

Parish Council Report – October 2018

Meetings of Parish Council - Reminder

The next formal meeting of the council is on 8 October followed by a surgery on 22 October. All meetings commence at 19.00 (7pm). Should there be matters of concern between these dates please contact the parish clerk or councillors whose details appear below.

Draft minutes of all Parish Council meetings appear on the website two weeks after the date of the meeting: www.tackleyvillage.co.uk

Copies of this report are also circulated via Tackley Notices.

Who's Who on the Parish Council

There has been a request for information about members of Tackley Parish Council and it is hoped that the following will be useful to residents, both those who have lived here for some time and newcomers.

June Collier (Chairman) Tel: 331255 email: june.collier@tackleyvillage.co.uk

I think most parishioners know me as I've been a member of TPC since the 90's. I work the early shift in our shop on Thursday morning; however, I am probably better known for owning the famous "Dazzle" and driving her through the village in our carriage! I am a local girl who has been associated with the village since 1960, living in the village for 30 years and before that on one of the outlying farms. I retired from my professional life in 2000 and since then my home has become the "village spare room". Along with George, I run the B&B in Nethercote Rd. Someone asked me when I stood for election the first time what qualifications I had to be a councillor. My reply was I have an "A level in Local Knowledge" and a "Degree in Common Sense". I feel akin to the ice cream man, people stop me in the street, normally to chat, ask me for information, to do something, or just to have a good moan! I'll always help if I can.

Paul Joslin (Vice Chairman) Tel: 331507 email: paul.joslin@tackleyvillage.co.uk

Elected councillor for 18 years. Retired Chartered Surveyor and Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Partner in local property consultants Carter Jonas. Past President of Oxford North Rotary Club. Resident in Tackley for 37 years. Member of Tackley Golf Society; village shop volunteer; fund raising auctioneer, Pantomime Dame and grumpy grandad.

Robin Gibbons email: robin.gibbons@tackleyvillage.co.uk

Robin is a Catholic priest looking after Arab Christians in the UK. He is an academic in the University, belonging to the Faculty of Theology and Religion, and works for the Department of Continuing Education as their Director of Theology. He is also director of their main Summer Schools for Adults. He is an Honourary Ecumenical Canon of Christchurch, Oxford. Robin enjoys History, Art, Architecture etc (achieving a PhD in Architecture), is very involved with artists and is a singer in church. He has lived in Tackley (with variations) for 20 years, a good customer of the

Gardiner Arms, he is a Yorkshireman with French blood who loves Cornwall, the sea and all things country wise.

Les Summers email: les.summers@tackleyvillage.co.uk

After service in the Royal Navy Les Summers was a teacher for 30 years, latterly involved with research into difficult children. He was also a teacher's professional association case officer. Since retiring he has devoted himself to writing. He is an internationally known author of railway books and magazine articles, a former officer of the Great Western Society and was for six years, editor and designer of the society's magazine. He has been a member of the village hall committee for 15 years and, living in Tackley, can be seen any day of the week, in the company of a black and silver dog.

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Katy Layton Jones email: katy.layton-jones@tackleyvillage.co.uk

Katy has lived in Tackley since 2015 and has been a Parish Councillor since Spring 2017. Having grown up in South Manchester, she lived in London, Liverpool and Cambridge before moving to Oxfordshire. She is a historian and consultant on public green space, in her day job lecturing for the Open University; she advises Historic England and The Gardens Trust. She is particularly focused on green space management within the village and the new housing developments. Katy is also the Parish Council's representative on the airport's consultative committee.

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Liz Marshall Tel: 331033 email: liz.marshall@tackleyvillage.co.uk

Liz has lived in the village, with husband Rob, since 2007 and they now have two boys in the village school. Liz was very much involved with the playground project as treasurer and has been on the school PTA as treasurer for five years. She is also very involved with the village Scout Group being a Beaver Leader and assistant Group Scout Leader. She was asked to join the Parish Council, when there was a vacancy in 2015, due to the need for representation of the families with young children in the village.

Andrew Lines email: andrew.lines@tackleyvillage.co.uk

Andrew grew up down the road in Stonesfield and has lived and worked in Cardiff and London. He now resides up the North end of Rousham Road and has lived in the village since 2011. He has 2 children and 3 step children; next year all five will be in the primary school (best of luck to the head teacher!). A regular user of the railway station, he is a management consultant who has worked for organisations like Oxford City College, Goldman Sachs and Saatchi & Saatchi. He was on the committee for the playground redevelopment, and he has a passion for sailing and is an active member of West Oxfordshire Sailing Club. Currently he is working with the Tackley Local History Group to organise the display of the mosaic.

Parish Council Clerk: Mrs Janette Read, Tel: 331383

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Janette Read (Jan) has lived in Tackley for thirty years, the longest that she has ever lived in one place as her parents were in the RAF, and the family moved every three years. She is a retired primary school and SEN teacher. Jan has also served on the PCC of St Nicholas Church. She is married to Peter, the church organist and has two grown-up children. Often found on the allotments near to the village hall, Jan is a keen gardener, crafter and really ought to take up running again!

Remembrance Day Sunday, 11 November

In conjunction with our Scouts and Beavers we are intending to hold a Remembrance Day service in Tackley Village Memorial Hall on the morning of 11 November. See plans outlined in this newsletter, also watch out for Tackley Notices and the village notice boards nearer the time. We would welcome all groups from the village along with those working in any of the services past and present to come and join our procession.

Loose manhole cover

The loose manhole cover at the top of Church Hill has been reported to the relevant authority and hopefully will have been properly secured by the time you read this.

Playground

Parents are asked to note that the zip-line is currently out of use, and should not be interfered with. At the time of writing some essential repair work is required although, hopefully it will be back in use very shortly.

Path to St Nicholas Church

Your council is continuing its investigation of the best options for doing this and is currently awaiting a response from OCC.

Bus shelter at the Village Hall Entrance

The bus shelter has now been completed and looks very smart. There are suggestions to give it a more rural look and these will be publicised in due course.

Developers Lorries and other building site issues

The statement made in the last newsletter continues to be valid: Developers working on the building sites at Balliol Farm, Street Farm and at Clow Cottages have been given instructions about the proper routes for lorries entering and leaving the village. They should be coming into Tackley down Church Hill and leaving via Rousham Road. Residents seeing any infractions should first take up the matter with the relevant site management representative or, should that not resolve the issue, with the OCC Highways authority.

New Dog Waste Bin

The new bin for the Jubilee Garden area has been ordered and will be installed soon. As will the bin by the entrance to the playing field. Please can residents remember that dogs are not allowed on the playing field, and are at liberty to remind those that forget!

Hedges etc growing over pedestrian walkways

The problem of hedges and large outcrops of plants growing over walkways has still not been fully dealt with, a resident was recently injured because of such overgrowth. Would all residents please ensure that whatever is growing at the front of their property allows plenty of room for pedestrians to pass without needing to step into the road.

Railway Crossing

A recent presentation to the Council by Network Rail suggests that a solution to this particular problem might now be in prospect.