, on a Teams meeting 25.6.21 that surveys would be done post harvest this year with design phase in 2022 and build in 2023, but still in process for subway for horses and pedestrians. They were also that Tackley Estate would not sell the land to allow the building of the tunnel, which TPC do not believe to be true. Taking on new consultants has meant that the project has gone back to 5 years ago.

JC was appalled by this and asked AG who, at WODC, is the planning person to speak to regarding this as plans were passed in 2001 and the money was ready for the go ahead then. He agreed to find out and get back to her.

- vi. Lower Hades/Ball Lane path works and car park fence: Still awaiting quotation from Martyn Greatbatch.
- vii. Ground maintenance and poo bin on Cherwell Rise: AG noted that the dog poo bin would need to be placed further down the road and not at the top of Crecy Hill, then the collection van can drive straight up to it and empty without fuss.

Two members of the public had attended the November surgery and complained about the green space and fly tipping in the Cherwell Rise estate. JC and RJ advised that Barwood were responsible for the open spaces on the estate, and it was not under TPC jurisdiction. RJ had emailed Joan Desmond at WODC to report these issues but had not received a response.

LM agreed to speak to the residents and give the contact details of the maintenance company.

21/042: Matters of finance:

- i. It was approved that the following payments were ratified and the impact the payment would have on the budget and reserves.
Proposed: JC, Seconded: RJ: **APPROVED**

Online	Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
661001006	1371.68		Clerks Pay	September & October Salary	LGA 1972 S111
672008461	749.80	124.97	Green Scythe Ltd	October Maintenance	Open Spaces Act
598449282	198.00	33.00	Playsafety Ltd	Play Inspection report	Open Spaces Act
229778216	50.00		OCC	Allotment Annual Rent	Open Spaces Act

- ii. CC had circulated version 1 of the proposed 2022-2023 budget. She recommended a 0% increase in the precept as there were more than enough reserves to cover costs and undertake the projects the council wished to do. This will be confirmed at the Finance Meeting on the 20th December 2021.

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21/043: To consider other matters:

- i. Chair Liz Marshall: JC wished to extend thanks to LM for wearing two hats and the remembrance parade. She was there representing the Parish Council and as Cub Leader. The remaining members concurred with this.
- ii. Open Space land Chaundy Road: John Gibbon recirculated historic information regarding the ownership of the land in question. AL confirmed this was still not enough evidence for the PC to go to the Land Registry and change the ownership deeds.

LM confirmed that TPC would need that conveyancing document to prove that TPC own the land. To date this has not been found, AL offered to help Mr Gibbons, LM, and JC look for this document in the archives.

JC suggested CC contact the PC's solicitor Freeth's and ask if they are holding the document or any conveyancing documentation between 1981-1983.

- iii. Newsletter: JC noted the newsletter deadline was the coming Saturday so asked for members to send her their inserts and she would collate.

Next meeting: 20th December 2021.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 15th November 2021.

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